

Research Associate in Language and Cognitive Development

The ESRC International Centre for Language and Communicative Development (LuCiD)

The LuCiD Centre is multi-million pound 5-year collaboration between the Universities of Manchester, Liverpool and Lancaster, and affiliated institutions abroad. The Centre is studying how children learn to communicate with language, how the developing brain supports this process, and how it is affected by cross-linguistic, socio-cultural and individual variation.

LuCiD's Research Agenda is complemented by:

1. a Technology Agenda that is creating new integrated multi-method research designs and build technology products designed to be of direct benefit to language researchers and healthcare and education practitioners, with commercial applications for business and publishers
2. a Communications Agenda for disseminating findings to commissioners and policy-makers, healthcare and education professionals, parents and the public, and other key stakeholders
3. a Capacity-Building programme that is developing future leaders, ensuring that progress is maintained beyond the life of the Centre, and securing the future of UK research in the area.

The Department of Linguistic and English Language at Lancaster University:

Lancaster University is consistently rated in the top 10 universities in the UK, and is in the top 1% of universities internationally. Linguistics and English Language at Lancaster is one of the largest and best known Linguistics departments in the UK and internationally, with over 30 academics, about 160 PhD students, 120 MAs on campus-based and blended learning programmes, and about 300 undergraduates.

The Linguistics department has a phonetics lab, an eye tracker lab with desktop and a portable Tobii eye trackers, a lab for behavioral studies with children and adults, and is currently setting up an EEG lab. The Linguistics department also has research links with the Psychology department with further research facilities and a large group of researchers interested in Developmental Psychology and Linguistics.