



Candidate Information

Position:	Research Fellow
School/Department:	Psychology
Reference:	23/111218
Closing Date:	Monday 2 October 2023
Salary:	£37,841 per annum
Anticipated Interview Date:	Wednesday 18 or Thursday 19 October 2023
Duration:	Fixed Term until 31 May 2025

JOB PURPOSE:

To be an active member of the research project/team assisting in the planning and delivery of the research activity so that the overall research objectives of this The John Templeton Foundation funded project, titled "Developing Belief: The Development and Diversity of Religious Cognition and Identity in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland".

MAJOR DUTIES:

1. Develop and plan an area of personal research and expertise, under the supervision of the Principal Investigator and Co-Investigators within the research project Developing Belief: The Development and Diversity of Religious Cognition and Behaviour in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.
2. Design, develop and refine experimental apparatus, field research or experiments in order to obtain reliable data.
3. Carry out analyses, critical evaluations, and interpretations using methodologies and other techniques appropriate to area of research.
4. Present regular progress reports on research to members of the research group or to external audiences to disseminate and publicise research findings.
5. Prepare, often in consultation with supervisor, material for publication in national and international journals and presentations at international conferences.
6. Assist grant holder in the preparation of funding proposals and applications to external bodies if required.
7. Carry out routine administrative tasks associated with the research project to ensure that project is completed on time and within budget. These might include organisation of project meetings and documentation, financial control, risk assessment of research activities.
8. Read academic papers, journals and textbooks to keep abreast of developments in own specialism and related disciplines.

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:

1. Have or about to obtain a PhD in Psychology or a relevant area such as Cognitive or Behavioural Science.
2. Recent relevant research experience.
3. Demonstrable experience of using quantitative research methodologies and techniques relevant to the research project, including ONE or more of the following:
 - Proven expertise in conducting reliable cross-cultural studies
 - Demonstrable expertise in longitudinal design and analysis with parents and children.
 - Experience in designing and running experimental studies with children
 - Experience with mixed-method studies with families, including coding naturalistic conversations.
4. Proven experience of using statistical packages to analyse, interpret and present on quantitative data.
5. Strong level of analytical capability.
6. Enthusiasm for working with children.
7. Enthusiasm for working as part of an international collaborative research network.
8. Proven ability to communicate with and relate to others at all levels, both internally and externally.
9. Proven ability to work independently with a high level of self-motivation, whilst also working in a wider team.

DESIRABLE CRITERIA:

1. Extensive breadth and depth of experience of using SPSS, R and/or Mplus.
2. Proven experience of using online experimental software, and especially Qualtrics.
3. Track record of high quality published empirical journal articles commensurate with stage of career.
4. Experience planning, implementing and evaluating research engagement and impact activities with a range of audiences.
5. Track record of engaging with open science practices.