



Job Description: Assistant Professorial Research Fellow (NRSC Level 1)

Roles at this level will normally carry a level of responsibility and a range of duties appropriate to a person with substantial research experience and a promising future research trajectory. Those appointed will have, or have submitted for examination, a PhD or its equivalent, or have produced a body of independent original research of high or outstanding quality. Assistant Professorial Research Fellows, whilst typically working under the direction of Principal Investigator or a Centre Director, are expected to lead small project teams and/or have a pivotal role in the running of a larger project.

Range of Academic Activities and Responsibilities at Assistant Professorial Research Fellow level

Research productivity

- Developing a body of outstanding quality publications in well recognised peer reviewed outlets
- Conducting substantive research into complex problems, ideas, concepts or theories and applying appropriate methodologies
- Developing and carrying forward a coherent research strategy in their discipline which has national and international impact and fits with the research agenda of the Department and/or Research Centre
- Formulating peer reviewed funding bids which develop and enhance research support for the specialist area and achieving success in attracting such funding
- Managing research projects and grants either independently or collaboratively
- Providing academic leadership at conferences and raising the profile of LSE research
- Initiating and developing links with internal contacts such as academics in interdisciplinary departments/institutes/centres, external contacts at other educational institutions, employers and professional organisations to actively foster collaboration
- Presenting research and giving invited papers at national and international conferences
- Providing expert opinion and commentary to external audiences and organisations
- Acting as a reviewer for academic journals and research grant applications

Knowledge engagement and impact

- Actively developing strategies to ensure that research outputs have demonstrable impact and inform the public debate
- Engaging with non-academic audiences.

Management and leadership of research projects

- Leading small research projects that may involve co-ordinating the work of others.
- Training and supervising the work of research assistants and of research officers
- Contributing to the development of teams, through supervision and peer support.

Activities relating to centre/institute/departmental/School management and administration

- Fostering collegiality and fulfilling responsibilities as set out by the Head of Department or Centre/Institute Director

- Attending and participating in Centre/Department/Institute meetings and contributing towards the intellectual life of the unit
- Contributing to the development of individuals, through mentoring of junior research staff.
- Support centre/institute/department recruitment activity of research staff, including membership of relevant search committees.

Other responsibilities may include:

- Contributing to strategic deliberations and making decisions at Institutional level, e.g. through membership of School committees
- Supervising Masters' students.

Precise duties are subject to the opportunities available, the contractual obligations imposed by the external funding agency and with the agreement of the grant-holder, Principal Investigator, Centre/Institute Director and/or Head of Department, in accordance with established line management arrangements and commensurate with the post.