

Candidate Information

Position:	Research Fellow (Network Co-ordinator)
School/Department:	School of Biological Sciences
Reference:	26/113086
Closing Date:	Monday 26 January 2026
Salary:	£41,519 per annum
Anticipated Interview Date:	Tuesday 17 February 2026
Duration:	30 months

JOB PURPOSE:

The recently funded BBSRC network Helminth Eco-Health Hub UK aims to unite multidisciplinary scientists across disciplines, expertise, and career-stages to drive innovative and impactful research in helminth parasitology. The Network will: (i) advance scientific knowledge to address global helminth disease and United Nations Sustainable Development Goals; (ii) train next-generation researchers; (iii) enhance researcher mobility; (iv) engage stakeholders, and (v) influence policy. The role will be primarily supervised by Prof Geoffrey Gobert within the School of Biological Sciences.

The Research Network Coordinator will be responsible for driving the delivery of Network funded research projects and advancing the Network's strategic goals through effective research planning and theme prioritisation. Working closely with internal and external stakeholders across multiple communication platforms (website, social media, email, press), the Coordinator will oversee the research, administrative, and operational needs of the Helminth Eco-Health Hub while promoting a diverse portfolio of helminth research initiatives.

Experience and understanding of the UK helminth research environment is essential for this role.

MAJOR DUTIES:

1. Develop, plan and deliver an area of personal research and expertise, and undertake research under supervision within a research project aimed at uniting multidisciplinary scientists in helminth parasitology.
2. Drive delivery of Network-funded research projects and advance strategic goals through targeted research planning and theme prioritisation.
3. Contribute to scholarly activity including producing high quality research outputs, academic publications, conference presentations, and funding proposals, in collaboration with Network Core Team and partners (consistent with project aims and commensurate with career stage).
4. Report regularly to the core team, advisory board and members on Helminth Eco-Health Hub UK progress and activities.
5. In consultation with the project team, promote research milestones and outputs at national and international conferences.
6. Assist grant holder in the preparation of funding proposals and applications to external bodies.
7. Develop and maintain effective collaborations research project leaders, partners and relevant stakeholders.
8. Contribute to research and occasional teaching activities within the School of Biological Sciences including supervision of UG, PGT, and PGR students.
9. Read academic research papers, journals and textbooks to keep abreast of developments in helminth biology and related disciplines.
10. Perform any other duties within the general remit of the post.

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:

1. BSc in Biological Sciences, Zoology or relevant life sciences subject.
2. Hold (or about to obtain within three months) a PhD in helminth parasitology.
3. Relevant experience in helminth parasitology research in the UK.
4. Experience in organising scientific meetings/large networking events.

5. Experience of research communications, including publications and conference outputs.
6. Demonstrable ability to manage research projects, oversee resources, collaborations, data, budgets, and deadlines.
7. Proven track-record of developing, planning and delivering successful and creative science-focussed communications and multi-channel campaigns for a range of audiences.
8. Sufficient breadth and depth of specialist knowledge in helminth parasitology and of research methods and techniques, to enable them to work within established and developing research/networking programmes.
9. Relevant knowledge of the field including key leaders in UK helminth biology research and themes.
10. Competent in providing effective and informative oral presentations.
11. Ability to communicate complex information clearly, to both specialist and non-specialist audiences.
12. Ability to work efficiently as either a team member, or an individual, and be highly motivated.
13. Commitment to the promotion and communication of high-quality research.
14. Demonstrable intellectual and communication ability.
15. Ability to build contacts and participate in internal and external collaborations.
16. Willingness to work irregular hours including evening, weekend and other out-of-hours work at times.
17. Willingness to travel to national meetings and collaborative universities and institutes as required on an ad-hoc basis.

DESIRABLE CRITERIA:

1. Postdoctoral research experience in helminth parasitology.
2. Experience of engaging stakeholders.
3. Experience of creating multimedia content, website design, such as infographics, videos and/or podcasts, or digital marketing.
4. Experience in supporting scientific grant writing and applications.
5. Evidence of having presented research at conferences (poster and oral presentations) or similar.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Informal enquiries may be directed to: Dr Mark Robinson at mark.robinson@qub.ac.uk