

Candidate Information

Position:	Research Fellow (Interventions)
School/Department:	School of Social Sciences, Education and Social Work
Reference:	26/113199
Closing Date:	Monday 16 March 2026
Salary:	£41,519 - £46,704 per annum.
Anticipated Interview Date:	Monday 13 April 2026
Duration:	33 months or until 31 December 2028, whichever is soonest

JOB PURPOSE:

To be an active member of the School of Social Sciences Education and Social Work (SSESW) and the Centre for Evidence Based Youth Services.

Travel will be expected across NI and ROI at regular intervals, with international travel at time. Evening and weekend work will be routine.

MAJOR DUTIES:

1. Contribute to the co-development of work packages within the Centre for Evidence Based Children's Services.
2. To contribute to the coproduction of interventions for children and young people involved in serious and violent offending and/or whom are victims of criminal exploitation, alongside community partners.
3. To lead to the evaluation of interventions for children and young people involved in serious and violent offending and/or whom are victims of child criminal exploitation.
4. To contribute to the dissemination of research findings.
5. To present research findings to a range of audiences, including, the Education Authority, Department of Justice and a range of voluntary and community sector organisations.
6. Contributing to the generation of research income through the development of research proposals.
7. Preparing material for publication in national and international journals, presentations at international conferences, press releases and social media sites.
8. Carrying out routine administrative tasks associated with SSESW. These might include organisation of meetings and associated documentation.
9. Other specific duties as allocated by the co-directors of the Centre.

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:

1. An upper second class honours degree (or equivalent) in a relevant field (e.g., youth work, criminology, behavioural science, public health) or a Masters degree in a relevant area.
2. Have or be about to obtain a PhD in a relevant subject (within 6 months).
3. Substantial experience of engaging with statutory agencies (e.g., police, probation, education) in an applied research setting.
4. Substantial experience of intervention design and evaluation.
5. Substantial research experience working on a project that relates to youth violence, community violence, and/or child criminal exploitation.
6. Research related to intervention design and/or evaluation.
7. Ability to develop high-quality publications record that is REF returnable.
8. Experience of communicating research to lay audiences.
9. Ability to work independently with an agreed workplan.
10. Ability to work in partnership with colleagues as a team.
11. Contribute to the University's outreach programme by making links with external community stakeholders.

12. Good understanding of the key issues and challenges associated with engaging 'high-risk' groups and communities in primary research.
13. Good understanding of the opportunities and challenges associated with partnership working within a research environment.
14. Ability to communicate complex information clearly, including the use of methods of data visualisation.
15. Evidence of a high standard of report writing skills.
16. Ability to build contacts and participate in internal and external networks.
17. Demonstrable intellectual ability.
18. Ability to assess and organise resources.
19. Evidence of being able to work flexibly and to meet deadlines.
20. Willingness to work as part of a team.
21. Willingness to travel.
22. Current valid driving licence and access to a car insured for business purposes OR access to transport that will enable necessary travel across NI, RoI and internationally.
23. Evening and weekend work will be frequent.

DESIRABLE CRITERIA:

1. A higher level degree relevant to behavioural science or youth work, or implementation science.
2. Substantial experience of intervention coproduction.
3. An understanding of implementation science.
4. Mixed methods research experience.
5. Experience of RCT and/or quasi-experimental designs.
6. A record of being part of a funding bid and successfully attracting external research funding.
7. Experience of successfully organising events.
8. Data visualisation skills including the ability to develop data dashboards.