

**JOB DESCRIPTION**  
**Research Associate – Home and Living**  
**Vacancy Ref: A2755**

<b>Job Title:</b> Research Associate	<b>Grade:</b> 6
<b>Duration:</b> Fixed term	
<b>Department/College:</b> Lancaster Institute for the Contemporary Arts	
<b>Directly responsible to:</b> Principal Investigator	
<b>Supervisory responsibility for:</b> N/A	
<p><b>Other contacts:</b></p> <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>	
<p><b>Job purpose:</b></p> <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 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>	
<p><b>Major Duties:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To work with the academic lead and colleagues in Imagination to develop and help deliver research projects connected to the 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 undertake research on related to one the clusters and themes identified above.</li> <li>- To conduct on-going reviews of the literature and write reports on these topics which may include the production of visual materials.</li> <li>- To research and write up research using a variety of research methods (e.g., observation, document analysis, interviews and focus groups, prototypes, models).</li> <li>- To organise and run events with various communities relevant to the cluster or theme.</li> <li>- To work with other researchers from academic, commercial, and public sector organisations as needed to deliver projects successfully.</li> <li>- To ensure completion of project deliverables in an organised and timely manner.</li> <li>- To participate in project meetings as well as meetings with external partners.</li> <li>- To communicate research to a wide audience achieving an appropriate level of impact.</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 project.</li> <li>- To collaborate with Imagination staff on identifying and writing research bids.</li> </ul>	

- 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.