

Job Description

Job Title:	Postdoctoral Research Associate
Department:	Politics, International Relations and Philosophy
Job type:	Professional Services
Grade:	7
Accountable to:	Principal Investigator
Accountable for:	N/A
Purpose of the Post	
To be an active member of the British Election Study team so that the overall research objectives of the project are met. The role holder will be expected to play a key role in the collection and preparation of data and to work with stakeholders to make sure the data fits broad needs of the user community, and to contribute to research and dissemination.	
Key Tasks	
• To manage and maintain the survey: code scripts ready to send to the survey fieldwork provider, test survey before it is fielded to respondents • To build and maintain a data management suite that: takes in raw data from the survey fieldwork provider, converts the data to a format consistent with previous releases, weights the data, creates new variables derived from the data (e.g. MII, multi-item ideological scales) • To compile accompanying documentation • To coordinate with King's team to integrate data into BES-All system; • To run BES social media accounts • To triage and respond to user queries and requests from the BES mailbox. • To work with PI and stakeholders to design new data collection protocols • To write papers for publication in international journals and to publish data sets in data repositories. • To contribute to the overall activities of the research group, assisting colleagues as necessary. • To prepare presentations and present findings at scientific, stakeholder and general public forums, including conferences • To undergo continued personal professional development	
Other Duties	
The duties listed are not exhaustive and may be varied from time to time as dictated by the changing needs of the study. The post holder will be expected to undertake other duties as appropriate and as requested by their manager. The post holder may be required to work at any of the locations at which the business of Royal Holloway is conducted.	

Our Values

Advancing equity and inclusion is central to our identity as a University of Social Purpose, guided by our values of being Respectful, Innovative, Open, and Daring. We strive to build a fair and inclusive environment for all colleagues and students, where we challenge ourselves and others with integrity, and approach difference with understanding and kindness. Every member of our community is expected to treat others with dignity, work collaboratively across a wide range of backgrounds and perspectives, and contribute to a place where everyone can participate fully and feel valued.

Person Specification

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Criteria	Essential	Desirable
Knowledge, Education, Qualifications and Training		
PhD in relevant subject area (or near completion of - it is expected that the appointee will have their PhD awarded within 4 months of the start date)	X	
Training in and advanced knowledge of quantitative analysis, including the R programming language	X	
Knowledge of survey data collection and associated methodological issues (e.g. sampling, survey weighting).		X
Interest in and knowledge of British electoral politics	X	
Skills and Abilities		
Skills in data handling, archiving, and sharing data using rigorous open science methods	X	
Skills appropriate for dissemination of findings to academic and non-academic audiences (e.g. oral and written communication skills)	X	
Skills in conducting research on elections and voting behaviour	X	
Skill in longitudinal data handling and analysis (e.g. panel data)		X
Skills in data harmonization and linking across different datasets.		
Experience		
Experience of data analysis in the field of elections and voting behaviour	X	
Circumstances		
Must be able to start in January 2027 or soon after	X	