

Candidate Information

Position:	Research Fellow
School/Department:	School of Nursing and Midwifery
Reference:	26/113188
Closing Date:	Monday 23 March 2026
Salary:	£41,519 per annum.
Anticipated Interview Date:	Tuesday 14 April 2026
Duration:	Available until 18 February 2027

JOB PURPOSE:

The post holder will be based in the School of Nursing and Midwifery and work on a funded multi-site feasibility trial in renal cachexia.

The role requires a post-doctoral research fellow to work with Professor Joanne Reid, at Queen's University Belfast and an international stakeholder group. The post holder will be an active member of the research team assisting in site set-up, recruitment, implementation, evaluation and dissemination of a multi-site feasibility trial so that the overall research objectives of the project are met.

MAJOR DUTIES:

1. Develop and plan an area of personal research and expertise, and/or undertake research under supervision within a renal cachexia specific research project or as a member of a research team.
2. Design, develop and refine research in order to obtain reliable data.
3. Carry out analyses, critical evaluations, and interpretations using methodologies and other techniques appropriate to area of research.
4. Present regular progress reports on research to members of the research group or to external audiences to disseminate and publicise research findings.
5. Prepare, often in consultation with supervisor, material for publication in national and international journals and presentations at international conferences.
6. Assist grant holder in the preparation of funding proposals and applications to external bodies.
7. Carry out routine administrative tasks associated with the research project/s to ensure that project/s are completed on time and within budget. These might include organisation of project meetings and documentation, financial control, risk assessment of research activities.
8. 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.
9. Read academic papers, journals and textbooks to keep abreast of developments in own specialism and related disciplines.

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:

1. Have or be about to obtain* a relevant PhD. (* must be obtained within 3 months of closing date of post).
2. Substantial relevant research experience in both quantitative and qualitative research.
3. Ability to contribute to broader management and administrative processes.
4. Contribute to the School's outreach programme by links with industry, community groups etc.
5. Sufficient breadth and depth of specialist knowledge in the discipline 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. Must have a full clean driving license and access to a vehicle.

11. Appointment to this post is subject to the successful candidate's Enhanced Criminal Record Check.

DESIRABLE CRITERIA:

1. Registered physiotherapist, exercise physiologist or qualified exercise referral specialist.
2. Research experience in:
 - Renal disease
 - Cachexia.
 - Complex interventions.
 - Mixed methods research.
 - Collecting anthropometric measures such as BIA, handgrip strength and arm circumference.
3. Experience using NVivo or similar qualitative software and/or SPSS or similar quantitative software.
4. Research experience in:
 - Multi-site studies.
 - Experience writing grants.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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