

Candidate Information

Position: Research Fellow (0.6FTE)
School/Department: School of Social Sciences, Education and Social Work
Reference: 25/112758
Closing Date: Monday 18 August 2025
Salary: £41,519 per annum
Anticipated Interview Date: Tuesday 2 September 2025
Duration: 12 months

JOB PURPOSE:

This post will entail supporting the PI with the preparation and delivery the funded Mindset XR Project on the use of Virtual Reality Technology to Treat Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. The candidate should be familiar with quantitative and qualitative research methods, have research and/or professional experience working with vulnerable groups and experience of the implementation of digital interventions in statutory settings.

MAJOR DUTIES:

1. Undertake basic research activities that may include fieldwork, interviews, laboratory experiments, critical evaluation and interpretation, computer-based data analysis and evaluation or library research in consultation with the research grant holder or supervisor.
2. Present regular progress reports on research to members of the research group or to external audiences to disseminate and publicise research findings.
3. Write up results of own work and contribute to the production of research reports, publications and proposals.
4. Carry out undergraduate supervision/demonstrating/teaching duties under direction.
5. Carry out routine administrative duties as requested, e.g. arranging research group meetings, maintaining research group website.
6. Read academic papers, journals and textbooks to keep abreast of developments.
7. Carry out any other duties designated by a line manager and which fall within the general ambit of the post.

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:

1. Can clearly evidence they have obtained or are within 6 months of submission of their PhD.
2. Evidence of implementing Virtual Reality interventions in a statutory health and social care setting.
3. Experience and knowledge of mixed methods research.
4. At least two years' relevant research experience.
5. Research and/or professional experience working with vulnerable groups.
6. Demonstrate an ability/potential to publish in peer-reviewed academic journals.
7. Some practical experience of applying specialist skills and techniques required for the role.
8. Sufficient breadth or depth of specialist knowledge in the discipline and of research methods and techniques to work within own area.
9. Ability to work independently and on own initiative.
10. Ability to contribute to method improvement where required.
11. Evidence of ability to write reports and meet deadlines.
12. Ability to interact with research colleagues and support staff.
13. Ability to analyse and communicate effectively.
14. Demonstrable intellectual ability.

DESIRABLE CRITERIA:

1. Experience of intervention based research designs/methodologies.

2. Knowledge and experience of research ethics and governance procedures.
3. Publication track record.
4. Knowledge and experience of PPI approaches within health and social care based research.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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