



Job Description

Job Title: Economic Analyst

Purpose: The post holder will help to ensure that ILC-UK maintains influence and contributes to evidence based policy-making in the field of ageing.

Reports to: Director, Research and Strategy

Direct Reports: Supervises other staff members on research projects as appropriate.

Responsibilities

1. The successful applicant will develop and lead on high quality research and policy reports suitable for an informed but not necessarily expert audience.
2. They will undertake high-quality quantitative research using applied economics, including selecting appropriate methodologies, analysing, interpreting and presenting data, and will provide technical economic analysis support to other members of the team when required.
3. The post holder will work independently and autonomously at pace on a number of research and policy projects simultaneously whilst also writing articles, blogs and other short accessible papers within a quick time frame.
4. They will identify new topics and develop and obtain funding for proposals (including academic, private and public sector funders) as well as use technical knowledge to feed into bids from other members of the team.
5. The post holder must be able to manage external relationships with funders and other stakeholders; present research findings to policy-makers, academics and other audiences including the media, and develop a network of contacts among relevant academics, industry experts and journalists to support ILC-UK impact.
6. They will develop ILC-UK's capacity to utilise the techniques of applied economics to the research projects it undertakes and they will deploy a proactive approach, as well as a strong and demonstrable interest in ageing issues, to ensure that the ILC-UK maintains influence and contributes to evidence based policy-making.
7. Ultimately, the post holder will contribute to the intellectual capital of the ILC-UK, and will work independently and with other members of the team as required.

Person Specification

1. Essential: A Masters or higher degree in economics or equivalent training and work experience.
2. Essential: Experience of analysing large social science datasets, such as ELSA, LFS, WAS or FRS.
3. Essential: Experience of devising and planning analytical work, from researching appropriate methods to resolving methodological challenges.

4. Essential: Experience in the dissemination of research and the presentation of results in an academic, public policy or industry setting.
5. Essential: A track record of drafting and publishing reports or articles at speed.
6. Essential: Experience of presenting research findings and policy implications to non-technical audiences, both in writing and verbally in a range of formats.
7. Essential: Sound project management skills with experience of managing own time effectively and working on a number of projects simultaneously.
8. Essential: Ability to work independently but to offer support and guidance to junior members of the team as well as work with other team members.
9. Desirable: Experience of fundraising through leading on, or contributing to, tenders or project proposals from ideally a range of funders, including Government, academic trusts, foundations and charities.
10. Desirable: Demonstrable interest or experience of working on ageing related issues and a knowledge or interest of public policy environment in this field including policy development and the political process.
11. Desirable: Knowledge of UK public policy debates around the future of pension provision, financial capability, housing or the labour market.
12. Desirable: Have an existing network among relevant academic/public policy community.