

Candidate Information

Position:	Research Fellow - Psychosocial Determinants
School/Department:	School of Psychology
Reference:	20/108323
Closing Date:	Monday 5 October 2020
Salary:	£33,797 to £35,845 per annum
Anticipated Interview Date:	W/C 19 October 2020
Duration:	This post is available for 2 years, commencing in January 2021

JOB PURPOSE:

There is a postdoctoral research position available in the School of Psychology at Queens University Belfast for 24 months; 1 FT post. The post holder will conduct research focused on the psychosocial determinants of psychological wellbeing of veteran family members across the four nations of the UK. The post holder will assist in the design and implementation of systematic literature reviews, service provision reviews, qualitative interviews, and online questionnaires. The successful candidate will also assist in the creation of peer-reviewed outputs and academic reports. They will conduct research alongside a team of highly experienced academics across the four nations of the UK based out of Kings College London, Cardiff University, Anglia Ruskin University and Glasgow Caledonian University. They will also work alongside researchers from Combat Stress. The post holder will be provided with opportunities to build their own research capacity and research interests through training opportunities and through collaborations with senior academic colleagues regionally, nationally and internationally through established research networks of the team.

MAJOR DUTIES:

1. Day to day responsibility for the running of the UK Veteran's Family Study.
2. Regular liaison with the PI concerning updates on ongoing project progress; flagging up problems as they arise.
3. Be the key liaison point for all internal and external collaborators and stakeholders as directed by the project and by the PI.
4. Oversee ethical approval submissions for components of the overall research programme.
5. Explain projects to potential participants with clarity and answer queries to encourage participation whilst being mindful that participation is voluntary.
6. Ensure the best possible response rates for research projects within the designated timeframe.
7. Be involved in the collection of data and working flexibly based on project demands.
8. Plan and oversee the data management for research projects including cleaning and validation of questionnaire/interview data.
9. Be involved in the analysis and writing up of academic products from projects, including project reports and submissions to peer-review journals.
10. Prepare presentations and attend and present at relevant meetings and seminars as required.
11. Set up, screen, clean and oversee the management of administrative, statistical, and any qualitative databases (e.g., SPSS, NVIVO).
12. Carry out routine administrative tasks associated with the research project to ensure that the project is completed on time and within budget. These might include managing project diaries, organisation of collaborator / stakeholder meetings and associated documentation, financial management, and risk assessment of research activities.
13. Read academic papers, journals and textbooks to keep abreast of developments in the area.
14. Travel in-line with the requirements of the post.
15. Any other duties appropriate to the grade and nature of the post.

Planning and Organising:

1. Manage project research demands under the general supervision of PI.
2. Plan for the use of research resources and workshops where appropriate.
3. Plan own day-to day activity within framework of the agreed work plan.
4. Plan in advance to meet deadlines associated with the research activities and as directed by the PI.

5. Coordinate and liaise with other members of the research group over work progress.

Resource Management Responsibilities:

1. Ensure research resources are used in an effective and efficient manner.
2. Provide guidance as required to support staff and any students who may be assisting with research.

Internal and External Relationships:

1. Liaise on a regular basis with colleagues.
2. Build contacts and participate in networks for the exchange of information, and to form relationships for future collaboration.

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:

1. Honours Degree in Psychology or related discipline.
2. A PhD in Psychology, Epidemiology, Statistics or related discipline.
3. At least 3 years relevant research experience.
4. Experience of having worked with multidisciplinary teams involved in research.
5. Understanding of issues with data confidentiality/security/data sharing.
6. Experience of designing and collecting quantitative survey data, including using online survey software such as Qualtrics.
7. Evidence of using the statistical packages of SPSS and MPlus to run advanced statistical models.
8. Previous experience of presenting research nationally and/or internationally.
9. A peer reviewed publication record commensurate with career stage.
10. Ability to manage a research project.
11. Evidence of good organisational and administrative skills.
12. Experience of managing research data such as data entry, data cleaning and producing datasets.
13. Experience of engaging with key stakeholders through advisory panels and/or PPI groups.
14. Evidence of ability to engage and communicate effectively with a broad range of stakeholders (e.g., in academic, statutory and non-statutory sectors).
15. Ability to communicate complex information clearly.
16. Demonstrable intellectual ability.
17. Ability to assess and organise resources.
18. Willingness to travel in line with the requirements of the post.

DESIRABLE CRITERIA:

1. MSc related to research methods, Clinical Psychology or Mental Health.
2. Evidence of expertise in qualitative research techniques.
3. Evidence of authorship of research reports from funded research projects.
4. Knowledge of and an ability to conduct dyadic data analyses.
5. Experience of supporting/ teaching students at undergraduate level.