

Candidate Information

Position:	Research Fellow
School/Department:	School of Psychology
Reference:	22/110074
Closing Date:	Monday 22 August 2022
Salary:	£35,333 - £38,592 per annum.
Anticipated Interview Date:	Thursday 1 September 2022
Duration:	Fixed term available until 31 July 2023

JOB PURPOSE:

This is a unique opportunity to join Professor Ross White and a productive team of researchers working in the field of Global Mental Health. The post holder will work on the 'Participatory research to support the development of culturally sensitive mental health and wellbeing services for the Kankuamo people of Colombia'. This project is a collaboration with colleagues based at the Universidad Externado de Colombia in Bogota, Colombia led by co-PI Prof. Diego Mauricio Aponte. The post-holder will conduct fieldwork in Colombia and will be involved in the completion of a systematic literature review relating to the application of the capabilities approach to support the mental health and wellbeing of indigenous people. The post-holder will also be involved in the analysis of project data, and the write up of subsequent outputs.

MAJOR DUTIES:

1. Collaborate with the Colombia team to support to the day-to-day management (both remotely and in person during field visits) of research activity being conducted in Colombia. This will entail:
 - o Obtaining relevant approvals for the project from UK oversight bodies, and supporting the obtaining of approvals in Colombia.
 - o Working with relevant stakeholders in the UK and Colombia.
 - o Engaging in participatory action research activities with members of the in-country Colombian research team and the Kankuamo communities.
 - o Planning and supporting participant recruitment.
 - o Carrying out and providing distance support for the conduct of qualitative interviews.
 - o Collaborating on the conduct of qualitative and quantitative data analysis.
 - o Contributing support to the in-country Colombian research team in the training and deployment of Community Welfare Advocates in the Kankuamo communities.
2. Contribute to the completion of a mixed methods scoping systematic review.
3. Preparation and depositing of anonymised project data into an open access repository.
4. Writing up research findings into reports and co-authoring peer reviewed papers; and contributing to academic outputs for example by preparing conference abstracts, presentations and posters, as well as interim/final project reports to funders.
5. Participating in dissemination and impact activities such as using social media, writing blogs, and using other dissemination tools to communicate about project activity.
6. Regular liaison with the PI concerning updates on ongoing project progress.

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:

1. Honours Degree in Psychology or related discipline.
2. Have or be about to obtain a PhD in Psychology or a related social science discipline.

3. At least 3 years relevant research experience to include:
 - Experience in conducting mixed methods (both qualitative and quantitative) research in applied mental health research or a related social science discipline (e.g. Global Mental Health).
 - Experience of conducting a qualitative literature synthesis.
 - Experience of using the statistical packages of SPSS and/or MPlus.
 - A developing track record of delivering high-quality research publications and other research outputs.
 - Experience of writing outputs for a range of audiences (e.g. funder, policy, practice and academic).
 - Experience of writing research protocols and obtaining ethical approvals for research.
4. Ability to manage a research project under guidance of the PI.
5. Evidence of good organisational and administrative skills.
6. Experience of managing qualitative and quantitative research data such as transcription, data entry, data cleaning and producing datasets.
7. Proactive seeking of support / guidance from the Project Team where required, including identifying impediments to project progress and attainment of deadlines.
8. Fluent in both English and Spanish languages (spoken, written and reading).
9. Ability to communicate complex information clearly.
10. Capacity to engage sensitively with research participants and collaborators from a variety of backgrounds and settings.
11. Ability to work independently and also collaboratively as part of an interdisciplinary team to produce research outcomes.
12. Willingness to travel abroad for research activities.

DESIRABLE CRITERIA:

1. An MSc in Global Mental Health (or related area of study such as cultural mental health, anthropology, sociology etc).
2. Recognised training in qualitative research methods and analysis.
3. Experience of supporting the strategic and operational management of international research programmes and teams.
4. Experience of working closely with stakeholders and health and user organisations and applying academic expertise to help solve practical problems.
5. Experience and/or knowledge of health inequalities or indigenous health research.
6. A track record of publications in high impact journals.
7. Experience of training and supervising other staff in the conduct of field research.
8. Previous experience of working with indigenous populations.
9. Knowledge of the philosophical underpinnings of qualitative research.
10. Experience of delivering presentations to a variety of audiences.