

## Candidate Information

<b>Position:</b>	Research Assistant
<b>School/Department:</b>	Nursing and Midwifery
<b>Reference:</b>	22/109867
<b>Closing Date:</b>	Monday 4 July 2022
<b>Salary:</b>	£28,756 per annum Pro Rata £14,378 per annum
<b>Anticipated Interview Date:</b>	Friday 15 July 2022
<b>Duration:</b>	Available for 5 months

### JOB PURPOSE:

This Marie Curie Policy-themed Small Research Grant Scheme project ultimately aims to explore how loneliness could impact upon on the health, wellbeing and quality of life of people living with terminal illness, their carers, and family. The project has explored ideas, which have the potential to reduce loneliness in this group and improve experience at the end of life. The study design was mixed methods with Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) input to the design, analysis and dissemination.

The role requires a research assistant to work alongside QUB and Marie Curie colleagues. The successful candidate will assist the research team in preparing a grant for submission, based on the findings from the initial mixed methods study.

### MAJOR DUTIES:

1. Support overall project management and ensure close liaison with all members of the wider project team at Queen's University Belfast and Marie Curie.
2. Assist the wider project team to prepare a future grant application.
3. Prepare, in consultation with research team colleagues, material for academic publication in national and international journals and presentations at international conferences.
4. To carry out routine administrative tasks associated with the project (e.g. organisation of project meetings and producing/circulating associated documentation).
5. Assist the research team in the design and implementation of procedures required to ensure accurate and timely formal reporting against project milestones.
6. Read academic papers, journals and textbooks to keep abreast of developments.
7. Carry out any other reasonable duty commensurate with the grade and purpose of the post.

### ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:

1. Degree or equivalent in a relevant social science or healthcare discipline.
2. At least one years relevant research experience.
3. Experience of grant writing.
4. Experience of facilitating patient and public involvement in writing research proposals.
5. Evidence of good organisational and administrative skills.
6. Ability to communicate with a range of disciplines/professions.
7. Good IT Skills.
8. Ability to interact with research colleagues.
9. Ability to analyse and communicate effectively.
10. Track record of publications.
11. Demonstrable intellectual ability.

### DESIRABLE CRITERIA:

1. Have, or be about to obtain a PhD in a relevant social science or healthcare discipline such as nursing.
2. Experience of working or research in palliative care.

3. Proven ability to manage a research project.
4. Experience of working in a research team (including remotely).
5. Excellent record of publication in health service related journals.
6. Demonstrable experience of presenting research at conferences to a wide variety of audiences.
7. Highly self-motivated and hardworking.