



**Job Title:** Research Associate

**Grade:** 7

**Salary:** £39,355 to £45,413 per annum, pro rata if part-time

**Department:** Cardiovascular Sciences

**Hours/Contract:** Full-time, or job share considered, fixed term contract to 30 April 2026

**Job Family:** Teaching and Research

**Reference:** 10741

## Role Purpose

The successful applicant will lead a novel NIHR RfPB funded research project within the kidney research team to understand the which blood pressure drugs are most efficacious in adults who have or are at risk of kidney disease. This will include undertaking a systematic review and performing a component network meta-analysis under guidance, direction and supervision.

## Main Duties and Responsibilities

### Research:

Direct and perform ground-breaking research leading to discipline-shaping outcomes:

- To undertake a systematic review and component network meta-analysis autonomously using appropriate techniques under the supervision and guidance of their line manager
- To contribute to the development of novel approaches for evidence synthesis and effective methods of dissemination.
- To carry out literature searches within pre-specified parameters.
- In agreement with the line manager, liaise with our academic collaborators, NHS partners and our patient and public involvement and engagement (PPIE) panel to ensure maximum impact of the research findings
- With the support of the line manager, lead in writing up research findings for dissemination amongst the research team and broader international community, and develop ideas and contributions for future grants, technical outputs
- To represent the research group by disseminating results/findings at national and international conferences and broader community.
- To contribute to research outputs as a co-author to peer-reviewed journals
- With the support of colleagues, identify opportunities for the development of a broader programme, this may include contributing to the writing of research bids/project grants
- To provide guidance to other staff and students (involved in the research programme).

### Professional Development

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





## Impact and Knowledge Exchange

- Network and contribute to the maintaining and furthering of the wider research programme and research area
- To consult effectively on own specialism directly with people external to the University
- To engage positively and pro-actively in research impact

## Leadership and Citizenship

- Guidance to other team members both research staff and students
- Pro-actively build networks and collaborations.
- Providing mentoring and coaching to Early Career Researchers and research students.

## Internal and External Relationships

- Liaise with the patient co-applicant and patient and public involvement and engagement panel
- Disseminate scientific results at national and international conferences

## Hybrid-working

Expectation that the successful candidate will work at the Glenfield Hospital for 1 day a week.

## Planning and Organising

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

- Prioritise tasks within agreed work schedules
- Plan for specific aspects of research incorporating issues such as deadlines, project milestones, dissemination and overall research aims
- Adapt daily and weekly plans to accommodate new developments and be flexible to the changing priorities of the research project
- Plan and co-ordinate with collaborators
- Plan and organise patient and public involvement and engagement (PPIE) panel meetings and focus groups under the guidance of their line manager

## Qualifications, Knowledge and Experience

### Essential

- Advance degree (MSc and/or PhD) or near completion or other equivalent qualifications/experience in Medical Statistics\*
- Practical experience and knowledge of applying research skills and techniques to deliver outputs on time and to the required quality\*
- Experience of systematic review, quantitative evidence synthesis (e.g. meta-analysis, network meta-analysis) within a healthcare setting\*





### Desirable

- PhD (or professional degree) or other equivalent qualifications in Medical Statistics\*
- Experience of health technology assessment methodological research\*

### 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 \*
- Excellent planning and organisational skills\*
- Evidence of continued personal development of subject expertise \*
- Team player, support broader research group
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills consistent with writing publications and giving excellent presentations\*
- Ability to prioritise tasks within agreed work schedules\*
- Willingness to participate in meetings and conferences to support the dissemination of results and findings
- Experience of and demonstratable aptitude for public engagement

***\*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 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.

