

**JOB DESCRIPTION**  
**Senior Research Associate – City and Urban**  
**Vacancy Ref: A2750**

<b>Job Title:</b> Senior Research Associate – City and Urban	<b>Grade:</b> 7
<b>Duration:</b> Fixed term	
<b>Department/College:</b> Lancaster Institute for the Contemporary Arts	
<b>Directly responsible to:</b> Principal Investigator Beyond Imagination	
<b>Day to day line management:</b> Principal Investigator Beyond Imagination	
<b>Supervisory responsibility for:</b> N/A	
<b>Other contacts:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Internal:</b> Colleagues and students in ImaginationLancaster, Lancaster Institute for the Contemporary Arts and the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, together with colleagues in other faculties, the Library, ISS, central administration and other relevant university actors.</li> <li>- <b>External:</b> UKRI, professional bodies, employers, business organisations, local and UK government organisations, community groups, academic and research networks.</li> </ul>	
<b>Job purpose:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To contribute to the success of the ‘Beyond Imagination’ research project promoting architecture and design research excellence in Lancaster University.</li> <li>- To develop and help deliver research projects connected to the relevant thematic cluster; Home &amp; Living, Community and the Public Sector, Factory &amp; Workplace, City &amp; Urban and Population and Policy.</li> <li>- To work collaboratively with Imagination staff and with other partners to attract external research funding.</li> </ul>	
<b>Major Duties:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To work with the academic lead and colleagues in Imagination to undertake research on predefined research projects connected to the relevant Beyond Imagination cluster; Home &amp; Living, Community and the Public Sector, Factory &amp; Workplace, City &amp; Urban and Population and Policy or Beyond Imagination Themes; Sustainability, Health, Prosperity, International issues.</li> <li>- To conduct reviews of the literature and write reports on these topics which may include the production of visual materials.</li> <li>- To undertake and write up empirical research using a variety of research methods (e.g., observation, document analysis, interviews and focus groups, prototypes, models).</li> <li>- To author or co-author academic articles (of suitable quality to be returned in the Research Excellence Framework and contribute to books and other publications arising out of the projects.</li> <li>- To work with other collaborators from academic, commercial, and public sector organisations as needed to ensure completion of project deliverables in an organised and timely manner and to ensure the KPI’s are achieved.</li> <li>- To work with academic lead and colleagues to identify research funding opportunities and to write research bids.</li> <li>- To supervise the work of Research Fellows and PhDs who are also working on the research projects.</li> <li>- To organise and run events with various communities relevant to the cluster or theme.</li> <li>- To participate in project meetings as well as meetings with external partners.</li> </ul>	

- To communicate research to a wide audience achieving an appropriate level of impact.
- To assume various administrative tasks and responsibilities as requested by the Line Manager/Principal Investigator and E3 Grant team.
- To undertake other duties and training as required by the Line Manager/E3 grant team.