

JOB DESCRIPTION

The International Inequalities Institute (III) is seeking a part-time temporary hourly paid occasional research assistant (ORA) to work from late August 2024 for four months. The ORA would work with Dr Fabrício M. Fialho on a project on the precedents and determinants of brain and mental health in late capitalism, which will examine (a) socioeconomic changes over the recent decades and their effects on communities, social networks and structures, labour markets and the productive sector, (b) perceptions on attitudes and perceptions, and (c) the impact of such changes on brain and mental health. The research project aims to examine the social determinants of health from an international and comparative perspective to expand the existing literature on these topics beyond North America.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The research assistant will be expected to conduct a comprehensive literature review on the relationships between socioeconomic change (in its multiple facets) and its measurable effects on brain and mental health and functioning. In preparing the literature review, the ORA will be expected to meet weekly with Dr Fialho in-person (online arrangements to be considered on a case-by-case basis) to discuss the progress of the search. Based on the literature review, the assistant will prepare an annotated bibliography on a template (to be provided).

In addition to the literature review, the ORA will conduct a search of possible funding sources to which this project can be submitted for a) pilot funding and b) full project funding.

DELIVERABLES

- An annotated bibliography of the literature review.
- A list of potential funders with their contact information, website, and other relevant information.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Candidates would ideally (i) have taken postgraduate courses on one or more of the following themes: mental or brain health, poverty and inequalities, and social and/or political psychology; (ii) be comfortable with conducting literature reviews; and (iii) have good writing skills.

REMUNERATION

The position is paid on an hourly basis no less than Band 5 Step 18, £21.80 per hour (subject to experience and including accrued holiday pay) for up to 20 hours/week. When applying, candidates should indicate their availability to start work between mid-August and mid-September 2024. Please note that this position requires the ORA to be UK-based and may need to do a right to work check on LSE campus before starting. If you are interested, please send a CV and a brief email outlining why you would be suitable for the post (max 300 words) to f.mendes-fialho@lse.ac.uk containing "ORA application" in the subject line as soon as possible, but no later than Thursday, 18 July, **5pm GMT**. Interviews with shortlisted applicants will take place virtually on Tuesday, 23 July.