

Candidate Information

Position:	Research Fellow
School/Department:	School of Nursing and Midwifery
Reference:	19/107171
Closing Date:	Monday 11 March 2019
Salary:	£33,199 - £39,610 per annum (potential to progress to £43,266 per annum through sustained exceptional contribution)
Anticipated Interview Date:	Monday 25 March 2019
Duration:	available until 30 September 2020.

JOB PURPOSE:

The post will entail working on a study designed to examine the feasibility of completing a randomised controlled trial in Anticipatory Care Planning for Older adults at risk of Functional Decline on the island of Ireland.

MAJOR DUTIES:

1. To work as a member of the Chronic Illness and Palliative Care Research Programme within the School of Nursing and Midwifery, Queen's University Belfast.
2. To be responsible for conducting a feasibility randomised controlled trial examining anticipatory care planning in older adults.
3. Contribute to and supervise a Research Assistant in undertaking research activities that will include fieldwork within Northern Ireland and border counties of the Republic of Ireland.
4. Take a leading role in writing up results, reports, publications and future proposals.
5. Assist with ethical and research governance procedures and amendments in relation to the study
6. Liaise closely with colleagues in the Republic of Ireland to ensure the success of this all-Ireland study.
7. Carry out analyses, critical evaluations, and interpretations using both qualitative and quantitative methodologies and other techniques appropriate for the study.
8. Present regular progress reports on research to members of the research group or to external audiences to disseminate and publicise research findings.
9. Prepare manuscripts based on the results of this work for publication in national and international journals
10. Carry out routine administrative tasks associated with the research project to ensure that the project is completed on time and within budget.
11. Carry out day-to-day supervision of the project's Research Assistant and liaise with other stakeholders relevant to the project.
12. Read academic papers, journals and textbooks to keep abreast of developments in own specialism and related disciplines.

Planning and Organising:

1. Plan your own day-to-day activity and supervise the work of other project staff within the framework of the agreed research programme and Gantt chart.
2. Plan for the use of research activities, and workshops where appropriate.

Resource Management Responsibilities:

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

Internal and External Relationships:

1. Liaise on a regular basis with research team members and wider colleagues.
2. Build relevant contacts and participate in research and professional networks for the exchange of information and to form relationships for future collaboration.

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:

1. Normally have or be about to obtain a relevant PhD in a relevant discipline such as Nursing, Sociology, Psychology or a related discipline.
2. At least 3 years relevant research experience.
3. Experience of a range of social research methods including both qualitative and quantitative techniques.
4. Practical experience of research analysis using software packages such as SPSS or NVivo (or similar).
5. Experience of working with healthcare organisations to organise data collection.
6. Demonstrated ability to present timely progress reports to the research team, supervisor and external audience.
7. Experience of completing research reports, papers and of presenting at conferences.
8. Ability to contribute to broader management and administrative processes of the study.
9. Ability to communicate complex information clearly.
10. Ability to build and service contacts and participate in internal and external networks.
11. Demonstrable intellectual ability.
12. Ability to assess and organise resources.
13. Ability to work independently and on own initiative
14. Ability to communicate complex information clearly.
15. Access to transport and a willingness to travel to meet the needs of the post

DESIRABLE CRITERIA:

1. Experience of working in a multidisciplinary team.
2. Experience of supervising research staff
3. Evidence of having co-ordinated a research project to a successful completion.
4. Experience of liaising with external organisations to ensure the completion of research projects.
5. Experience of completing both qualitative and quantitative research