

JOB DESCRIPTION			
Job title	Researcher, Public Participation & Research	Department	Ada Lovelace Institute
Job holder	Vacant	Reports to	Public Participation & Research Lead
Job type	Permanent	Date created:	Aug 2022
Job aim	To support Public Participation & Research (PPR) work at the Ada Lovelace Institute by coordinating and conducting public attitudes research through surveys, literature reviews and other methodologies.		
Key responsibilities: Including but not limited to			
1. Public engagement & social attitudes research			
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support Ada's social attitudes research (qualitative and quantitative) by conducting desk research, methodology design, analysis and reporting, working closely with the Public Participation & Research Lead. 2. Support the analysis and reporting of a major survey of public attitudes towards data and AI, working closely with the Public Participation & Research Lead, wider Ada team and in collaboration with Ada's partners. 3. Develop and co-ordinate an Ada-led network of researchers and policymakers interested in public attitudes towards data and AI, including convening and supporting events, roundtables and workshops with the network (working with the wider PPR team and Ada Comms team). 4. Play an active and constructive role in Ada's PPR team, supporting the team's research strategy and approach within the PPR team and across Ada. 		
2. General research, analysis and drafting			
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conduct desk research, gathering information and analysing papers across a variety of disciplines to support projects. (Including policy documents, academic literature, primary research, government and academic datasets, etc.) 2. Draft and edit papers, reports and articles to share Ada's research with our stakeholders and audience. 3. Draft and produce presentations and talks. 4. Provide internal copy editing and proofreading. 		
3. Communication and external relations			
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Translate insights from research into influencing UK and EU tech policy and practice. 2. Attend and co-ordinate external meetings on behalf of the Institute, to share Ada's research and keep up-to-date with developments in the field. 		
4. Other			
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Engage with and support other projects across the Institute, including working with the Communications team, Director, and colleagues across the Research and Policy teams. 		

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| | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="229 212 1463 257">2. Feel comfortable working in a hybrid setting, with a mix of in-office and at-home working.<li data-bbox="229 257 1463 304">3. Additional ad-hoc and project work within the scope of the role, as reasonably requested. |
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Person specification	Essential (E) or Desirable (D)
Experience	
Experience in designing and conducting quantitative social attitudes research and collecting and analysing empirical data, through methods such as surveys, polls, sentiment analysis etc.	E
Experience of research at the intersection of technology and society. (Through academic training or professional experience.)	D
Experience of conducting research and managing projects in any professional context (e.g. civil society, research agency, academia, think tank, government, charity or other).	D
Experience of writing on complex topics for a general audience.	D
Knowledge and Skills	
A keen and demonstrable interest in mixed-methods social attitudes research, including the ability to robustly collect and analyse quantitative data about public attitudes.	E
An undergraduate or master's degree in a social science discipline such as Social Research Methods, Science and Technology Studies, Sociology etc. and some practical experience in a professional setting.	E
Knowledge of concepts and theories underpinning public attitudes towards science and technology (of any kind), and willingness to continually learn about societal issues related to data and AI.	E
Advanced knowledge of and/or training in quantitative social science methods, such as sampling theory, complex survey methods and statistical analysis methods and tools (e.g. Stata/R).	D
Ability to work with a diverse range of stakeholders, such as academics, technology developers, policymakers and more.	D
Ability to analyse information and present it clearly in writing and in conversations/presentations.	D
Personal Qualities	
A commitment to equality, diversity and inclusion, and to addressing structural inequalities and injustice.	E
A dedication to rigorous research methodologies and robust data analysis.	E
A collaborative approach to research.	E
Flexible in approach and comfortable adapting in a developing environment.	D
The ability to communicate research clearly, accessibly and enthusiastically.	D
Approaches research and project management in an organised and structured way.	D