

**JOB DESCRIPTION**

**Research Fellow**

**Vacancy Ref:**

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| **Job Title:** Research Fellow - Protecting Ordinary People from Deepfakes | **Present Grade:** 8 |
| **Department/College:** Department of Psychology | |
| **Directly responsible to:** Dr Sophie Nightingale | |
| **Supervisory responsibility for:** Senior Research Associates, Research Associates, Research Students or Volunteers working on the Project | |
| **Other contacts** | |
| **Internal:**  All academic, research and support staff colleagues, and research students/ volunteers in the Department of Psychology; colleagues across departments of the University and central administration. | |
| **External:**  Research participants; representatives of the funders; stakeholders from partner institutions; external agencies; funding bodies; journal editors; societies and research networks; general public; media | |
| **Major Duties:**   1. Lead the development of forensically assured techniques for the *Protecting Ordinary People from Deepfakes Project* at Lancaster University and the day-to-day objectives of the research team, working closely with the Principal Investigator. 2. To supervise and undertake automated data collection, working to established Department protocols, including safeguarding policies; and conduct data analysis. 3. Be responsible for handling highly sensitive personal data and ensure work follows ethical and legal protocols. 4. Supervise and support the team’s Senior Research Associates, Research Associates, and PhD students, providing guidance and coaching as appropriate, developing the team to support individual and research group objectives. 5. Identify and support opportunities for integration of research across the team, including ensuring the interoperability of research approach, systems tools and frameworks. 6. Identify and lead the co-ordination and development of potential *new* research areas relevant to the Project, including developing *own* research agenda, with associated publications, within the area of “Protecting Ordinary People from Deepfakes”. 7. Lead the development of a research dissemination plan for the group, including:    * Preparation and coordination of reports/dissemination of research findings    * Publishing outputs in high-impact, prestigious international conferences and journals    * Cultivating knowledge exchange with internal and external partners/networks, including the media and general public    * Presentation of the research at appropriate local, regional, national and international meetings and conferences 8. Collaborate with academic, government, policing, charity, and industry partners in national and international conferences and workshops, leading the dissemination of Lancaster’s research activity and contributing to the national and international research reputation of the institution. 9. Communicate effectively across a wide range of internal and external contacts concerning research matters, providing information to project stakeholders and representing the research group at external meetings/seminars, either with other members of the team or independently. 10. Contribute to the organisation and management of Project resources, including research equipment and finances. 11. Undertake personal learning and development, demonstrating ambition and ability to advance. 12. Identify sources of funding and lead/contribute to the preparation of new research applications. 13. Any other duties appropriate to the grade, as directed by the Principal Investigator or his representative. | |