

Job Title: Research Assistant

Grade: 6

Salary: £33,002 to £37,694 per annum, pro-rata

Department: School of Healthcare

Hours/Contract: Part-time (0.2FTE, 7.5 hours per week), fixed term contract until 30 September 2026

Job Family: Teaching and Research

Reference: 12128

Role Purpose

To assist the continued development and running of the Paediatric Intensive Care Audit Network (PICANet), an international audit of paediatric critical care activity, which collects data on all children admitted to paediatric intensive care units (PICU) in the UK and the Republic of Ireland. To assist with communicating with PICUs and capturing data. This role can be undertaken as a hybrid role with an approximately 50/50 split between campus and home.

Main Duties and Responsibilities

Research

- To support the PICANet team in the acquisition and evaluation of data related to staffing levels in PICUs
- To contribute to application of methods to assess staffing levels in PICU.
- To summarise findings, and disseminate where appropriate to members of the research group
- To contribute to research outputs such as co-authored journal articles and technical reports
- To communicate with PICUs to ensure accurate data capture which is of a high quality

Professional Development:

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

Impact and Knowledge Exchange:

- To communicate findings to stakeholders and incorporate feedback

Leadership and Citizenship:

- Contribute to the overall success of the PICANet programme

Internal and External Relationships

Regular meetings with members of the team based at the University of Leicester and University of Leeds.

Meeting members of the PICANet team for critical discussion of the project and exchange of new ideas and approaches that might benefit future work





Liaison with external collaborators to support the aims of PICANet

Planning and Organising

With guidance from the Principal Investigator plan own work and prioritise targets for this project on a regular basis, including co-ordinating resources and collection of data.

- 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.
- Plan for specific aspects of work incorporating issues such as deadlines, project milestones and overall research aims

Qualifications, Knowledge and Experience

Essential

- Evidence of Honours degree and/or relevant experience*
- Practical experience and knowledge of managing and delivering research projects to deliver outputs on time and to the required quality

Desirable

- Masters qualification
- Experience of using Stata statistical software to undertake basic analysis and produce high quality graphics

Skills, Abilities and Competencies

Essential

- Ability to demonstrate research potential and enthusiasm for the subject area and contribute to delivering high quality research *
- Excellent problem-solving skills *
- Team player, supporting the broader research group
- Excellent communication skills – written and verbal*
- Ability to prioritise tasks within agreed work schedules*
- Willingness to engage with key stakeholders to support

****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.

