

## Candidate Information

<b>Position:</b>	Research Fellow
<b>School/Department:</b>	School of Psychology
<b>Reference:</b>	19/107820
<b>Closing Date:</b>	Monday 14 October 2019
<b>Salary:</b>	£33,797 to £40,322 per annum (pro rata)
<b>Anticipated Interview Date:</b>	Tuesday 29 October 2019
<b>Duration:</b>	24 months

### JOB PURPOSE:

This is a research post for a period of 24mths, 3 days per week, based in the School of Psychology at QUB. The post holder will assist in conducting a pilot randomised controlled trial to evaluate the performance of a research protocol to compare the Reconsolidation of Traumatic Memories (RTM) intervention with Trauma-Focussed CBT. The interventions will be delivered by charities focusing on the treatment of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) in ex-military veterans. They will assist the QUB principle investigator (PI), Professor Cherie Armour, working alongside PI collaborators from Kings College London. The successful candidate will assist in the overall delivery of the project across multiple collaborator organisations in Northern Ireland and England. The post holder will be provided with opportunities to build their own research capacity and research interests through training opportunities and through collaborations with senior academic colleagues regionally, nationally and internationally through the established research networks of colleagues at Queen's University Belfast.

### MAJOR DUTIES:

1. Regular liaison with the PI concerning updates on ongoing project progress; flagging up problems as they arise.
2. Be the key liaison point for all internal and external collaborators and stakeholders as directed by the project and by the PI.
3. Contribute to ethical approval submissions for the project.
4. Organise training for the research team as required.
5. Explain the project to potential participants with clarity and answer queries to encourage participation whilst being mindful that participation is voluntary.
6. Ensure the best possible response and retention rates for the project within the designated timeframe.
7. Conduct a risk assessment of potential difficulties that might be encountered for the project and develop a plan for troubleshooting.
8. Be involved in the collection of data, working flexibly, and undertaking work outside of office hours if required.
9. Plan and oversee the data management including cleaning and validation of questionnaire/interview data.
10. Contribute to management of project expenditure.
11. Be involved in the analysis and writing up of academic products, including reports and submissions to peer-review journals.
12. Organise and run project meetings with multiple stakeholders across Northern Ireland, England and Wales.
13. Arrange and participate in bi-weekly meetings between the KCL and the QUB core research team to monitor project recruitment and data collection.
14. Attend and present at relevant meetings and seminars as required.
15. Where appropriate to the project, set up and oversee the management of administrative, statistical, and any qualitative databases (e.g., SPSS, NVIVO) and be responsible for the preparation of cleaned and validated datasets.
16. Assist the PI and the collaborative research team in identifying and writing follow-on funding applications.
17. Travel in-line with the requirements of the post.
18. Any other duties appropriate to the grade and nature of the post.
19. Read academic papers, journals and textbooks to keep abreast of developments in own specialism and related disciplines.

### Planning and Organising:

1. Manage own research demands under general supervision of PI and Director of Research.

2. Plan for the use of research resources and workshops where appropriate.
3. Plan own day-to day activity within framework of the agreed research programme.
4. Plan to meet deadlines for journal 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 collaborators, 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. Contribute to the School's outreach programme by establishing links with local community groups, industries etc.

**ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:**

1. Honours Degree in Psychology.
2. Hold a PhD in Psychology, Epidemiology or Statistics.
3. At least 3 years relevant research experience.
4. Experience of having worked with multidisciplinary teams involved in research.
5. Understanding of issues with data confidentiality/security/data sharing.
6. Experience of designing and collecting quantitative survey data, including using online survey software such as Qualtrics.
7. Experience of using the statistical packages of SPSS & MPlus.
8. Previous experience of presenting research internationally.
9. Evidence of publishing a peer reviewed output.
10. Experience of managing research data such as data entry, data cleaning and producing datasets.
11. Experience of engaging with key stakeholders through advisory panels and/or PPI groups.
12. Ability to communicate with a range of disciplines/professions.
13. Evidence of ability to engage and communicate effectively with a range of stakeholders in statutory and non-statutory sectors.
14. Ability to communicate complex information clearly.
15. Ability to assess and organise resources.
16. Willingness to travel in line with the requirements of the post.

**DESIRABLE CRITERIA:**

1. MSc related to Clinical Psychology or Mental Health.
2. Past experience of working as an Assistant Psychologist or a Psychological Wellbeing Practitioner.
3. Experience of supporting/ teaching students at undergraduate/ postgraduate level.
4. Experience of working in a team with other contract researchers.
5. Experience of delivering presentations to a variety of audiences.