

## Project Coordinator



<b>Job Title:</b>	Project Coordinator
<b>Faculty:</b>	EPH
<b>Department:</b>	NCDE/ MSD
<b>Location:</b>	Keppel Street, London
<b>FTE:</b>	1
<b>Grade:</b>	Grade 5
<b>Reports to:</b>	Department Manager
<b>Accountable to:</b>	Principal Investigators & Faculty Operating Officer
<b>Job Summary:</b>	<p>The post-holder will be responsible for providing efficient administrative, logistical and financial support from set up to closure; a portfolio of research projects which may have multiple overseas collaborators or complex funder requirements. The post-holder will develop a good understanding of the funder terms and conditions for the project(s) providing sound advice and ensuring compliance to these and the school policies and procedures, including the Financial Regulations. The post-holder will be a member of the department administration team and be accountable to the Principal Investigators within the department.</p> <p>This role will work across two departments: The department of Medical Statistics (MSD) and the department of Non-Communicable Disease Epidemiology (NCDE).</p>

### GENERAL INFORMATION

#### The London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine

The London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine is a world-leading centre for research and postgraduate education in public and global health. Our mission is to improve health and health equity in the UK and worldwide; working in partnership to achieve excellence in public and global health research, education and translation of knowledge into policy and practice.

Founded in 1899, the School has expanded in recent years at its two main sites on Keppel Street and Tavistock Place. Our staff, students and alumni work in more than 150 countries in government, academia, international agencies and health services. Research income has grown to more than £110 million per year from national and international funding sources including UK government and research councils, the European Union, the Wellcome Trust, Gates Foundation and other philanthropic sources. The School's multidisciplinary expertise includes clinicians, epidemiologists, statisticians, social scientists, molecular biologists and immunologists, and we work with partners worldwide to support the development of teaching and research capacity.

Our education provision has expanded to more than 1,000 London-based Master's and Research students, 3,000 studying postgraduate courses by distance learning, and 1,000 each year on short courses and continuous professional development. Our free online courses (MOOCs) are studied by more than 30,000 participants globally.

The School performs well in various global university league tables. In the US News Best Global Universities Ranking 2017, we are ranked sixth in the world (together with Oxford University) in the fields of social sciences and public health. In the 2016 CWTS Leiden Ranking, the School was ranked fifth in the world for research impact across all disciplines, based on the share of institutions' outputs within the top 1% of papers by citation in all areas of science and independent of size of output.

The School was named University of the Year 2016 by Times Higher Education, in recognition of our response to the Ebola epidemic. The School is a member of the M8 Alliance of Academic Health Centres, Universities and National Academies, the Association of Schools of Public Health in the European Region, and the Consortium of Universities for Global Health.

## **FACULTY INFORMATION**

The **Faculty of Epidemiology & Population Health (EPH)** houses a large group of epidemiologists, demographers, statisticians and nutritionists working on issues of major public health importance in the UK and globally. EPH has approximately 400 staff members organised into four research departments.

- Department of Infectious Disease Epidemiology
- Department of Medical Statistics
- Department of Non-communicable Disease Epidemiology
- Department of Population Health

The Faculty has a teaching programme consisting of ten MSc courses: Epidemiology, Demography and Health, Medical Statistics, Public Health in Developing Countries (run jointly with the Faculties of Infectious & Tropical Diseases and Public Health & Policy), Nutrition for Global Health, Reproductive & Sexual Health Research, Veterinary Epidemiology (run jointly with the Royal Veterinary College), Global Mental Health (run jointly with Kings College London - Institute of Psychiatry) and the Distance Learning courses in Epidemiology and Clinical Trials. The Faculty also has approximately 120 research students studying for an MPhil, PhD or DrPH degree. The Dean of Faculty is Professor Elizabeth Allen.

## DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The **Department of Medical Statistics (MSD)** specializes in methodological research in medical statistics, especially in relation to clinical trials, observational epidemiology and disease prevention. A recent development concerns pharmaco-epidemiologic research, both methodological and applied. The Department incorporates a Clinical Trials Research Group (concerned with planning, co-ordination, statistical analysis and reporting of clinical trials), and has a special interest in cardiovascular disease, asthma, HIV and perinatal studies. MSD has established a reputation for being one of the leading innovative centres in Europe for biostatistical methodology relevant to the planning and reporting of medical research. The Head of Department is Professor Neil Pearce, and MSD's professors are James Carpenter, Linda Sharples, Stephen Evans, Diana Elbourne, Chris Frost, Mike Kenward, Neil Pearce and Stuart Pocock.

