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Title: Director of Communications
Reports to: CISES leadership

Role summary:

Lead the Communications department, setting priorities for research dissemination, media engagement and digital publishing in coordination with CISES leadership. This is a remote, unpaid volunteer role. The expected commitment is regular leadership coordination and availability for time-sensitive decisions; workload agreed during recruitment.

About CISES:

The Centre for International Security and Economic Strategy (CISES) is an independent, London-based think tank examining international security, geopolitics and economic policy. Its research and communications are supported by an international community of volunteers.

Key areas of responsibility:

- Set departmental strategy and agree priorities and performance measures with CISES leadership.
- Coordinate Deputy Directors and team leads; allocate responsibilities and support volunteer capacity.
- Align institutional messaging and publication promotion with research programmes.
- Oversee media engagement, audience performance and communications risks.
- Escalate sensitive decisions and external commitments requiring institutional approval.

Qualifications and requirements:

- Experience in institutional communications, public affairs, media relations or a related field
- Strategic planning and team leadership skills
- Sound judgement, organisation and clear communication

Desirable qualifications and experience:

- Experience in think-tank, research or non-profit communications
- Digital analytics or stakeholder engagement

What we offer:

Take responsibility for a cross-functional communications department, shape its priorities and work directly with research and operational leadership.

Application process:

Email a CV or LinkedIn profile and a brief statement describing your communications leadership experience and interest in the role.

Application link