

Candidate Information

Position: Research Fellow (Part-time 06.FTE)
School/Department: School of Social Sciences, Education and Social Work
Reference: 22/110314
Closing Date: Monday 14 November 2022
Salary: £35,333 - £42,155 per annum
Anticipated Interview Date: Thursday 1 December 2022
Duration: 12 months

JOB PURPOSE:

To be an active member of the ARK team (www.ark.ac.uk), working with colleagues across Queen's University Belfast and Ulster University, contributing to ARK's three public attitudes surveys, developing and undertaking communication and dissemination activities; and carrying out other research activities and projects as required.

MAJOR DUTIES:

1. Contribute to the work of the ARK survey team in the running of three annual public attitudes surveys.
2. Contribute to the development of questionnaires for ARK's three surveys.
3. Design and conduct the analysis of quantitative and qualitative data.
4. Contribute to papers suitable for a range of audiences, including for example, ARK Policy Briefs and Research Updates, and other plain language summaries.
5. Publicise the ARK surveys and data among academic, statutory, media and other stakeholders, using a range of mechanisms.
6. Contribute to the generation of research income through the identification of funding opportunities and the development of research proposals.
7. Prepare material for publication in national and international journals, presentations at international conferences, press releases and social media sites.
8. Carry out routine administrative tasks associated with ARK. These might include organisation of meetings and associated documentation.
9. Undertake ad-hoc research projects, using qualitative or quantitative methods.
10. Other specific duties as allocated by the PIs of the project.

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:

1. Have or be about to obtain a PhD in a relevant social science discipline.
2. At least three years' relevant research experience in qualitative or quantitative methods.
3. Experience of all stages of survey development.
4. Demonstrable experience in using statistical packages, such as SPSS.
5. Demonstrable experience in applying for research funding.
6. Demonstrable experience of disseminating research outputs to a range of academic and non-academic audiences.
7. A publication record commensurate with stage of career.
8. Ability to contribute to broader management and administrative processes.
9. Experience of linking with external colleagues and other stakeholders, and contributing to networks.
10. Willingness to undertake additional training in statistics/research methods and other related skills as required.
11. Ability to communicate complex information clearly.
12. Evidence of a high standard of report writing skills.
13. Ability to assess and organise resources.
14. Evidence of being able to work flexibly and to meet deadlines.
15. Ability to work efficiently as a team member and be highly motivated.
16. Interest in interdisciplinary research.

17. Willingness to travel as required.

DESIRABLE CRITERIA:

1. Experience of developing and maintaining websites using Dreamweaver or content management systems.
2. Experience of developing and maintaining workplace social media accounts.
3. Experience of managing research projects.
4. Experience of successfully organising events.