

Candidate Information

Position:	Research Fellow - Stress Trauma and Related Conditions
School/Department:	Psychology
Reference:	21/109192
Closing Date:	Monday 25 October 2021
Salary:	£34,304 per annum (pro rata)
Anticipated Interview Date:	Monday 6 October 2021
Duration:	3 Months

JOB PURPOSE:

This research position will be based in the Research Centre for Stress Trauma and Related Conditions (STARC) in the School of Psychology at Queen's University Belfast. The post holder will join a productive team of researchers working in the field of psychological trauma and mental health. The post holder will focus on the creation of peer-reviewed outputs from existing mental ill health data. The successful candidate will therefore be focused on data analysis, writing, and administration around the submission of publications. This post offers a unique opportunity for someone to quickly produce outputs in leading psychology and psychiatry journal to enhance their CV.

MAJOR DUTIES:

1. Regular liaison with the PI concerning the generation of important research questions and corresponding analytical plans.
2. Liaise with the PI to provide updates on outputs; flagging up problems as they arise.
3. Read academic papers, journals, and textbooks as relevant to the topic of investigation.
4. Review datasets to ensure research questions can be appropriately answered with the available data.
5. Screen, clean and manage datasets relevant to the research topics/questions under investigation.
6. Ensure the best possible outputs within the designated timeframe.
7. Be involved in the analysis and writing up of submissions to peer-review journals.
8. Prepare presentations and attend and present at relevant meetings and seminars as required.
9. Any other duties appropriate to the grade and nature of the post.

Planning and Organising:

1. Plan for the use of research resources and workshops where appropriate.
2. Plan own day-to day activity within framework of the agreed work plan.
3. Plan in advance to meet deadlines associated with the research activities and as directed by the PI.
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.

Internal and External Relationships:

1. Liaise on a regular basis with colleagues.
2. Build internal contacts and participate in internal networks for the exchange of information and to form relationships for collaborations.

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:

1. Honours Degree in Psychology or related discipline.
2. Have, or about to obtain, a PhD in Psychology, Epidemiology, Statistics or related discipline.

3. At least 3 years relevant research experience to include:
 - Demonstrable understanding of secondary data analysis processes.
 - Experience of working with quantitative survey data.
 - Experience of using the statistical packages of SPSS and/or MPlus.
4. A peer reviewed publication record commensurate with career stage.
5. Ability to manage a research project.
6. Evidence of good organisational and administrative skills.
7. Experience of managing research databases.
8. Evidence of ability to engage and communicate effectively with a broad range of academics.
9. Ability to verbally present complex information clearly in oral and written format.
10. Ability to assess and organise resources.

DESIRABLE CRITERIA:

1. MSc related to Clinical Psychology, Epidemiology, Statistics, or Mental Health.
2. Evidence of expertise in qualitative research techniques.
3. Evidence of expertise in advanced statistical modelling techniques.
4. Experience of supporting/ teaching students at undergraduate/ postgraduate level.
5. Evidence of collaborating with other academics on research outputs.