

# **Candidate Information**

**Position:** Research Fellow (maternity cover)

School/Department: Centre for Public Health

**Reference:** 22/109927

Closing Date: Monday 3 October 2022
Salary: £35,333 - £42,155 per annum
Anticipated Interview Date: Thursday 27 October 2022
Duration: Fixed term for up to 4 months

# JOB PURPOSE:

To be an active member of the research project/team assisting in the development of research proposals and the planning and delivery of the research activity within a specified area so that the overall research objectives of the project/school are met.

#### **MAJOR DUTIES:**

- To work as part of the Epidemiology research group within the Centre for Public Health, School of Medicine, Dentistry & Biomedical Sciences, Queen's University Belfast.
- 2. To assist others in the team in undertaking cohort studies with a partially clinical element.
- 3. To perform data cleaning and statistical analysis for intervention study and for other existing datasets as required.
- 4. To assist with ethical and research governance procedures.
- 5. To assist with biomarker assay, microbiological and/or genomic laboratory analysis or work alongside a team who specialises in this
- 6. To present regular progress reports for the research team or to external audiences to disseminate and publicise research findings.
- 7. Develop a public engagement strategy related to this project and initiate dialogue with relevant stakeholders and policy makers.
- 8. To carry out routine administrative tasks associated with the research programme to ensure that project activities are completed on time and within budget, including maintenance of project website, organisation of project meetings and documentation, financial control and risk assessment of research activities.
- 9. To prepare manuscripts based on the results of this work as appropriate for submission to peer review journals.
- 10. To present work as appropriate at local, national and international conferences.
- 11. To review scientific literature and develop new nutrition-related research projects.
- 12. To assist with the submission of associated grant applications and the supervision of doctoral students.
- 13. Any other duties related to the successful achievement of the above study.

### **ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:**

- 1. Have or be about to obtain a PhD in Genetics/Genomics or a closely related discipline.
- 2. At least three years recent relevant research experience.
- 3. Experience of management and co-ordination of human intervention studies.
- 4. Publication track record commensurate with experience.
- 5. Experience of management of databases and statistical packages e.g. Stata, SPSS.
- 6. Proven ability to work in a multi-disciplinary environment as part of a research team.
- 7. Excellent IT skills e.g. Microsoft Office suite.
- 8. Excellent organisational skills.
- Excellent inter-personal skills.
- 10. Excellent oral and written communication skills.
- 11. Evidence of ability to write reports and meet deadlines.
- 12. Evidence of ability to deal competently with administrative tasks and contribute to broader management tasks.
- 13. Evidence of having co-ordinated a research project to successful completion.

- 14. Clear and confident communicator.
- 15. Ability to give formal presentations.
- 16. Ability to build contacts and participate in internal and external networks.
- 17. Ability to work independently and on own initiative.
- 18. Ability to act decisively and confidently.
- 19. Access to transport or ability to meet the mobility requirements of the post and willingness to travel to meet the needs of the post.
- 20. Ability to work outside normal hours when necessary.
- 21. Willingness to travel to European Partner Institutions for training and dissemination.
- 22. The post is subject to Access NI.

# **DESIRABLE CRITERIA:**

- 1. Experience of process evaluation and/or qualitative research methods.
- 2. Experience of dietary assessment and analysis.
- 3. Experience of undertaking a range of community engagement, outreach and dissemination activities.
- 4. Experience of supervising and mentoring research students.
- 5. Proven ability to participate in or initiate collaborative research.
- 6. Experience of public engagement activities and disseminating research to non-academic audiences.
- 7. Strong commitment to a career in research.

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

The post holder will be issued with an honorary contract with the BHSCT if successful.