

Candidate Information

Position:	Research Fellow - Stress, Trauma & Related Conditions (Part-time)
School/Department:	School of Psychology
Reference:	25/112542
Closing Date:	Monday 2 June 2025
Salary:	£39,922 per annum
Anticipated Interview Date:	Thursday 26 June 2025
Duration:	Fixed Term, Part Time (0.2 FTE); available for approx. 2.5 years

JOB PURPOSE:

The post holder will assist in conducting a randomised controlled trial to evaluate the performance of a research protocol to compare the Reconsolidation of Traumatic Memories (RTM) intervention with Trauma Focussed CBT. The interventions will be delivered by charities focusing on the treatment of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) in ex-military veterans. They will assist the QUB principal investigator (PI), Professor Cherie Armour, working alongside PI collaborators from Kings College London (Professor Jackie Strut & Professor Neil Greenberg). The successful candidate will assist in the overall delivery of the project across multiple collaborator organisations in the UK. The post holder will be provided with opportunities to build their own research capacity and research interests through training opportunities and through collaborations with senior academic colleagues regionally, nationally and internationally through the established research networks of colleagues.

MAJOR DUTIES:

1. Regular liaison with the PI concerning updates on ongoing project progress; flagging up problems as they arise.
2. Contribute to project liaison for all internal and external collaborators and stakeholders as directed by the project and by the PI.
3. Contribute to ethical approval submissions for the project.
4. Explain the project to potential participants with clarity and answer queries to encourage participation whilst being mindful that participation is voluntary.
5. Ensure the best possible response and retention rates for the project within the designated timeframe.
6. Contribute to risk assessment of potential difficulties that might be encountered for the project and develop a plan for troubleshooting.
7. Be involved in the collection of data, working flexibly, and undertaking work outside of office hours if required.
8. Contribute to planning and overseeing the data management including cleaning and validation of questionnaire/interview data.
9. Be involved in the analysis and writing up of academic products, including reports and submissions to peer-review journals.
10. Contribute to organising and running project meetings with multiple stakeholders across Northern Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales.
11. Arrange and participate in meetings between the KCL and the QUB core research team to monitor project recruitment and data collection.
12. Attend and present at relevant meetings and seminars as required.
13. Where appropriate to the project, set up and oversee the management of administrative, statistical, and any qualitative databases (e.g., SPSS, NVIVO) and be responsible for the preparation of cleaned and validated datasets.
14. Any other duties appropriate to the grade and nature of the post.
15. Read academic papers, journals and textbooks to keep abreast of developments in own specialism and related disciplines.

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:

1. Honours Degree in Psychology or cognate discipline.
2. Hold, or be about to obtain, a PhD in Psychology or cognate discipline.
3. Recent relevant research experience.
4. Experience of having worked with multidisciplinary teams involved in research.
5. Understanding of issues with data confidentiality/security/data sharing.

6. Experience of designing and collecting quantitative survey data, including using online survey software such as Qualtrics.
7. Experience of using the statistical packages of SPSS.
8. Evidence of recently publishing a peer reviewed output(s).
9. Experience of managing research data such as data entry, data cleaning and producing datasets.
10. Experience of engaging with key stakeholders through advisory panels and/or PPI groups.
11. Ability to communicate with a range of disciplines/professions.
12. Evidence of ability to engage and communicate effectively with a range of stakeholders in statutory and non statutory sectors.
13. Ability to communicate complex information clearly.
14. Ability to assess and organise resources.
15. Willingness to travel in line with the requirements of the post.

DESIRABLE CRITERIA:

1. MSc related to Clinical Psychology, Mental Health or related discipline.
2. Past experience of working in a clinical practical setting with service users.
3. Experience of working on a pilot RCT or a RCT.
4. Experience of working in a team with other contract researchers.
5. Experience of delivering presentations to a variety of audiences.