



Candidate Information

Position:	Research Assistant (Analyst)
School/Department:	School of Natural and Built Environment
Reference:	26/113254
Closing Date:	Monday 13 April 2026
Salary:	£35,136 per annum
Anticipated Interview Date:	Thursday 7 May 2026
Duration:	23 months

JOB PURPOSE:

To be a highly productive, ambitious and collaborative member of the Northern Ireland Longitudinal Study team. A key component of the post is to undertake quantitative research and engage with central and local government in Northern Ireland.

MAJOR DUTIES:

1. Undertake a wide range of research activities under project guidance that may include data cleaning and processing and running statistical analysis.
2. Engage with central and local government in Northern Ireland to identify research questions which will help them fulfil their policy needs.
3. Carry out routine administrative duties as requested (e.g., administering the meetings of the Northern Ireland Longitudinal Study) and attend events as appropriate.
4. Present regular progress reports on research to members of the research group or to external audiences to disseminate and publicise research findings.
5. Write up results of own work and contribute to the production of research reports, publications and proposals consistent with project aims and commensurate with career stage.
6. Engage in knowledge exchange with key policy stakeholders in Northern Ireland.
7. Carry out any other duties designated by the Principal Investigator and which fall within the general ambit of the post.

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:

1. Upper second or first-class degree classification in an undergraduate degree of any discipline with a substantial quantitative component. Please evidence this in your application.
2. Experience of performing research in the area of social science or public health.
3. Experience of using statistical packages such as Stata, SPSS, R or similar.
4. Experience of quantitative research methods.
5. Ability to be self-led and self-organised within framework of agreed schedule of work.
6. Effective time management skills.
7. Demonstrable ability to work effectively with non-academic partners.
8. Understanding of how to translate policy issues into research questions.
9. Ability to communicate complex information in English effectively in oral and written format.
10. Ability to build relationships to develop internal and external networks.
11. Ability to present ideas and research findings clearly for both non-academic and academic audiences.
12. Commitment to continuous professional development.
13. Works well as part of a team.

DESIRABLE CRITERIA:

1. Have completed, or are working toward a postgraduate qualification with a substantial quantitative component.
2. Experience of research using Census and/or administrative data.
3. Experience of contributing to academic research projects.

4. Experience of working with third-sector organisations and/or government departments.
5. Understanding of longitudinal methods relevant to NI population studies.
6. Willingness to travel within NI.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Informal queries may be directed to Dr Neil Rowland - n.rowland@qub.ac.uk