JOB DESCRIPTION
Research Associate: Social Science in a Time of Change
Vacancy Ref: A3500

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<td>Directly responsible to:</td>
<td>Dr Rita Gardner (CEO, AcSS) and Professor Tony McEnery</td>
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**Internal:** Other staff in the Lancaster University; Faculty and central administration and senior university colleagues; 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 and data analysis to meet the specified aims of the ‘Health of Social Sciences’ grant-funded project, on 7 month fixed term contract.
2. Specifically, work with HESA, questionnaire survey and other data to get as clear a picture as possible of the state of the social sciences nationally and of the changes that occurred between 2019/20 and 2020/21. The findings of this work should be enriched using existing qualitative research findings produced by the project.
3. Interrogate, analyse, interpret and present the findings in reports, evidencing in detail the scale, nature and diversity of impacts across the social sciences sector in HE and differentiating where possible those that are more specific to this sector.
4. Liaise with members of the project advisory group; and set up quarterly meetings of the group.
5. 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.
6. Draft the project final report.
7. Engage in, and support, appropriate knowledge exchange activities to share the report findings widely with key stakeholders within and beyond the academy.