



Job Title:	Research Assistant (Qualitative Research)
Grade:	6
Salary:	£32,296 to £34,866 per annum, pro-rata if part-time, due to funding restrictions
Department:	Respiratory Sciences
Hours:	Full-time, part-time (0.8FTE 30 hours per week or job share considered)
Contract:	Fixed term contract to 31 March 2026
Job Family:	Teaching and Research
Job Reference:	10696

Role Purpose

The researcher will work on the project *Seeking Help For Breathlessness In Different Ethnic Communities* and other related projects within the department. The role will involve the conduct and analysis of qualitative research in diverse community settings. The post holder will also contribute to developing peer-reviewed journal articles and other outputs. They will support day-to-day management of the project, gaining research governance approvals, and organisation of and contribution to team meetings.

Main Duties and Responsibilities

Research

- To support a research team in the acquisition, evaluation and /or interpretation of data and other specialised information, including conducting focus groups and workshops in community settings with participants from diverse backgrounds
- To carry out analyses, tests and critical evaluations 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 and presentations 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.

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- 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 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.

The post-holder will work closely with other members of the research teams at the Leicester NIHR Respiratory BRC and will engage regularly with participants from a wide variety of community settings along with other researchers, collecting data using a variety of qualitative methods. Liaising with the Centre for Ethnic Health Research will also be required to support the project.

Planning and Organising

With guidance from the Principal Investigator, or equivalent, plan own work and prioritise research and project activities on a regular basis, including co-ordinating resources and stakeholder involvement.

- 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 Honours degree and/or relevant experience *
- Practical experience and knowledge of applying research skills and techniques to deliver outputs on time and to the required quality.
- Experience of qualitative data analysis using software such as NVivo*
- Experience of writing research reports or publications*
- Experience and knowledge of a range of qualitative methods

Desirable

- Experience of obtaining ethical and trust research governance approval
- Knowledge of health services organisation and delivery
- Knowledge and experience of working with diverse communities





- Relevant postgraduate education (Masters, PhD, or in the process of completing a PhD) in a relevant social or health science discipline*

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 and 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 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.



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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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