

Candidate Information

Position: Research Assistant
School/Department: School of Medicine, Dentistry and Biomedical Sciences
Reference: 26/113614
Closing Date: Monday 21 September 2026
Salary: £36,366 to £41,727 per annum
Anticipated Interview Date: Thursday 1 October 2026
Duration: Fixed Term - Full Time; Available for 15 months or until 30 November 2027, whichever is soonest

JOB PURPOSE:

To be an active member of the HEart faiLure carer support Programme (HELP) research project / team assisting in the planning and delivery of research activity so that the overall research objectives of the project are met. This project is funded by the British Heart Foundation and will be conducted across the United Kingdom. It will involve assessing the implementation and impact of HELP, which is a nurse-led, co-designed programme of educational and psychological support for carers of patients with heart failure. The post holder will be responsible for daily project delivery and management, spanning participant recruitment; mixed-method data collection and storage; routine administrative duties; and regular communication with the multi-disciplinary project team.

MAJOR DUTIES:

1. Undertake basic research activities that may include fieldwork, interviews, critical evaluation and interpretation, computer-based data analysis and evaluation or library research in consultation with the research grant holder or supervisor.
2. Present regular progress reports on research to members of the research group or to external audiences to disseminate and publicise research findings.
3. Write up results of own work and contribute to the production of research reports, publications and proposals.
4. May contribute to introductory courses, for example, on the use of research methods and equipment.
5. Carry out undergraduate supervision/demonstrating/teaching duties under direction.
6. Carry out routine administrative duties as requested, e.g. arranging research group meetings, maintaining research group website.
7. Read academic papers, journals and textbooks to keep abreast of developments.
8. Carry out any other duties designated by a line manager and which fall within the general ambit of the post.

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:

1. Degree in health related subject relevant to research activity.
2. Practical experience of applying specialist skills and techniques required for the role.
3. Sufficient breadth or depth of specialist knowledge in the discipline and/or of research methods and techniques.
4. Experience of successful project delivery, administration, and management.
5. Ability to problem solve and contribute to method improvement where required.
6. Ability to interact effectively with research colleagues and support staff.
7. Ability to analyse and communicate effectively.
8. Excellent communication skills and ability to build rapport and engage stakeholders effectively.
9. Demonstrable intellectual ability.

DESIRABLE CRITERIA:

1. May be working towards a PhD or post graduate qualification.
2. Cardiovascular knowledge and/or clinical experience.
3. Experience of mixed methods research.
4. Experience with presenting to a mixed audience and adapting input as required to meet stakeholder needs.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Informal enquiries may be directed to James McMahon at j.mcmahon@qub.ac.uk