Lectureship in Social Statistics/Data Science, Lancaster University

Lancaster, UK

As part of a major investment in Data Science we are seeking applications from outstanding individuals with interests in Social Statistics/Data Science to join the Child and Family Justice Research Centre. The Centre is a new interdisciplinary research grouping resulting from collaboration between Sociology, the Lancaster Law School and the Data Science Institute. The Centre aims to achieve step-change in child and family justice research through innovative national and international research that sheds new light on outcomes for children and families. The individual must have a keen interest in social issues, and either hold or be willing to develop substantive knowledge of law and policy relating to children and families.

In addition, the candidate would join Lancaster’s vibrant Data Science Institute. Data Science is a key area of growth for Lancaster University and is founded on historic strengths in Computer Science, Statistics and Operational Research coupled with an outstanding track record in multidisciplinary research. Together with more than 70 academics with existing expertise at Lancaster, these positions are a key part of the new world-class, multidisciplinary Data Science Institute that is starting to set the global standard for an interdisciplinary approach to contemporary data-driven research challenges in areas including data and society, justice, health, and the environment. Appointments will help play a key role in shaping this exciting new initiative.

The candidate must be able to bring to the Centre a range of statistical/data science methodologies for working with quantitative social science data and must be able to work across disciplinary boundaries. Applications are particularly welcome from candidates with:

- Experience in working with administrative and survey datasets.
- Experience or keen interest in range of data linkage techniques.
- An interest in cohort studies and linked clinical trials data.

The post is available at grades 7 and 8 (Lecturer, equivalent to Assistant Professor), according to the experience and research track-record of the successful candidate.

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