

Candidate Information

Position:	Research Assistant (4 months)
School/Department:	Centre for Cancer Research and Cell Biology
Reference:	19/107448
Closing Date:	Monday 27 May 2019
Salary:	£27,831 per annum
Duration:	4 months

JOB PURPOSE:

To be an active member of the research team, assisting in the planning and delivery of research activity relating to the informed consent process in biobanking. The post holder will be required to contribute a systematic review on consent in biobanking and contribute to the development of a discrete choice experiment to elicit patient preferences for biobank consent.

MAJOR DUTIES:

1. Support the research team in undertaking a systematic review on biobank informed consent including: drafting title registrations and protocols; overseeing literature searching; and screening of outputs.
2. Contribute to the preparation and analysis of both qualitative and quantitative data for the review.
3. Assist the research team in the development of a discrete choice experiment (DCE), to include: focus group/face to face interviews and analysis; development of attributes and levels for DCE; design and construction of choice sets.
4. Present regular progress reports on the project to the research team.
5. Carry out routine administrative duties as required, e.g. arranging research team meetings.
6. To help prepare articles for submission to relevant journals.
7. To help prepare reports for the research funder.
8. Carry out any other duties designated which fall within the general ambit of the post.

Planning and Organising:

1. Plan own day-to-day activities within the timescales of the research programme.
2. Contribute to the planning of the research project, reports and publications.

Resource Management Responsibilities:

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

Internal and External Relationships:

1. Liaise with research colleagues and support staff on routine matters.
2. Make internal and external contacts to develop knowledge and understanding and form relationships for future collaboration.
3. Attend and contribute to relevant meetings.

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:

1. First or upper second class honours degree or equivalent in Nursing/Midwifery, Public Health, Biomedical Science, Medicine or closely related discipline.
2. At least one year of relevant experience working on a funded research project in the social or health sciences (not counting research experience gained as part of a degree or postgraduate qualification).
3. Experience of qualitative research methods.
4. Experience of conducting systematic reviews.
5. Willingness to undertake additional training in statistics/research methods and other related skills as required.
6. Excellent verbal and written communication skills.

7. Ability to communicate information and ideas effectively.
8. Ability to work independently and use own initiative.
9. Ability to plan and organise workload to meet standards and deadlines.

DESIRABLE CRITERIA:

1. Higher degree in a related discipline.
2. Experience recruiting and engaging with participants for research.
3. Experience of discrete choice experiment methodology.