Candidate Information

Position:	Research Fellow
School/Department:	School of Medicine, Dentistry and Biomedical Sciences
Reference:	24/111918
Closing Date:	Monday 24 June 2024
Salary:	£37,841 per annum pro rata (actual salary for 0.5 FTE £18,920.50 per annum)
Anticipated Interview Date:	Monday 8 July 2024
Duration:	6 months or until 31 December 2024, whichever is sooner

JOB PURPOSE:

To be an active member of the Wellcome-Wolfson Institute for Experimental Medicine project team assisting in the planning and delivery of the research activity within critical care/respiratory research programme including set-up and delivery of a process evaluation within the Remote Rehabilitation After Intensive Care (iREHAB) project.

MAJOR DUTIES:

1. Set up and delivery of process evaluation within IREHAB trial.
2. Contribute to in-house research protocol development and evaluation of new protocols (e.g. issues such as design, practicality ethics, feasibility and patient selection).
3. Manage all aspects of a process evaluation liaising closely with the Chief/Principal/Co-Investigators, and other staff as appropriate, throughout the duration of each component of the process evaluation. This includes developing protocol specific activities, checklists and coordinating assessments, interviews, surveys as necessary in accordance with the protocol/guideline.
4. Coordinate and participate in relevant study meetings including but not limited to: multi-professional team meetings/clinics, investigator meetings, trial review meetings, monitoring visit meetings etc. Assist in meeting targets for the iREHAB project.
5. Assist the Investigators in preparation of documentation for the Research Governance Process (including IRAS, local Research Governance and other regulatory process applications).
6. Maintain on-going communications and liaise with the Sponsor and coordinating centre, (Warwick Clinical Trials Unit), clinical colleagues and all study stakeholders.
7. Comply with, and promote, Good Clinical Practice (GCP) and Research Governance Standards for clinical trials and maintains GCP training according to clinical trials legislation.
8. Provide education regarding new protocols and updates as required, including amendments and findings. This includes contributing to local and national trial education and discussion.
9. Develop conference posters and presentations as appropriate.
10. Present regular progress reports on research to members of the research group or to external audiences to disseminate and publicise research findings.
11. Prepare, often in consultation with research team, material for publication in national and international journals and presentations at international conferences.
12. Assist grant holder in the preparation of funding proposals and applications to external bodies.
13. 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.
14. Contribute to other research activities as guided by the wider research team

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:

1. Hold a relevant degree.
2. Have or be about to obtain* a PhD (in relevant area).
   (*must be obtained within 3 months of commencement of employment)
3. Significant relevant experience to include experience in common methodologies in trials and used in process evaluation (e.g. qualitative interviews and surveys).

4. Ability to contribute to broader management and administrative processes.
5. Sufficient breadth and depth of specialist knowledge in research delivery, clinical trials and of research methods and techniques to work within established research programmes.
6. Ability to communicate complex information clearly.
7. Ability to build contacts and participate in internal and external networks.
8. Demonstrable intellectual ability.
9. Ability to assess and organise resources.
10. Appointment to this post is subject to the successful candidate's Enhanced Criminal Record Check.

DESIRABLE CRITERIA:

1. Demonstrable knowledge of the UK Policy Framework for Health and Social Care Research and International Conference on Harmonisation / Good Clinical Practice (ICH GCP).
2. Experience in conducting process evaluations.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Informal enquires may be directed to Ben McCullough - b.mccullough@qub.ac.uk