

Job Title: Research Assistant (or equivalent research roles at grade 6)

Grade: 6

Salary: £33,662 to £38,448 pro-rata if part-time

Department: Division of Public Health and Epidemiology

Hours/Contract: Full-time or job share, fixed term contract till 31 March 2028

Job Family: Teaching and Research

Reference: 13736

Role Purpose

The post-holder will work within the NIHR-funded Evidence Synthesis Group @CRSU Leicester-based team (<https://www.gla.ac.uk/research/az/crsu/>). This will include undertaking systematic reviews and data analyses for healthcare evaluations under guidance, direction and supervision.

Resources Managed

Main Duties and Responsibilities

Research

- To undertake systematic reviews, evidence syntheses and health economics using appropriate quantitative methods to support health technology appraisals under the supervision and guidance of their line manager and senior members of the Evidence Synthesis Group@CRSU.
- To contribute to the identification, extraction, appraisal and analysis of research evidence, applying established evidence synthesis methods with appropriate guidance and support.
- To assist in the delivery of research projects, working collaboratively as part of the Evidence Synthesis Group@CRSU to achieve project objectives and milestones.
- To contribute to the development and application of evidence synthesis methodologies and support the wider Evidence Synthesis Group@CRSU research team.
- To contribute to patients and public engagement activities, including development, conduct and dissemination of research.
- 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.



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 and the team is undertaking, on a regular basis to review and plan research activities.

Occasionally communicate and liaise with research collaborators, both nationally and internationally, under the instruction of your line manager.

Planning and Organising

- With guidance from the Principal Investigator, or equivalent, plan own work and prioritise research and project activities on a regular basis.
- 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

- Master qualification or equivalent in an appropriate quantitative discipline (e.g. Medical Statistics, Health Economics) or relevant experience *
- Experience of systematic review including quantitative evidence synthesis (e.g. meta-analysis) within a healthcare setting*
- Practical experience and knowledge of applying research skills and techniques to deliver outputs on time and to the required quality.

Desirable

- Experience of health technology assessment methodological research*
- Experience of undertaking meta-analysis and/or health economic analyses*
- Evidence of engaging with patients and the public in the development, conduct and/or dissemination of work*

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*
- 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

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.

Supporting University Activities

As a University of Leicester citizen, you are encouraged to support key university activities such as clearing, graduation ceremonies, student registration and recruitment open days. We encourage all staff as citizens to work flexibly across the University if required. If supporting these activities is likely to affect your workload, please speak to your line manager in the first instance

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

Freedom of Speech

The University is committed to upholding freedom of speech and academic freedom within the law throughout our recruitment processes. We ensure that all candidates are considered based on merit and suitability for the role, without regard to their lawful viewpoints or the expression of challenging or controversial ideas. Our recruitment policies and practices are designed to protect applicants from





discrimination or adverse treatment on the basis of their opinions, and to foster an environment where open debate and diverse perspectives are valued as essential to our academic mission.

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 equality 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 equality, diversity and inclusion.