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The **Department of Non-Communicable Disease Epidemiology** is the main focus of research on the epidemiology of non-communicable diseases at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine. While most of our studies have been in the UK or other high-income countries, we have a growing programme of research on non-communicable diseases in low- and middle-income countries, including India and parts of the former Soviet Union. Research interests range from genetic susceptibility to disease, through metabolic and endocrine disease mechanisms to personal behaviours and the population health effects of changes in national diets and drinking behaviours. Themes include determinants of ethnic variation in disease risk; adverse drug reactions; epidemiology of ageing; foetal and childhood origins of adult disease; determinants of reproductive outcomes; cardiovascular disease; growth factors and cancer risk; natural history of genital human papillomavirus (HPV); time trends in cancer survival; non-communicable diseases in low- and middle-income countries.

The department has considerable methodological strength and experience, particularly in the analysis of genetic association studies and the conduct and analysis of large-scale longitudinal cohort and record linkage studies. We work closely with colleagues in other departments and faculties and have excellent collaborative links with researchers in other institutions around the world. Funding comes from a wide variety of sources including the Medical Research Council, the Wellcome Trust and Cancer Research UK.

The Department head is Professor Sanjay Kinra.

The portfolio of duties outlined below will vary in accordance with the detailed expectations of the role (attached), which may be varied from time to time, and agreed at your annual Performance and Development Review (PDR).

### **Project coordination**

- Oversee all non-scientific aspects of the project/ projects in the portfolio; including organising travel, visas, reimbursement of expenses, arranging project meetings, workshops and conference calls, ordering stationery, supplies and shipment overseas.
- Prepare and collate material for research grant applications; creating pFACT costings, completing funders' web-based forms and ensuring that applications are submitted according to the funding regulations.
- Identify funding opportunities for future research, and advise on internal and external guidelines and requirements.
- Develop and maintain information management systems for appropriate administration of the project(s); contributing to the strategic trajectory of projects and sustainability beyond the current grant lifecycle
- Receive, understand and convey complex information that needs careful explanation/interpretation to project team members, Professional Services, funders and overseas collaborators.
- Identify or anticipate problems that may arise within the areas of administration/financial management and develop innovative and workable solutions; escalating when appropriate
- Act as a point of contact for funders in relation to the administration of projects where sub-contracts are held in the UK or overseas.
- Coordinate, and participate in, leadership team meetings and conference calls and assist with the arrangement of occasional large-scale meetings/conferences.

### **Finance**

- Proactively manage the project budget(s), which may include budgets over a million pounds, maintaining accurate financial records, drafting budget justifications, budget re-profiles, uplifts and extensions.
- Take independent decisions on budget, expenditure and staff funding using own knowledge in conjunction with written guidelines/checklists and templates.
- Understand and adhere to the school Financial Regulations and funder regulations.
- Assist Research Operations with the establishment of sub-contracts with partner organisations, advising on reporting/ invoicing requirements and audits.
- Review financial reports submitted by sub-contractors/collaborators to ensure the expenditure is in line with the budget and funding regulations, keeping own records of budget vs expenditure for each collaborator.

- Provide financial management reports to the Principal Investigator, and advice on direction of spending and allocation of resources, including budget forecasting, interpreting trends/patterns and making predictions.
- Collate and submit evidence of expenditure, such as copies of invoices, receipts and timesheets, to funding organisations and auditors.
- Work with Research Operations to complete detailed financial reports for submission to funding organisations, collating and submitting evidence of expenditure as appropriate and ensuring these are delivered on time.

## **Human Resources**

- Assist in the recruitment process for new staff members including drafting job descriptions and HERA job evaluations, arranging interviews and participating in short-listing/interview panels as appropriate.
- Pro-actively monitor staffing on projects, through staff forecasting and advise the Principal Investigator when funding shortfalls arise and work together to achieve a solution.
- Prepare Payroll Funding Variation Forms (PFVFs) to extend staff contracts and change funding or full time equivalent (FTE).
- Assist in the induction and training and of new staff or temporary administrative staff within the team.
- Support staff based overseas to operate effectively and in compliance with the school's human resources and financial policies and procedures.

## **Communication**

- Maintain webpages, including updating project and output/work package information and other communications materials.
- Respond to requests from the school press office and other sources regarding press and other enquires.
- Contribute to drafting written non-scientific elements of annual reports, other documentation relating to the research project and communication, promotion and dissemination documents; such as newsletters.
- Keep an up-to-date list of publications and make researchers aware of open access publishing requirements.

## **Other**

- Undertake visits to overseas sites to attend meetings and workshops.
- Work as part of a team and show awareness and consideration of other administrative roles in the department, covering periods of absence of others in the team, including the Department Manager.
- Take responsibility for additional tasks and projects where there is capacity.

- Adhere to Faculty and School policy and procedures at all times.
- Demonstrate continuous professional development by acquiring relevant skills and competencies e.g. keeping up to date with changes in procedures/regulations, attending relevant training.
- Contribute to general activities of the Department and School that help to promote the objectives of the school.

