**JOB DESCRIPTION**

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<th><strong>Job Title:</strong></th>
<th>Research Associate : Health of Social Sciences</th>
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<td><strong>Department/College:</strong></td>
<td>Lancaster University working with the Academy of Social Sciences</td>
<td><strong>Directly responsible to:</strong></td>
<td>Dr Rita Gardner (CEO, AcSS) and Professor Tony McEnery</td>
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| **Supervisory responsibility for:** | N/A | **Other contacts** | \n
**Internal:**
- Other staff in the Lancaster Centre for Corpus Approaches to Social Science; Faculty and central administration; other staff in the Academy of Social Sciences (AcSS), notably the Head of Policy.

**External:**
- Academy of Social Sciences Fellows; professional bodies and learned societies; university Deans of social science and equivalents; research funders, policy makers and other government bodies; academic and research networks.

**Major Duties:**

1. Undertake research to meet the specified aims of the ‘Health of Social Sciences’ grant-funded project, and 18 month fixed term project.
2. Specifically, structure and conduct qualitative and quantitative research to document and understand how the social sciences, and constituent disciplines, in UK higher education are being affected by the current contexts of Covid-19 and Brexit, both directly, and indirectly as a result of contextual decision-making.
3. Gather quantitative data on a regular basis for the 2020/21 academic year and over the admission period in summer 2021, using HESA 2018/19 data as a benchmark; and conduct qualitative interviews with a purposively selected sample of Deans and PVCs for research.
4. Interrogate, analyse, interpret and present the findings in succinct quarterly interim reports, evidencing in detail the scale, nature and diversity of impacts across the HE sector.
5. Liaise with members of the project advisory group; and set up quarterly meetings of the group.
6. Liaise with extant networks, such as the Academy’s network of CEOs of learned societies, and, if required, establish new networks, to aid data gathering, inform the research, and to amplify dissemination of findings/support knowledge exchange.
7. Draft the project final report.
8. Engage in, and support, appropriate knowledge exchange activities to share the report findings widely with key stakeholders within and beyond the academy.