



Candidate Information

Position:	Research Fellow (Community Health and Wellbeing)
School/Department:	School of Social Sciences, Education and Social Work
Reference:	26/113216
Closing Date:	Monday 30 March 2026
Salary:	£41,519 - £48,099 per annum
Anticipated Interview Date:	Monday 13 April 2026
Duration:	12 months

JOB PURPOSE:

To provide research support to the Community Health and Wellbeing dimension of QCAP. Queen's Communities and Place was established in 2021 to foster stronger partnerships between communities and academia. Its primary goal is to address local challenges arising from poverty and deprivation through evidence-based approaches. Working closely with community partners across Belfast, QCAP delivers a co-produced programme of research that serves two key purposes. It provides an evidence foundation to advance the institution's civic mission while creating meaningful impact where it's needed most in the community.

MAJOR DUTIES:

1. Maintain a personal research plan linked to the Queen's Communities and Place research agenda.
2. Maintain a high quality publication record by continuing to produce, publish and present work linked to QCAP at conferences and community events.
3. Continue engagement in the range of scholarly activity linked to the Communities and place research plan. Including presentations at multi-disciplinary conferences papers and lay research summaries suitable across academic policy and lay audiences.
4. Contribute to securing external funding from a range of sources (UKRI, charities and Government sources).
5. Develop research proposals and funding bids in collaboration with others to ensure continued growth of the QCAP research team portfolio and the overall SSESW research profile.
6. Develop and engage in research methodologies that add to knowledge/understanding appropriate to the discipline.
7. *The above describes the type of work that is typically required of research staff at this level. It is not expected that anyone carries out all the activities mentioned below and some carry out additional duties.

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:

1. An upper second class honours degree (or equivalent) or a Masters degree in a social science discipline.
2. Have or be about to obtain a PhD in a relevant subject.
3. Significant relevant research experience working on a project that relates to health and social care research.
4. Experience in quantitative and qualitative data analysis.
5. Good understanding of the key issues and challenges associated with maximising impact for research studies.
6. Experience of communicating research to lay audiences.
7. Ability to contribute to broader management and administrative processes.
8. Contribute to the School's outreach programme by links with stakeholders such as schools and policy makers.
9. Willingness to undertake additional training in statistics/research methods and other related skills as required.
10. Ability to communicate complex information clearly.
11. Evidence of a high standard of report writing skills.
12. Ability to build contacts and participate in internal and external networks.
13. Demonstrable intellectual ability.
14. Ability to assess and organise resources.
15. Evidence of being able to work flexibly and to meet deadlines.
16. Willingness to work as part of a team.

17. Willingness to travel around Northern Ireland as required.
18. Current valid driving licence and access to a car or ability to fulfil the mobility requirements of the post.

DESIRABLE CRITERIA:

1. Experience of conducting or analysing quantitative data from evaluations of early childhood development (specifically social emotional development) or education programmes, especially using experimental designs.
2. Clear understanding of the research impact agenda.
3. Experience of evaluative research.
4. Experience of managing research projects.
5. Experience of writing reports to external funders.
6. Experience of successfully organising events.
7. Prior experience of linking with external colleagues and developing networks.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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