



Candidate Information

Position:	Research Fellow - Public Health Intervention Development Scheme
School/Department:	Centre for Public Health
Reference:	21/108724
Closing Date:	Monday 12 April 2021
Salary:	£33,797 per annum
Anticipated Interview Date:	Thursday 22 April 2021
Duration:	Available for 4 months or until 30 September 2021 (whichever is sooner)

JOB PURPOSE:

The post holder will contribute towards the completion of a collaborative research project. The project involves the design of an intervention to increase walking activity among people with visual impairment. The postholder will work alongside the existing Research Fellow to organise and facilitate interviews and focus groups with stakeholders, including people with visual impairment, their family members and sighted guides, and to assist with the analysis and dissemination of qualitative data.

The study is funded by MRC PHIND (Public Health Intervention Development Scheme).

MAJOR DUTIES:

1. Organise, facilitate and recruit participants to a series of (virtual) focus groups and semi-structured interviews.
2. Undertake reviews of relevant literature relating to behaviour change techniques relevant to walking interventions and visual impairment.
3. Undertake data collection, data entry and transcription.
4. Undertake data analysis, including basic (quantitative) descriptive analysis and qualitative analysis.
5. Manage the safe and accurate identification, collection and storage of data.
6. Assist with drafting progress reports and other outputs.
7. Build and maintain good working relationships with the research team, collaborators, and other key stakeholders.
8. Carry out administrative tasks associated with the project.
9. Assist with the dissemination of research findings via various media forums and outlets.
10. Read academic papers, journals and textbooks to keep abreast of developments in own specialism and related disciplines.
11. Any other duties related to the successful achievement of the study.

Planning and Organising:

1. Plan own day-to-day activity within framework of the agreed research programme.
2. Feedback and liaise with research supervisor(s) on work progress.
3. Coordinate and liaise with other members of the research team and other relevant colleagues regarding progress.

Resource Management Responsibilities:

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

Internal and External Relationships:

1. Liaise on a regular basis with research collaborators, colleagues, and other stakeholders.
2. Make internal and external contacts to develop knowledge and understanding, share information and ideas, and form relationships for future collaboration.
3. Attend and contribute to relevant meetings.

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:

1. Have or be about to obtain a PhD in a health related, social science or psychology discipline or a closely related subject relevant to the study.
2. 3 relevant experience.
3. Experience of using qualitative research methods and qualitative data analysis.
4. Experience of conducting semi-structured interviews and/or focus groups.
5. Experience with video-conferencing platforms such as MS Teams and Zoom.
6. Excellent IT skills.
7. Excellent organisational and administrative skills and able to meet deadlines.
8. Excellent interpersonal, oral and written communication skills (including evidence of ability to write reports).
9. Clear and confident communicator.
10. Ability to give formal presentations.
11. Ability to work independently and on own initiative.

DESIRABLE CRITERIA:

1. Postgraduate qualification in research methods.
2. Good publication track record commensurate with experience.
3. Experience of working in an applied research context.
4. Experience of working in a multi-disciplinary team.
5. Experience of research in a relevant area.
6. Experience of conducting literature reviews.
7. Experience of management of databases and statistical packages e.g.SPSS and NVivo.
8. Experience of working in a professional or research capacity with people with visual impairment.
9. Experience of conducting interviews and/or focus groups via video-conferencing platforms such as MS Teams/ Zoom.
10. Knowledge intervention development techniques.
11. Knowledge of the Behaviour Change wheel and Behaviour Change Techniques (BCTs).