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## Reports to:

Professor Meg Russell

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## Context

University College London (UCL) is among the world's top universities. At the heart of London, it has a population of over 38,000 students, from more than 150 different countries, and offers degree programmes in a wide range of subjects. UCL's Department of Political Science is recognised for its excellence, ranked 2nd in the UK in the 2014 Research Excellence Framework (REF). It conducts teaching and research in all fields of politics, including British and comparative politics, international relations, political theory, human rights, public policy-making and administration.

[The Constitution Unit](#) is the Department's largest and longest-established research centre. Created in 1995, it conducts timely, rigorous, independent research into constitutional change and the reform of political institutions. Our publications include reports, books, and articles in both academic journals and mainstream media. We have always prioritised providing evidence to policymakers, and our research has significant real-world impact – both in the United Kingdom and around the world. The Unit is led by [Professor Meg Russell FBA](#), a specialist on parliament, and the Deputy Director is [Professor Alan Renwick](#)

evidence, policy briefings, blog posts and media articles, and support shorter interventions through social media. They will work closely with all Unit staff, and support collaborations with other research organisations and academics on policy matters. The appointee will generally contribute to the Constitution Unit's strategy and plans, as a central member of the team.

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### **Duties and responsibilities:**

The Impact Researcher will be expected to undertake duties as directed by Professor Russell, including the following:

Developing general dissemination and impact strategies for the Constitution Unit, in consultation with the senior team.

Summarising Constitution Unit research and producing engaging and digestible written materials for a range of audiences.

Monitoring political developments and identifying opportunities for dissemination of our research, for example through debates and committee inquiries in the UK parliament and the devolved legislatures.

Identifying opportunities for policy interventions underpinned by high-quality research, and working with Unit researchers and other relevant experts to produce and disseminate clear and accessible briefing material.

Building relationships with key individuals in the policy world who should be kept informed about our research.

Developing and managing the Unit's social media strategy and output.

Developing and maintaining the impact-related parts of the website (e.g. news stories), in consultation with with the Unit's office manager.

Working with the Unit's part-time blog editor to maximise the impact of pieces published on the blog.

Working with the UCL Press Office to develop and communicate with our network of specialist media contacts.

Assisting in information gathering and drafting briefings to support Unit researchers when they appear on public platforms (e.g. in the media and at parliamentary committees).

Liaising with external partners (e.g. other research organisations and funders) in pursuit of the above.

Maintaining up-to-date records of Constitution Unit impact activity.

Assisting with background research for, and preparation of, future funding proposals.

Developing the Unit's profile among potential future donors to our research.

Contributing more widely to the work of the Constitution Unit, for example through attending team meetings and assisting in the planning of events, and the Unit's blog and newsletter.

*Job descriptions cannot be exhaustive and so the post holder may be required to undertake other duties which are in line with the scope, spirit and purpose of the job as requested by the line manager.*

*As duties and responsibilities change and develop the job description may be reviewed and be subject to amendment in consultation with the post holder.*



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