

Candidate Information

Position: Research Fellow
School/Department: Centre for Public Health
Reference: 23/111279
Closing Date: Monday 9 October 2023
Salary: £37,841 - £42,567 per annum
Anticipated Interview Date: Thursday 9 November 2023
Duration: Fixed term until 31 March 2028

JOB PURPOSE:

The principal aim of the post is to undertake evidence syntheses that are identified as priorities by the Evidence Synthesis Programme of the National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR), for a range of health care, public health and social care topics. These evidence syntheses will use a variety of methods, including standard systematic reviews but are also likely to include living reviews, qualitative evidence synthesis and some using more complex methods such as individual participant data or network meta-analyses.

This is an exciting opportunity to be part of a new vision for evidence synthesis in the UK, as a member of the Aberdeen Belfast Evidence Collaboration (ABEC) NIHR Evidence Synthesis Group. The Research Fellow will be an active member of the project team that is a joint activity between Queen's University Belfast and the University of Aberdeen. They will also have the opportunity to engage with others in the Centre for Public Health who are working on evidence synthesis in a very wide range of topics.

MAJOR DUTIES:

1. Work with the wider ABEC team to take a principal role in undertaking evidence syntheses of topics prioritised by the Evidence Synthesis Programme of the National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR).
2. Collaborate with the ABEC team on evidence synthesis for which another member of the team has the principal role.
3. Present regular progress reports on research to members of the ABEC team or to external audiences.
4. Prepare material for publication in national and international journals and presentations at international conferences.
5. Carry out routine administrative tasks associated with ABEC to ensure that projects are completed on time and within budget.
6. Carry out occasional undergraduate supervision, demonstrating or lecturing duties within the post holder's area of expertise and under the direct guidance of a member of academic staff.
7. Read academic papers, journals and textbooks to keep abreast of developments in own specialism and related disciplines.

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:

1. Have or be about to obtain a PhD in a related discipline.
2. Specific, relevant research experience in evidence synthesis as evidenced by publication in peer reviewed journals.
3. A publication record commensurate with stage of career.
4. Experience of using statistical packages.
5. Sufficient breadth and depth of specialist knowledge in evidence synthesis.
6. Ability to deal competently with administrative tasks.
7. Excellent IT skills e.g. Microsoft Office suite.
8. Excellent organisational skills.
9. Excellent inter-personal skills.
10. Excellent oral and written communication skills.
11. Ability to write reports and meet deadlines.
12. Ability to communicate complex information clearly.
13. Ability to build contacts and participate in internal and external networks.
14. Good presentation skills.

15. Effective team player with the competence and confidence to work on their own and lead research projects or specific research tasks.
16. Demonstrable intellectual ability.
17. Ability to assess and organise resources.
18. Access to transport or ability to meet the mobility requirements of the post and willingness to travel to meet the needs of the post.

DESIRABLE CRITERIA:

1. A PhD in health or social care research.
2. Ability to work in a multi-disciplinary environment as part of a research team.
3. Evidence of publications in international journals.
4. Breadth and depth of knowledge in methods for health and social care research, including qualitative evidence synthesis, health economics, implementation science and clinical guidelines (e.g. NICE).
5. Strong commitment to a career in research.