

Head of Research

Salary: Competitive

Location: Edinburgh

Length of Contract: Permanent

The Scottish Conservative Research Department provides research, briefing and analysis for the Scottish Conservative MSP group.

We are looking for an intelligent and motivated individual with proven parliamentary, campaign or media research experience to lead this team.

This is an exciting time to work in Scottish politics and the successful candidate will play a leading role in holding the SNP to account as a strong opposition and in building Scotland's real alternative over the next five years.

Responsibilities for the Head of Research include:

- Supporting MSPs in their parliamentary role.
- Researching stories for print, broadcast and online media.
- Producing policy and political briefing for MSPs and members of the Shadow Cabinet.
- Analysing political developments and producing relevant research in response.
- Monitoring and analysing public policy developments.
- Overseeing the work of the Scottish Conservative Research Department, ensuring that high standards and quality are maintained.

Person Specification

- Strong communication skills with a fluent, clear writing style.
- Good political judgement and a strong instinct for political stories.
- Excellent analytical skills.
- Ability to work as part of a team.
- Strong leadership and initiative.
- A background working in politics, the media, public policy, marketing or a relevant discipline.

We value diversity, welcome applications from all backgrounds, and appoint on merit. The successful candidate will be required to undergo standard Scottish Parliamentary security checks.

Closing Date: 16 July 2021

Interview/Start Dates

Interviews will be arranged on a rolling basis and we reserve the right to appoint the successful candidate before the closing date.

Application Details

Please apply by emailing a CV – no more than two sides of A4 – and a cover letter – no more than one side of A4 – to Nicholas.layden@parliament.scot by 5.00pm on the closing date.