Candidate Information

Position: Research Fellow
School/Department: Psychology
Reference: 21/109470
Closing Date: Thursday 20 January 2022
Salary: £34,304 per annum (pro-rata)
Anticipated Interview Date: Tuesday 8 February 2022
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 successful candidate will join researchers who are conducting ecological momentary assessment research on PTSD. They will also have the opportunity to lead on secondary data analysis of existing datasets including the NI Veterans Health and Wellbeing Study, the COVID19 Psychological Wellbeing Study, or a dataset of ex-prisoners assessing maladaptive cognitive schemas and wellbeing. This post offers a unique opportunity for someone to join a productive team and quickly produce outputs in leading psychology and psychiatry journals 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 activity and outputs; flagging up problems as they arise.
3. Read academic papers, journals, and textbooks as relevant to the topic of investigation.
4. Manage and review datasets to ensure research questions can be appropriately answered with the available data.
5. Ensure the best possible output(s) within the designated timeframe.
6. Be involved in the analysis and writing up of a submission(s) to a peer-review journal(s).
7. Prepare presentations and attend and present at relevant meetings and seminars as required.
8. Any other duties appropriate to the grade and nature of the post.

Planning and Organising:

1. Plan for the use of research resources 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. A PhD in Psychology, Epidemiology, Statistics, or related discipline (of relevance to stress, trauma and/or mental health) in progress or completed.
3. Understanding of secondary data analysis processes and/or the collection of ecological momentary assessment data

4.   Experience of working with quantitative survey data (for example, large scale surveys, or ecological momentary assessment data).
5.   Experience of using the statistical packages of SPSS and/or MPlus, and/or R.
6.   A peer reviewed publication record commensurate with career stage.
7.   Ability to manage a research project.
8.   Evidence of good organisational and administrative skills.
9.   Experience of managing research databases (for example data from Qualtrics, RedCap or Ethica).
10. Evidence of ability to engage and communicate effectively with a broad range of academics.
11. Ability to verbally present complex information clearly.
12. Ability to 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.