



Candidate Information

Position:	Research Fellow (METIUS) - 2 posts
School/Department:	School of Social Sciences, Education and Social Work
Reference:	26/113249
Closing Date:	Monday 6 April 2026
Salary:	£41,519 - £45,349 per annum.
Anticipated Interview Date:	Thursday 14 May 2026
Duration:	24 months

JOB PURPOSE:

To be an active member of the School of Social Sciences Education and Social Work (SSESW) and the METIUS Project (Mobilising Evidence Through AI and User Informed Synthesis) funded by the ESRC.

MAJOR DUTIES:

1. Contribute to the Education Work Package within the METIUS Project, and the development of a living evidence synthesis portal in Education.
2. Undertake and contribute to elements of the evidence synthesis process, including screening, data extraction, analysis, and reporting of quantitative data.
3. Liaise with external stakeholders and organisations and a range of voluntary and community sector organisations.
4. Present data using a range of novel methods including infographics, data dashboards, and plain language summaries.
5. Maintain a high quality publication record by preparing material for publication in peer-reviewed journals, presentations at international conferences, press releases, and social media sites.
6. Prepare papers to present to a range of audiences, including for example: policy briefs, executive summaries, and plain language summaries.
7. Contribute to the generation of research income through the development of research proposals.
8. Carry out routine administrative tasks associated with METIUS. These might include organisation of meetings and associated documentation.
9. Other specific duties as allocated by the PI of the project.

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:

1. An upper second class honours degree (or equivalent) or a Masters degree in Education or other social science discipline.
2. Have or be about to obtain a PhD in a relevant subject.
3. At least two years of quantitative research experience working on a project that relates to education.
4. Experience in conducting advanced quantitative data analysis, using SPSS and/or Stata or R.
5. Ability to develop a high-quality publication record that is REF returnable.
6. Experience of communicating research to lay audiences.
7. Ability to contribute to broader management and administrative processes.
8. Ability to coordinate and work across different sectors (e.g. crime and justice, climate, environment and society, sustainable development).
9. Contribute to the University's outreach programme by making links with external community stakeholders.
10. Good understanding of the key issues and challenges associated with the uptake of research by policymakers and practitioners.
11. Good understanding of the opportunities and challenges associated with partnership working within a research environment, and across disciplines.
12. Ability to communicate complex information clearly.
13. Evidence of a high standard of report writing skills.
14. Ability to build contacts and participate in internal and external networks.
15. Demonstrable intellectual ability.

16. Ability to assess and organise resources.
17. Evidence of being able to work flexibly and to meet deadlines.
18. Willingness to work as part of a team.
19. Willingness to travel as required.
20. Current valid driving licence and access to a car or ability to fulfil the mobility requirements of the post.

DESIRABLE CRITERIA:

1. A PhD in education that incorporates (quantitative) evidence synthesis.
2. Experience of evidence synthesis (e.g. co-author of a Campbell or Cochrane systematic review).
3. Experience of working in partnership with statutory and/or voluntary agencies in education related areas.
4. A record of being part of a funding bid and successfully attracting external research funding.
5. Experience of managing research projects.
6. Experience of successfully organising events.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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