

Job Title: Research Associate

Grade: 7

Salary: £35,326 to £36,382 per annum pro rata, salary capped due to funding restrictions

Department: Health Sciences

Hours/Contract: Part-time (0.5FTE), fixed term until 31 August 2023

Job Family: Teaching and Research

Reference: 2953

Role Purpose

We are looking for a skilled candidate with expertise in stakeholder engagement and supporting development of informatics tools to join the team at Health Sciences, University of Leicester. Within this role, you will be responsible for undertaking user engagement workshops with patients and healthcare professionals, to assist the user testing of the App. The post-holder will work on recently-funded (UK and EU Space Agencies and NHS England) project, "P-STEP", a flagship project aiming to develop an App that promotes physical activity through providing exercise prescriptions and suggesting walking routes that are free from air pollution.

The focus of the post will be to support the development, testing and evaluation of the App. A significant degree of autonomy is required and there is an expectation to work independently on own tasks and goals.

Main Duties and Responsibilities	% time
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •To co-ordinate and lead workshops with patients/carers and healthcare professionals, which includes recruitment, planning of research structure of meetings and narrative analysis the meeting feedback which will link in with other programme activities. The workshops will focus on what might be included in an exercise app, how it might be used and for what purpose and how it might be situated in practice. 	40
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •To coordinate user engagement and user testing on the design requirements of (i) exercise prescription data, (ii) space /earth observation & air quality data and (iii) app development 	30
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •To organise and maintain storage of data in keeping with University policies and ensure that study records and outputs are effectively produced and maintained 	10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •To coordinate the dissemination of programme findings, and through the preparation/submission of possible academic outputs (including manuscripts/conference abstracts) 	10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •To attend departmental meetings and to participate in other committees and working groups within Health Sciences, College and the University to which appointed or elected. 	5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •To engage in continuous professional development, for example through participation in relevant staff development programmes. 	5



Internal and External Relationships

You will be situated within the Health Sciences department, primarily working with the researchers and support staff contributing to the delivery of P-STEP. This will include researchers based in Health Sciences, the Diabetes Research Centre, and other departments of the University of Leicester. You will work closely with the work package lead, Principal Investigator and other members of the Programme Management Groups. You will also have contact with the participants of the work conducted throughout the programme, health care professionals, local and national stakeholders and other members of the public.

You will be expected to attend regular meetings and/or be available for informal discussion to provide support to research staff and/or students working on similar research projects. You will also be expected to attend conferences and other networking activities to contribute to the maintenance of the wider research programmes profile and research area.

Qualifications, Knowledge and Experience

Essential

- PhD. in a relevant discipline (examples include sociology, psychology, health services research) or the equivalent in professional qualifications and experience*
- First degree in a relevant discipline (examples include sociology, psychology, health science research)*
- Experience of engaging and organising research visits and interviews, including contact with potential participants*

Desirable

- Understanding of stakeholder engagement and patient and public involvement
- Willingness to develop skills

***Criteria to be used to shortlist candidates for interview**

Skills, Abilities and Competencies

Essential

- Ability to work at a high level of accuracy and at high analytical sensitivity*
- Excellent IT skills
- Excellent organisational skills*
- Good written* and oral communication skills
- Ability to prioritise workload in order to meet deadlines*
- Ability to work as part of a team*
- Highly motivated and proactive*





- Willingness to undertake necessary travel*

Desirable

- Experience of working with a patients/carers and healthcare stakeholders
- Demonstrable success in producing publications of the very highest standard
- Willingness to foster new collaborations with national and international experts

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Screening requirements

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 check. 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.

Research Passport 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 indemnity arrangements and the appointee must comply with all such arrangements, including occupational health clearance.

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.

VITAL

The University encourages all staff to live our [VITAL values](#) which are:

Valuing People, Innovators, Together, Accountable, Leaders.

Equality and Diversity

We believe that equality, 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.

