



Job Description

This form summarises the purpose of the job and lists its key tasks. It is not a definitive list of all the tasks to be undertaken as those can be varied from time to time at the discretion of the School, in consultation with the postholder.

Job title: Occasional Research Assistant in Cost-effectiveness Analysis

Department/Centre/Institute: The Centre for Women, Peace and Security in the Firoz Lalji Institute for Africa

Accountable to: Dr Giulia Ferrari, Assistant Professorial Research Fellow

Job Summary

The Firoz Lalji Institute for Africa promotes independent academic research and teaching; open and issue-oriented debate; and evidence-based policy making across LSE. The Institute accomplishes this by connecting different social science disciplines and by working in partnership with Africa bringing African voices to the global debate. The Centre for Women, Peace and Security sits within the Institute and is a leading academic space for scholars, practitioners, activists, policy-makers and students to develop strategies to promote justice, human rights and participation of women in conflict-affected situations around the world. The Centre is hiring a fixed-term research assistant who has a research focus on the economic evaluation of health programming in low- and middle-income countries.

The research assistant will have recently completed a PhD or be working towards the completion of a PhD, or have other research experience that demonstrates the capability to produce independent original research. This role is designed to strengthen a junior researcher's career and provide a platform from which they can build their research agenda and create lasting collaborations.

The research assistant will be expected to contribute to the development of the Centre's research programme through participation in grant applications, research seminars and meetings. Furthermore, the position is tailored for the successful candidate to maintain and develop their own research programme and create research collaborations across LSE. The candidate will be mentored and supported by Assistant Professorial Research Fellow, Dr Giulia Ferrari, and by Institute Director, Professor Tim Allen.

Duties and Responsibilities

Research Focus

The Occasional Research Assistant (ORA) will contribute to a project sponsored by CARE USA and run in direct collaboration with CARE USA, CARE Bangladesh and icddr. The project aims to estimate the impact of the Tipping Point Plus (TPP) intervention on Bangladeshi girls' likelihood of early marriage, and on their health and economic outcomes. It also aims to quantify the costs of delivering the TPP intervention and the health and social care costs that families may save if early child marriage is avoided. The project will produce new evidence on the costs, effectiveness, and cost-effectiveness of child marriage prevention in Bangladesh. Results from this project will inform child marriage prevention programming and may be used by the Bangladeshi government for policy decisions.



Range of Research Activities and Responsibilities

- Primary analysis of survey data (dataset from the TPP Randomised Controlled Trial (RCT)) to estimate the effectiveness of the TPP programme
- Conducting fieldwork in Bangladesh for the collection of cost data on the TPP intervention's development, adaptation and implementation
- Entering and analysing cost data on the TPP intervention using pre-existing tools and creating new ones in different software environments
- Develop synergies with similar ongoing projects at the FLIA and LSE
- Present a seminar at the FLIA Seminar series or similar series
- Contribute to the production of at least one publishable paper in a peer-reviewed journal
- Produce at least one blog for the Africa at LSE blog
- Contributing to the formulation of peer reviewed research grant proposals at the FLIA and WPS
- Contribute to the organisation of conferences, workshops, and seminars at the FLIA, WPS, and LSE
- Develop and sustain links with FLIA, WPS, and LSE academics to foster collaborations and knowledge sharing
- Contributing creative solutions to research challenges

Activities relating to administration and management and/or School service may include:

- Playing a constructive role in the intellectual life of the FLIA

All of the above subject to the contractual obligations imposed by the external funding agency and with the agreement of the grant-holder, Principal Investigator and/or Head of Institute.

Flexibility

To deliver services effectively, a degree of flexibility may be required in the duties performed in order to meet the exigencies of service. Job roles may also naturally develop over time and ongoing substantial changes to a role will be discussed between line managers and their staff, with job descriptions updated as and when appropriate.

Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI)

LSE is committed to building a diverse, equitable and truly inclusive university. All posts (and post holders) will seek to ensure diversity and inclusion, while opposing all forms of unlawful and unfair discrimination on the grounds of age, disability, gender identity, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, nationality, ethnic or national origin, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation, or social and economic background.

Ethics Code

Posts (and post holders) are assumed to have a responsibility to act in accordance with the School's Ethics Code and to promote the principles and values that the Code enshrines. The Ethics Code clearly states that the whole LSE community, including all staff, students, and governors of LSE, are expected to act in accordance with the principles which are set out in the Code. As such you are required to read and familiarise yourself with it. The School's Effective Behaviours Framework is designed to support this Code. It sets out examples for the six behaviours that all staff are expected to demonstrate, these can be found on the following link: [click here](#)

Environmental Sustainability

The post holder is required to minimise environmental impact in the performance of the role, and actively contribute to the delivery of the LSE Environmental Policy.