



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: Researchers, *Super-diverse Streets: Economies and spaces of urban migration in UK cities*

Department/Division: LSE Cities/Department of Sociology **Accountable to:** Dr Suzanne Hall

LSE Cities is seeking **two Researchers** to undertake research together on the ESRC funded project '*Super-diverse streets: Economies and spaces of urban migration in UK Cities*', led by Dr Suzanne Hall, Assistant Professor and Research Fellow, London School of Economics and Political Science. The intention is for one researcher to have a social science background, and the other to have an architectural/design/planning background. **Please see the separate Person Specifications for each respective position.**

The project explores the intersections between city streets, social diversity and economic integration. It is a multidisciplinary, comparative analysis of 'super-diverse' high streets that aims to explore how urban retail economies and spaces are shaped by and shape migrant entrepreneurial practices. The project focuses on four high streets within the UK's most diverse cities, including: Leicester, Manchester, Birmingham and Bradford. In comparing the social, economic and spatial compositions of four high streets in the UK's most diverse cities, the project aims to address empirical and policy gaps in detailed understandings of how contemporary high streets are transformed through urban migration.

LSE Cities, an international urban research centre, carries out research, education, outreach and advisory activities in the urban field. The ESRC research project will build on the base of the 'Ordinary Streets' research conducted at LSE Cities from January 2012 to December 2014:

<http://lsecities.net/objects/research-projects/ordinary-streets>

Job Summary:

The successful candidates will plan, alongside Dr Hall, comparative socio-economic and spatial surveys of four high streets in Leicester, Manchester, Birmingham and Bradford, over an eight month period in 2015. It will involve travel to the local areas of the case study streets, and periods of time spent in the field.

The successful candidate will have direct responsibility for data gathering and analysis/storage of the data under the guidance of the project director, Dr Suzanne Hall.

This is a time limited post comprising of an 8 month period in 2015 at 0.5 FTE. Flexibility in the distribution of the hours can be negotiated.

Duties/Responsibilities or HERA Competencies (Please note, you can either complete the Job Description using the HERA Competencies or not)

Research / Data Collection and Analysis

- Conduct, in consultation with the Project Coordinator, the socio-spatial survey across the case study cities.
- Manage the systematising, storage and archiving of the data
- Contribute to generating elementary analysis and visualisation of the data.
- Identifying appropriate methods of investigation or analysis according to data and objectives.
- Conveying complex conceptual ideas or complex information which may be highly detailed, technical or specialist
- Interpreting and analysing patterns or trends in data.
- Managing large-scale databases.
- Conducting literature reviews, if required.
- Assisting in the writing of reports, journal articles, and other publications, if required.

Management and Coordination

- Contributing to the organisation of seminars and workshops, if required.
- Supporting team members to reach common goals.
- Coordinate and participate in regular project meetings.
- Managing own research and administrative activities, with guidance

Liaison and Networking

- Liaise with external researchers and other external partners.
- Contributing to the life of the Centre
- Undertake other tasks at the request of the Project Director.

Flexibility

To deliver services effectively, a degree of flexibility is needed, and the post holder may be required to perform work not specifically referred to above.