

Candidate Information

Position:	Research Fellow
School/Department:	School of Psychology
Reference:	24/111730
Closing Date:	Monday 22 April 2024
Salary:	£37,841 per annum.
Anticipated Interview Date:	Week commencing Monday 6 May 2024
Duration:	Fixed term contract for 12 months, or available until 31 May 2025, whichever
	is sooner.

JOB PURPOSE:

To work with the Stress Trauma and Related Conditions (STARC) research centre and a productive team of researchers working in the field of psychological trauma and mental health. The post holder will conduct research across a broad array of research topics pertaining to psychological trauma, mental health, and suicidality as experienced by military veterans and their families. The post holder will assist primarily in the qualitative arm of the study by conducting interviews with families bereaved by suicide and will be involved in the quantitative arm of the study analysing existing survey data. They will lead on the creation of peer-reviewed outputs, presentations, and academic reports.

MAJOR DUTIES:

- 1. Day to day responsibility for the running of an established research study.
- 2. Regular liaison with the PI concerning updates on project progress; flagging up problems as they arise.
- 3. Be the key liaison point for all internal and external collaborators and stakeholders as directed by the project and by the PI.
- 4. Oversee ethical approval submissions for research projects.
- 5. Explain projects to potential participants with clarity and answer queries to encourage participation whilst being mindful that participation is voluntary.
- 6. Ensure the best possible response rates for research projects within the designated timeframe.
- 7. Be involved in the collection of data and working flexibly based on project demands.
- 8. Plan and oversee the data management for research projects including cleaning and validation of questionnaire/interview data.
- 9. Be involved in the analysis and writing up of academic products from projects, including project reports and submissions to peer-review journals.
- 10. Prepare presentations and attend and present at relevant meetings and seminars as required.
- 11. Where appropriate to the project, set up, screen, clean and oversee the management of administrative, statistical, and any qualitative databases (e.g., SPSS, NVIVO).
- 12. Assist the PI in identifying and writing funding applications to ensure a stream of new projects.
- 13. Travel in-line with the requirements of the post.
- 14. Carry out routine administrative tasks including those associated with specific research projects to ensure that the project is completed on time and within budget. These might include managing project diaries, organisation of collaborator / stakeholder meetings and associated documentation, financial management, and risk assessment of research activities.
- 15. Read academic papers, journals and textbooks to keep abreast of developments in own specialism and related disciplines.
- 16. Any other duties appropriate to the grade and nature of the post.

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:

- 1. Honours Degree in Psychology or related discipline.
- 2. A PhD in Psychology, Epidemiology, Statistics or related discipline.
- 3. Relevant research experience.
- 4. Experience of having worked with multidisciplinary teams involved in research.
- 5. Evidence of expertise in qualitative research techniques and analyses.

- 6. Demonstrable understanding of issues with data confidentiality/security/data sharing.
- 7. Project management experience preferably in an academic setting.
- 8. Previous experience of presenting research nationally and/or internationally.
- 9. A peer reviewed publication record commensurate with career stage.
- 10. Ability to manage a research project.
- 11. Evidence of good organisational and administrative skills.
- 12. Experience of managing research data such as data entry, data cleaning and producing datasets.
- 13. Evidence of ability to engage and communicate effectively with a broad range of stakeholders (e.g., in academic, statutory and non-statutory sectors).
- 14. Ability to communicate complex information clearly.
- 15. Ability to assess and organise resources.
- 16. Willingness to travel in line with the requirements of the post.

DESIRABLE CRITERIA:

- 1. MSc related to Clinical Psychology or Mental Health
- 2. Evidence of authorship of research reports from funded research projects.
- 3. Experience of designing and collecting quantitative survey data, including using online survey software such as Qualtrics.
- 4. Experience of using the statistical packages of SPSS and MPlus.
- 5. Evidence of expertise in advanced statistical modelling techniques.
- 6. Experience of supporting/ teaching students at undergraduate/ postgraduate level.
- 7. Experience of managing contract research staff.
- 8. Supervision of PhD researchers.