



Job Title: Research Associate
Grade: 7
Salary: £34,804 to £40,322 per annum
Department: Diabetes Research Centre
Contract/Hours: Full-time fixed term contract for two years
Job Reference: 1882

Role Purpose:

This post, funded by the EM ARC, is for a Research Associate with an interest in Cardio Metabolic research to join an established, successful research team based at the Leicester Diabetes Research Centre. The Centre is internationally recognised for its research in diabetes and cardiovascular disease, and also hosts the NIHR Leicester Biomedical Research Centre (BRC). The post provides an excellent opportunity for an ambitious Research Associate to contribute to the ongoing development of our Research Centre.

Main Duties and Responsibilities

To undertake and lead on systematic reviews and meta-analyses and to write these for peer reviewed publications and presentations.

To identify funding opportunities and lead and write relevant bids and reports as required.

To work as part of the CLAHRC and LDC teams. This includes working with staff across the region and stakeholders, attending meetings, collating and organising data and keeping appropriate records.

To undertake appropriate professional development.

Representing the research group at external meetings and workshops.

Responsible for personal and collaborative research, resulting in significant contributions to journal papers and conference presentations.

To assist the principle investigator in the deployment, monitoring and reporting of resources.

Regular attendance at conferences to provide advice and support to research staff and post graduate students working on this and similar research projects. To network and contribute to the maintenance of the wider research programmes profile and research area.

Plan and organise investigator meetings and operational meetings of the centre.

Internal and External Relationships

Communication with research group and PI on a regular basis.





Communications with other researchers both internal and external to Leicester University. This could include communication with other researchers and scientists elsewhere throughout the UK and abroad.

Planning and Organising

The post holder will need to plan ahead to ensure the research is delivered in accordance with the overall research objectives, this may include defining tasks and schedules, organising meetings and preparing project reports.

Qualifications, Knowledge and Experience

Essential

- Relevant PhD or equivalent in a subject relevant to health services research/epidemiology or other related discipline or equivalent research experience with a postgraduate qualification*
- Postdoctoral research experience*
- Knowledge of data management processes in research
- Experience and ability to support a research team in the acquisition, evaluation and/or interpretation of data and other specialised information*
- Experience of systematic reviews and meta-analyses*
- Experience of protocol writing completing project documentation for ethics etc.*
- Experience of writing or contributing to articles for peer reviewed publications*

Desirable

- Experience of working in or with BME communities*
- Experience of writing funding bids*
- Knowledge or experience of implementing research findings*
- Experience of presenting work to internal and external audiences in different formats

Skills, Abilities and Competencies

Essential

- Excellent MS Office (or equivalent) and other IT skills
- Organised approach with the ability to prioritise work in order to meet deadlines
- High level of attention to detail*
- Excellent written communication, presentation, negotiation and interpersonal skills*





- Ability to assess problems and take the appropriate action
- Proven project management skills*

****Criteria to be used in shortlisting candidates for interview***

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