



## POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

### ‘Urban Transport and Mobility’

LSE Cities is offering a salaried 4-month research fellowship position to LSE graduates who recently completed their master’s. This role is attached to LSE Cities’ ongoing work on urban transport and mobility with a particular focus on investigating policy instruments, travel attitudes and behaviours to inform policies for sustainable mobility transitions.

The work will entail desktop case study research on European and African cities, literature reviews, preparation/analysis of surveys and focus groups, stakeholder interviews and engaging with different research partners. It will also allow for pursuing individual research interests connected to urban transport and mobility. The appointment will be full time between March and June 2020, depending upon availability, with an immediate start. **The deadline for applications is Monday, 17 February, early applications welcome.**

LSE Cities is an international centre at the London School of Economics and Political Science, that carries out research, education, advisory and outreach activities in London and abroad. It studies how people and cities interact in a rapidly urbanising world, focusing on how the physical form and design of cities impacts on society, culture and the environment.

#### **Job Summary**

The postgraduate researcher will provide research for LSE Cities’ transport and mobility work on policy instruments, travel attitudes and behaviours. A particular focus of this work is on investigating the potential for significantly reducing car ownership in cities and to test the potential and attractiveness of a series of alternative urban transport solutions. This work cuts across cities at different wealth levels and includes Addis Ababa, London and Zurich.

The role will involve desktop data/information collection and analysis, liaison with transport authorities, supporting and analysing surveys, focus groups and stakeholder interviews and engaging with different research partners.

The specific duties and responsibilities of the researchers will include:

#### *Research and documentation*

- Literature reviews
- Case studies of transport policy instruments addressing behaviours and attitudes
- Support the production of a policy document on climate emergency measures in urban transport, attitude-focused policies and complementarity/trade-offs with other policy agendas
- Support for setting-up and analysing mobility and attitude surveys for urban residents

- Support for arranging, conducting and analysing stakeholder interviews
- Contributing to report and policy brief writing

*Liaison and Co-ordination*

- Assist in the liaison with academic and praxis partners
- Help with communications and engagement plans and public events

*Workshops*

- Planning and documenting
- Analysing

**Person Specification**

We are seeking candidates with an interest in urban transport and mobility studies. We also strongly encourage applications from individuals who have worked in the urban transport sector.

*Essential skills required:*

- Completed a master's degree at the LSE in a relevant field (city design, urban planning, public policy, urban studies, sociology, geography, economics, social psychology, ethnography)
- Ability to write to a high academic standard
- Experience with qualitative and quantitative data collection and analysis
- Advanced IT skills in the Microsoft Office package and statistical software packages
- Advanced communication skills, including the ability to communicate clearly and accurately in English, both orally and in writing, with people at all levels
- Ability to work under pressure and to plan and organise a busy workload with conflicting deadlines
- Willingness to work with others and contribute effectively as a member of a team
- Ability to exchange information effectively and to establish and maintain fruitful relationships with internal and external contacts
- A flexible attitude towards work
- Exceptional attention to detail
- Any necessary visa or work permit required to work in the UK already in place for the duration of the appointment.

*Desirable, though not essential, skills*

- Research background in transport and mobility studies
- Experience of working with local government and transport authorities.

- Ability to work on own initiative, take independent decisions and provide advice and input to others

**Hours**

The position is offered on a full-time basis.

**Salary**

An hourly rate of £19.86 (including holiday pay) is offered for the post.

**Contract duration**

4 months, for immediate start.

**How to apply**

If you are interested in this position and have the appropriate skills, please send a brief CV and short covering statement to [lse.cities@lse.ac.uk](mailto:lse.cities@lse.ac.uk) by Monday, 17 February 2020 (12.00 GMT). Early applications are welcome.

Your CV/covering statement should clearly state your interest in urban transport and mobility and any relevant experience you have (max 100 words). Your CV should also include your programme of study and a brief description of your academic background and experience (max 200 words).

**Closing date**

The deadline for receipt of applications is Monday, 17 February 2020 (12.00 GMT)