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The work: The post-holder will be primarily involved in a corpus-based study of discussions of and interactions about depression on social media. They will also contribute more generally to the research, dissemination, engagement and training activities of the ESRC Centre for Corpus Approaches to Social Science, including the Lancaster Corpus Linguistics Summer Schools and the Corpus MOOC.

The project team: The post-holder will be part of an interdisciplinary team that includes academics from the Departments of Linguistics & English Language, Politics, Philosophy & Religion, Psychology, and the Institute for Health Research. The Department of Linguistics & English Language is ranked 12th in the world for Linguistics in the 2020 QS World University Rankings. The ESRC Centre for Corpus Approaches to Social Science was awarded a Queen’s Anniversary Prize for Further and Higher Education in 2015.

The University: Lancaster University (www.lancaster.ac.uk) has a world-class reputation as a centre for excellence in teaching, scholarship and research. It is ranked in the top 10 in all three major UK university league tables: the Times/Sunday Times, the Guardian and the Complete University Guide. Internationally, it is ranked 128th in the 2020 QS World University Rankings. It was named International University of the Year in the Times/Sunday Times Good University Guide 2020.

The University is set near the Lune Valley and the Forest of Bowland – areas of outstanding natural beauty – and on the edge of the Lake District. More than £450m has been invested into the campus since 2002 creating new academic facilities, student social facilities and improved teaching space.

The City: The campus is located a short distance from the vibrant and historic city of Lancaster, which has excellent schools. Lancaster is a city of about 55,000 people, with a largely Georgian and Victorian core of sandstone buildings, overlooked by a medieval castle and priory church. It has independent shops, an alternative cinema and theatre, lively markets on Wednesday and Saturday, and easy access to the surrounding countryside on paths, bikeways, and canals. Lancaster is easily accessible by road (M6 Junction 33) and rail (west coast mainline). It is approximately an hour to Manchester International Airport, and about 2.5 hours by train to London.

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