

Candidate Information

Position:	Research Fellow
School/Department:	School of Psychology
Reference:	19/107802
Closing Date:	Monday 7 October 2019
Salary:	£33,797 to £40,322 per annum
Anticipated Interview Date:	Wednesday 16 October 2019
Duration:	Available for 9 months until 30 June 2020

JOB PURPOSE:

The post-holder will undertake research in the area of veterans' health and well-being. Key responsibilities will be analysing data which has already been collected as part of the Northern Ireland Veterans Health and Wellbeing Study (NIVHWS) via an online psychological well-being survey. The post holder will take a lead role in coordinating a series of academic publications and therefore quantitative methods skills are required. The successful candidate will have a proven track record in research. The focus will be on peer reviewed publications and on ensuring the best dissemination of project outcomes.

MAJOR DUTIES:

1. To contribute to the required deliverables of the project as directed by the Principal Investigator.
2. Liaising with the collaborating project partners and to travel to meetings organised for the project, if required.
3. Working as an effective and productive member of the NIVHWS team within the School of Psychology and assisting in the broad development of research within the team.
4. Adopting a professional attitude to the responsibilities and duties of the post, with respect to attendance, timekeeping, initiative and unsupervised work.
5. Read academic papers, journals and textbooks to keep abreast of developments in own specialism and related disciplines.
6. Carry out high level quantitative analyses, critical evaluations, and interpretations using methodologies and other techniques appropriate to area of research.
7. Assisting in the preparation of research proposals so as to secure an income stream to sustain the research programme.
8. Prepare, in consultation with supervisor, material for publication in national and international journals and presentations at international conferences.
9. Management of existing databases, cleaning and recoding etc.
10. Carry out routine administrative tasks associated with the research project to ensure that the project is completed on time and within budget. These might include organisation of project meetings and documentation, financial control, risk assessment of research activities.
11. Carry out occasional undergraduate supervision, demonstrating or lecturing duties within the post holder's area of expertise and under the direct guidance of a member of academic staff.

Planning and Organising:

1. Co-ordination of research activities and associated dissemination.
2. Plan own day-to day activity within framework of the agreed research programme.
3. Plan in advance to meet deadlines for journal publications and to prepare presentations and papers for conferences.
4. 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 and students.
2. Build internal contacts and participate in internal networks for the exchange of information and to form relationships for future collaboration.
3. Join external networks to share information and ideas.
4. Present research at psychology/mental health conferences and meetings.

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:

1. Degree (2:1 or above) in Psychology.
2. Have or be about to obtain a PhD in Psychology.
3. At least 3 years relevant research experience.
4. Evidence of a high level of quantitative analytical skills
5. Experience of conducting psychological research in populations exposed to trauma and/or experiencing mental ill health
6. Evidence of the production of a peer reviewed journal article(s)
7. Experience of using the statistical packages of SPSS & MPlus
8. Previous experience of presenting research at psychology / mental health conferences / meetings
9. Ability to manage a research project.
10. Evidence of good organisational and administrative skills.
11. Ability to communicate with a range of disciplines/professions.
12. Ability to communicate complex information clearly.
13. High level of oral and written communication skills in English
14. Excellent networking and presentation skills in English.
15. Demonstrable intellectual ability.
16. Ability to assess and organise resources.
17. Willingness to travel as required by the position.

DESIRABLE CRITERIA:

1. MSc in Research Methods.
2. Evidence of coordination of research activities and associated dissemination.
3. Experience of secondary data analysis.
4. Experience of preparing applications for funding.
5. Experience of supporting/ teaching students at undergraduate/ postgraduate level.
6. Experience of managing research with simultaneous, different phases.
7. 3. Other Skills/Knowledge Ability to communicate with a range of disciplines/professions.

Evidence of ability to engage and communicate effectively with a range of stakeholders in statutory and non-statutory sectors.

8. Experience of delivering presentations to a variety of audiences.
9. Access to own transport.