



Candidate Information

Position:	Research Fellow
School/Department:	School of Arts, English and Languages
Reference:	24/112307
Closing Date:	Tuesday 26 November 2024
Salary:	£39,922 per annum.
Anticipated Interview Date:	Thursday 12 December 2024
Duration:	Fixed Term for 36 Months

JOB PURPOSE:

To be a highly productive, ambitious and collaborative member of our Deaf Studies/Sign Language research project assisting in the development of research proposals and the planning and delivery of research activity, particularly for projects that will have a direct benefit for the Northern Irish Deaf community.

The successful applicant will have responsibilities in independent research and outreach, as well as regular reporting to our funders and sponsors – the Department for Communities and the Ulster Society for the Education of the Deaf and Blind. Areas of particular interest to the project are:

1. Accessibility and Inclusion for d/Deaf students in Further and Higher Education.
2. To what extent and in what ways is poverty experienced by the d/Deaf community?
3. The d/Deaf community and ageing - experiences of older d/Deaf people in Northern Ireland.
4. The identification of positive role models for young d/Deaf people.

Preference may therefore be given to applicants who have a demonstrable ability to undertake research and produce outputs in at least one of these areas.

MAJOR DUTIES:

1. Develop and plan an area of personal research and expertise that offers benefits to the Northern Irish Deaf community.
2. Produce high quality research outputs consistent with project aims and commensurate with career stage. This may include collaborating and co-authoring with the project team (as appropriate) on outputs.
3. In consultation with the project team, promote research milestones and outputs at national and international conferences and through social media (where applicable).
4. Assist the project in the preparation of funding proposals and applications to external bodies.
5. Carry out occasional educational supervision, demonstrating or lecturing duties within the post holder's area of expertise and under the direct guidance of a member of academic staff.
6. Undertake supplementary duties relevant to the success of the project including administrative duties, reporting, and additional training and development activities as required.

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:

1. Must have a relevant PhD.
2. Must have at least Level 6 BSL, or the equivalent for ISL.
3. Recent relevant* research experience to include:
 - Experience of research in the area relevant to this project.
 - Working effectively as part of a research team in the development and promotion of Deaf Studies.
 - Track record of publication and report writing, commensurate with stage.
4. Ability to contribute to broader management and administrative processes.
5. Contribute to the School's outreach programme by links with industry, community groups etc.
6. Willingness to undertake additional training in research methods and other related skills as required.

7. Practical problem-solving skills, independence of thought and initiative.
8. Ability to communicate complex information effectively in oral, written and signed formats.
9. Ability to build relationships to develop internal and external networks.
10. Ability to assess and organise resources.