



Job Title: Qualitative Research Assistant
Grade: 6
Salary: £31,396 -to £36,024 per annum (pro rata if part time)
Department: Respiratory Sciences
Hours/Contract: Part-time (0.4FTE, 15 hours per week), fixed term contract until 30 September 2025
Job Family: Teaching and Research
Job Reference: 10318

Role Purpose

To contribute towards the TARGET-ID research project and other related projects in the areas of infectious disease and public health research, including with vulnerable populations, by carrying out qualitative research activities in accordance with agreed protocols. To work collaboratively as part of a research team to achieve defined milestones and support the production of high-quality research outputs. Contributing to other research projects under the guidance and supervision of Prof Pareek.

Main Duties and Responsibilities

Research

- To support qualitative elements of the TARGET-ID research project in the acquisition, evaluation and /or interpretation of data and other specialised information.
- To carry out collection, evaluation and interpretation of the research data using agreed techniques, novel approaches and/or models.
- To prepare and undertake high-quality data analysis and tests using appropriate techniques and novel approaches.
- To contribute to the development or choice of techniques, critiques, approaches, models and research methods.
- To summarise findings, record, and disseminate where appropriate to members of the research group
- To contribute to research outputs such as co-authored journal articles/technical papers/book chapters relating to the work
- To carry out literature searches within pre-specified parameters.
- To assist in supporting research students in the use of specific methods or approaches under the direction of their line manager

Professional Development:

- Duties and opportunities to engage in work that support your own professional development.

Impact and Knowledge Exchange:

- Participate in workshops and conferences to support the dissemination of research findings.



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Leadership and Citizenship:

- Contribute to the overall success of the research programme

Internal and External Relationships

- Communicate and liaise with colleagues and collaborators involved in the above mentioned research programme and other projects the team is undertaking, on a regular basis to review and plan research activities.
- Communicate with Managers and support staff on a regular basis to discuss ongoing issues, health and safety matters, and future plans.
- Occasionally communicate and liaise with research collaborators, both nationally and internationally, under the instruction of your line manager.
- NHS patients
- NHS staff

Planning and Organising

With guidance from the Principal Investigator, or equivalent, plan own work and prioritise research and project/laboratory activities on a regular basis, including co-ordinating resources and maintenance of samples and equipment.

- The post-holder will be required to effectively manage their time to deliver on the priorities of the research programme with the support of their line manager.
- Attend suitable training courses or equivalent and be proactive in terms of continued professional development.

Qualifications, Knowledge and Experience

Essential

- Evidence of relevant Honours degree and/or relevant experience *
- Practical experience and knowledge of applying relevant research skills and techniques to deliver outputs on time and to the required quality*

Desirable

- Masters' qualification in a relevant field*
- A PhD or currently studying for a PhD
- GCP Training
- Consent training





Skills, Abilities and Competencies

Essential

- Ability to demonstrate research potential and enthusiasm for the subject area and contribute to delivering high quality research *
- Excellent analytical and problem-solving skills *
- Evidence of continued personal development of subject expertise *
- Team player, support broader research group
- Excellent communication skills – written and verbal including the ability to communicate with members of the public including those from vulnerable groups and for whom English may not be their first language *
- Ability to prioritise tasks within agreed work schedules*
- Commitment to continuous professional development (CPD)
- Willingness to participate in workshops and conferences to support the dissemination of results and findings

****Criteria to be used in shortlisting candidates for interview***

Reason for Fixed Term Contract

The reason for the fixed term contract is stated in section 1.9 in the summary of contractual terms in your contract of employment.

Criminal Declaration & Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS)

If you become an employee, you must inform your manager immediately, in writing, if you are the subject of any current or future police investigations/legal proceedings, which could result in a criminal offence, conviction, caution, bind-over or charges, or warnings.

This post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 because the appointee will have substantial access to young people and/or vulnerable adults. Therefore, an appointment to this post will be subject to checking through the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS). The successful applicant for this post will, therefore, be required to give consent for the University to check and obtain appropriate clearance with the DBS for the existence and content of any criminal record in the form of a Standard DBS disclosure.

Information received from the DBS and the police will be kept in strict confidence and will be destroyed once the University is satisfied in this regard.

NHS Research Governance Requirements

Where it is determined that the duties of this post for the purposes of research involve work with the NHS, it is necessary to ensure that the performance of the duties attached to the post are covered by NHS research governance arrangements and the appointee must comply with all such arrangements, which may include occupational health clearance and DBS clearance.





Supporting University Activities

As a University of Leicester citizen, you are expected to support key university activities such as clearing, graduation ceremonies, student registration and recruitment open days. We expect all staff as citizens to work flexibly across the University if required.

University Values

Inclusive - We are diverse in our makeup and united in ambition. Our diversity is our strength and makes our community stronger.

Inspiring - We are passionate about inspiring individuals to succeed and realise their ambitions. We challenge our community to think differently, to get involved, and to constantly embrace new ideas.

Impactful - As Citizens of Change we will generate new ideas which deliver impact and empower our community

Equity and Diversity

We believe that equity, diversity and inclusion is integral to a successful modern workplace. By developing and implementing policies and systems that challenge stereotypes across all aspects of our work, we have a culture that recognises and values the diverse contributions of our staff which benefits everyone. Our strong values of inclusivity and equity support our efforts to attract a diverse range of high quality staff and students, and identify our University as a progressive and innovative workplace that mainstreams equity, diversity and inclusion.



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