

Candidate Information

Position:	Research Fellow
School/Department:	School of Law
Reference:	18/107048
Closing Date:	Monday 14 January 2019
Salary:	£33,199 to £34,189 per annum
Duration:	until 31 January 2021

JOB PURPOSE:

To be an active member of the research project/team assisting in the planning and delivery of the research activity in the ESRC 'Governance after Brexit' grant Health Governance After Brexit: Law, Language and Legitimacy so that the overall research objectives of the project are met.

MAJOR DUTIES:

1. Develop and plan an area of personal research and undertake research under supervision/in collaboration with the project team, within the ESRC Governance after Brexit research project, Health Governance after Brexit: Law, Language and Legitimacy.
2. Design, develop and refine field research, in collaboration with the project team, in order to obtain reliable data.
3. Carry out analyses, critical evaluations, and interpretations, including of primary legal texts and project data, using methodologies and other techniques appropriate to legal and socio-legal research.
4. Present regular progress reports on research to members of the research group and to external audiences to disseminate and publicise research findings.
5. Prepare, often in consultation with the supervisor and project team, material for publication in national and international journals and presentations at international conferences.
6. Assist grant holders in the preparation of project dissemination to non-academic audiences.
7. Effectively disseminate project findings through the internet and social media.
8. Carry out routine administrative tasks associated with the research project/s to ensure that project/s are completed on time and within budget. These will include organisation of project meetings and documentation, scheduling travel, organising interviews with policy makers, organising ethnographic street conversations, financial control, risk assessment of research activities.
9. Read academic papers, journals and textbooks to keep abreast of developments in own specialism and related disciplines.
10. The post may involve occasional teaching duties within the post holder's area of expertise and under the direct guidance of a member of academic staff.

Planning and Organising:

1. Plan for specific aspects of research programmes. Timescales range from 1-6 months in advance and contribute to research group planning.
2. Plan for the use of research resources where appropriate.
3. Plan own day-to day activity within framework of the agreed research programme.
4. Plan up to a year or more in advance to meet deadlines for journal and book publications and to prepare presentations and papers for conferences.
5. Coordinate and liaise with other members of the research group over work progress.

Resource Management Responsibilities:

1. Ensure research resources are used in an effective and efficient manner.
2. Provide guidance as required to support staff and any students who may be assisting with research.

Internal and External Relationships:

1. Liaise on a regular basis with colleagues in QUB and Sheffield, and any students who may be assisting with research.

2. Build internal contacts and participate in internal networks for the exchange of information and to form relationships for future collaboration.
3. Join and/or build external networks to share information and ideas.
4. Contribute to the project's success and relevance by establishing links with local community groups, industries etc.

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:

1. Normally have or be about to obtain a relevant PhD.
2. At least 3 years relevant research experience.
3. Ability to contribute to broader management and administrative processes.
4. Contribute to the School's outreach programme by links with industry, community groups etc.
5. Sufficient breadth and depth of specialist knowledge in the discipline and of research methods and techniques to work within established research programmes.
6. Ability to communicate complex information clearly.
7. Ability to build contacts and participate in internal and external networks.
8. Demonstrable intellectual ability.
9. Outstanding ability to assess and organise resources.

DESIRABLE CRITERIA:

1. LLB in Law of Northern Ireland, England & Wales, or Scots Law.
2. Semi-structured interviewing experience.
3. Qualitative data analysis and coding knowledge and experience.
4. Ethnographic research experience.
5. Expertise in legal analysis in legal system of Northern Ireland, England & Wales or Scotland.
6. Expertise in EU law.
7. Flexible approach to work deadlines, as grant will involve higher than usual elements of unpredictability.