

JOB DESCRIPTION
Vacancy Ref: A2865

Job Title:	Research Associate	Present Grade:	6P
Department/College:	Organisation, Work and Technology		
Directly responsible to:	Dr Joe Deville		
Other contacts			
Internal:			
Prof. James Faulconbridge, Department of Organisation, Work and Technology Head of Department; Prof. Imogen Tyler, Department of Sociology Head of Department; other members of the Department of Organisation, Work and Technology; other members of the Department of Sociology; Prof. Rebecca Braun, Director of the Institute for Social Futures; other Lancaster-based members of the Institute for Social Futures.			
External:			
Eileen Joy, UC Santa Barbara (Co-Investigator); Prof. Martin Eve, Birkbeck University (Co-Investigator); other partners of the Community-led Open Infrastructures for Monographs project; other relevant stakeholders; academics at other universities; catering and venue providers.			
Major Duties:			
<p>This 34 month, full time appointment is connected to the Community-led Open Infrastructures for Monographs (COPIM) project, funded by Research England and the Arcadia Foundation. The project is led by Dr Janneke Adema and Prof. Gary Hall at Coventry University, and seeks to address the key technological, structural, and organisational hurdles—around funding, production, dissemination, discovery, reuse, and archiving—which are standing in the way of the wider adoption and impact of Open Access (OA) books.</p> <p>The post involves supporting two interlinked work packages on the project. The first, ‘Revenue Infrastructures and Management Platform’, will create new funding channels for OA book publishing, including devising new consortial funding models designed to maximize the ability of libraries to directly support OA publishers and platforms, open source publishing tools, and OA content that best serves the needs of their highly-localized constituencies. This platform will be tested as a pilot case with the publishers involved in the ScholarLed consortium of Open Access book publishers. As part of this, the work package will research the technical infrastructures, organizational processes, financial management procedures, and legal standards to enable this platform to function and be sustainable over the long term. The second, ‘Knowledge Exchange and Piloting Alternative Business Models’ looks to research and pilot alternative business models for OA Books, with the aim of reducing the dependence of publishers on author-facing book processing charges (BPCs) as well as to better facilitate new OA book publishing start-ups.</p> <p>The Research Associate will work across these two work packages, taking primary responsibility for undertaking the research necessary to inform their work. Although based at Lancaster University, they will have the opportunity to work remotely from other locations, and will report directly to Joe Deville (Lancaster University / Mattering Press), Eileen Joy (University of California, Santa Barbara / Punctum Books), and Martin Eve (Birkbeck, University of London) relative to the two work packages identified above.</p> <p>The post-holder will be responsible for producing research outputs in the form of white paper documents/reports, blog posts, and other media as necessary to be co-authored with other team members. The role may involve national and international travel.</p> <p>The main duties of the post holder will be as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Leading project outreach to UK libraries; 			

2. Leading research into the operations of existing Open Access book publishers, including the collection and analysis of qualitative data (e.g. interview recordings, documents) and quantitative data (e.g. information on revenue streams) derived from project partners and other stakeholders;
3. Writing up reports to be sent to project partners and other stakeholders, in collaboration with the Work Package leads
4. Assisting with the dissemination of project findings, whether in academic form (e.g. via journal articles) or non-academic form (e.g. blog posts, social media engagement);
5. Assisting with project administrative duties, under the direction of the Work Package leads.
6. Working on other *ad hoc* tasks relating to the COPIM project, as necessary.