#### Generic duties and responsibilities of all LSHTM employees

This job description reflects the present requirements of the post but may be altered at any time in the future as duties and responsibilities change and/or develop providing there is full consultation with the post-holder.

The post-holder will carry out any other duties, tasks or responsibilities as reasonably requested by the line manager, Dean of Faculty, Head of Department or Director of Professional Service.

The post holder will be responsible and accountable for ensuring all School policies, procedures, Regulations and employment legislative requirements are adhered to including equality and diversity and health and safety.

***This job description is not a definitive or exhaustive list of responsibilities but identifies the key responsibilities and tasks of the post holder. The specific objectives of the post holder will be subject to review as part of the individual performance review (appraisal) process.***

## PERSON SPECIFICATION

This form lists the essential and desirable requirements needed by the post holder to be able to perform the job effectively.

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Competency	Evidence	E/D
<b><i>Education, Qualifications and Training</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Higher education to degree level or equivalent or substantial relevant experience.</li> </ul>	E
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evidence of continuous professional development including internal or external training and development programmes.</li> </ul>	E
<b>Experience</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Substantial relevant experience of providing proactive administrative support in Higher Education (or similar environment) and working closely with academic staff members.</li> </ul>	E
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Significant experience of providing administrative/financial support for research projects.</li> </ul>	E
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Working knowledge of funder terms and conditions and Full Economic Costing (FEC) methodology.</li> </ul>	D
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proven ability to manage own work-load, organising and prioritising tasks to meet deadlines.</li> </ul>	E
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proven ability to monitor a budget and prepare accurate costings, projections and reports.</li> </ul>	E
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proven ability to understand and communicate/explain information (e.g. organisational policies and processes and funder terms and conditions) to others and to respond to a range of queries.</li> </ul>	E

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Experience of planning and providing proactive support for meetings and/or events booking rooms/travel/accommodation, including preparing papers, taking and writing up minutes</li> <li>• Excellent relevant IT skills (e.g. MS Word and Excel) and willingness to learn new software packages.</li> <li>• Experience of establishing or developing systems or processes to manage information.</li> <li>• Excellent written and oral communication skills including proven ability to present financial and other information in a clear and logical format.</li> </ul>	<p>E</p> <p>E</p> <p>E</p> <p>E</p>
<b>Knowledge</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An understanding of academic research and funding within higher education.</li> <li>• Financially literate with sound knowledge of budgeting and resource management principles.</li> </ul>	<p>E</p> <p>E</p>
<b>Personal Qualities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Excellent interpersonal skills including the ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships.</li> <li>• A collaborative and flexible approach with evidence of ability to work independently and as part of a team.</li> <li>• Proven ability to use initiative and judgement to solve problems and to suggest ways of working more efficiently or effectively.</li> </ul>	<p>E</p> <p>E</p> <p>E</p>

E-Essential: Requirement without which the job could not be done

D-Desirable: Requirements that would enable the candidate to perform the job well



## Salary and conditions of appointment

The post is full-time 35 hours per week, 1 FTE and fixed-term until 2 April 2025 with a proposed start date of 3 April 2023.

The salary will be on the Professional Services salary scale Grade 5 in the range £36,438 to £41,829 per annum (inclusive of London Weighting). The post will be subject to the LSHTM terms and conditions of service. Annual leave entitlement is 30 working days per year, pro rata for part-time staff. In addition to this there are discretionary "Wellbeing Days". Membership of the Pension Scheme is available. The post is based in London at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine.

Applications should be made on-line via our website at <http://jobs.lshtm.ac.uk>. Online applications will be accepted by the automated system until 10pm of the closing date. Any queries regarding the application process may be addressed to [jobs@lshtm.ac.uk](mailto:jobs@lshtm.ac.uk). Please quote reference **EPH-NCDE-2023-05**.

The supporting statement section should set out how your qualifications, experience and training meet **each** of the selection criteria. Please provide one or more paragraphs addressing each criterion. The supporting statement is an essential part of the selection process and thus a failure to provide this information will mean that the application will not be considered. An answer to any of the criteria such as "Please see attached CV" will not be considered acceptable.

Please note that if you are shortlisted and are unable to attend on the interview date it may not be possible to offer you an alternative date.

## Asylum and Immigration

The School will comply with current UKVI legislation, which requires all employees to provide documentary evidence of their legal right to work in this country prior to commencing employment. Candidates will be required to email a copy of their passport (and visa if applicable) to HR prior to their interview and if appointed will be asked to bring the original documents in to be copied and verified before their start date.

Applications from candidates who require sponsorship to work in the UK will be considered alongside other applications. Applicants who do not currently have the right to work in the UK will have to satisfy UK Visas & Immigration regulations before they can be appointed.

Further information about Sponsorship and eligibility to work in the UK, can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/immigration-rules/immigration-rules-appendix-skilled-worker>