

Candidate Information

Position:	Clinical Research Fellow in the Belfast Ophthalmic Research Centre (Part Time)
School/Department:	Centre for Public Health
Reference:	20/108213
Closing Date:	Monday 30 March 2020
Salary:	£33,797 - £44,045 per annum (pro rata).
Anticipated Interview Date:	09/04/2020
Duration:	This is a part time post (7.4 hours per week) and is available until 31 December 2020.

JOB PURPOSE:

To provide high level clinician-level image adjudication of complex cases for ophthalmic research studies and trials undertaken at BORG.

To develop and implement new teaching and training material for the ophthalmic photo-graders within Belfast Ophthalmic Reading Centre (BORG) and NetWOCR UK with the aim of developing advanced grading skills and to ultimately improve the quality of the grading service provided by BORG and NetWOCR UK.

MAJOR DUTIES:

1. Undertake the Clinical adjudication of complex cases for all research studies and trials undertaken at BORG/NETWOCR UK.
2. Develop and implement new teaching and training material for ophthalmic photo-graders within BORG and other NetWOCR UK centres, to develop the skills of grading staff. Undertake training of clinical visitors and research fellows from international locations at the Reading Centre.
3. Contribute to the research portfolio of the department (particularly image analysis and reading centre based research). To include production, publication and presentation at relevant conferences and events.
4. Contribute to the development and review of grading algorithms, grading forms and grading protocols for research studies undertaken at the reading centre and managed by CARF for NetWOCR UK.
5. Utilise Clinical expertise to customise & enhance grading protocols for specific new studies as required.
6. Involvement in the specification of grading form rules and refinement of these rules for new studies being undertaken.
7. To plan, carry out participate in regular quality assurance and concordance exercises within the reading centre and NetWOCR UK.
8. Foster excellent working relationships within and outside BORG.
9. Direct and mentor research staff where appropriate.
10. Enhance and broaden the reading centre and NetWOCR UK service and ensure optimal use is made of all resources allocated to the service.

Planning and Organising:

1. To organise own workload.
2. To ensure all images sent for Clinical adjudication are completed in a timely manner.
3. To ensure time for research activities.
4. To develop and organise and manage training on a weekly basis for Belfast graders and on a 4-monthly basis for reading centre meetings with graders from Moorfields and Liverpool Reading Centres.
5. To plan and carry out concordance and QA exercises for each of the studies currently being undertaken by the Reading Centre.

Resource Management Responsibilities:

1. To manage the weekly adjudication activities for all BORG studies.
2. To provide training, feedback and guidance to staff and any students who may be assisting in research activities.

Internal and External Relationships:

1. To liaise on a regular basis with BORC colleagues and other NetwORC UK staff and clinicians at Moorfields Ophthalmic Reading Centre, Moorfields Eye Hospital, London and the Liverpool Ophthalmic Reading Centre, Royal Liverpool Hospital.
2. To maintain existing and build new internal contacts and participate in internal and external networks for the exchange of information and to form relationships for future collaboration.

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:

1. Medically qualified, registered with GMC.
2. Minimum of 3 years senior clinical experience at consultant or Associate Specialist level in ophthalmic image analysis.
3. Experience of grading and adjudicating complex ophthalmic images across a wide range of Imaging modalities.
4. Relevant clinical experience allowing for high level adjudication of complex cases in clinical research studies is essential to this post.
5. Excellent IT skills e.g. Microsoft Office suite.
6. Excellent organisational skills.
7. Excellent inter-personal skills/clear and confident communicator.
8. Excellent oral and written communication skills.
9. Ability to work in a multi-disciplinary environment as part of a research team.
10. Ability to work independently and on own initiative.
11. Ability to work outside normal hours when necessary.
12. Willingness to travel to meet the needs of the post.

DESIRABLE CRITERIA:

1. Substantial teaching experience at University level having designed modules and assessment methods in own specialism and appropriate contribution to the teaching load of the School/area, having developed the range of modules/levels since career start.
2. Experience in providing ophthalmic image grading support both in Reading Centre and diabetic eye screening setting.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

7.4 hours per week.