

Researcher, Centre for Well-being

This is a key role within the award winning Centre for Well-being at **nef** (the new economics foundation).

The post is for an experienced Researcher who can help drive forward the development and delivery of an expanding research and consultancy project portfolio and manage a diverse range of projects on a day-to-day basis. This could include projects on behalf of European agencies, central government and local government as well as policy and research projects we initiate ourselves and which are funded by charitable foundations.

The questions we are currently addressing or planning to address include:

- How do we measure progress towards a green economy in a way that can guide policy?
- How can governments and local governments use 'beyond GDP' indicators in policy making?
- How can we get these new indicators adopted by governments as headline measures of progress?
- How can voluntary organisations best deliver well-being?
- What does an analysis of well-being surveys in the UK and Europe tell us about policy priorities?
- How should well-being be measured and used in practice at local government level?
- How can we encourage the creation of sustainable good jobs?
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These are part of **nef's** broader portfolio of projects, designed to help ensure policy delivers high well-being, social justice and sustainability.

You will play a key role in preparing research proposals, liaising with clients, undertaking research and analysis and delivering projects to a high standard. You will work closely with the Centre's Senior Researchers and Head of the Centre for Well-being to identify key messages from research and consultancy projects to influence and effect change at a policy level.

You should have

- excellent quantitative skills, including the ability to conduct statistical analysis
- an MSc or very good first degree in a social science
- first class research and drafting skills, and an ability to think creatively while at the same time producing quality work to deadline.

You should also have some experience of managing research projects, ideally in a policy environment. Once in post, the split between managing projects and reporting to a project manager will depend on your level of experience.

The post holder will report to the Head of **nef's** Centre for Well-being.

Overall job purpose

1. Manage well-being research and consultancy projects
2. Conduct leading edge research and consultancy work, including report writing.
3. Identify and secure opportunities for business development by preparing tenders/proposals and following up leads for new work with a range of potential clients.

4. Work alongside Senior Researchers and Head of the Centre for Well-being to identify and communicate key policy messages from research and consultancy projects in the well-being field, including in the media.

Person Specification

Knowledge/Experience:

Essential

- Proven experience of leading and delivering research/consultancy projects in a relevant field
- Demonstrable experience of delivering high quality written work and presentations
- Demonstrable experience of conducting quantitative analysis of large data sets
- A very good first degree in economics or another social science

Preferred/optional

- Proven experience of business development in a research/consultancy field (e.g. proposal writing, pitch meetings, following up leads)
- Experience of research and/or consultancy management (i.e. managing a portfolio of projects)
- Knowledge/experience in the well-being field
- MSc in economics or another social science
- Experience of working in a policy environment
- Knowledge about the design and use of surveys

Key Skills:

- excellent quantitative skills, including the ability to conduct statistical analysis
- first class research skills including an ability to design and implement research methodologies
- good drafting skills
- an ability to think creatively
- an ability to meet deadlines
- self starter, able to manage own workload and time
- ability to learn quickly
- project management skills
- Influencing , both in person and through use of research projects
- confident and capable communicator, both in writing and orally
- good team worker
- attention to detail

Extract from terms & conditions

Salary: [£27,725-£36,625] depending on experience

After 6 months employment up to 7.5% of salary is payable into a pension fund or savings account to match employee contributions.

Location: Vauxhall, London

Probation period: six months

Contract: 12 months, with extension if possible (it is hoped that this will become a permanent position but this is not guaranteed and depends on circumstances).