1 Advertisement

Post Title: Research Fellow
School/department: School of Law, Politics and Sociology
Hours: full time or part time hours considered up to a maximum of 1.0 FTE. Requests for flexible working options will be considered (subject to business need).
Reference: 1732
Salary: starting at £33,199 and rising to £39,609 per annum
Placed on: 23 July 2019
Closing date: 23 August 2019. Applications must be received by midnight of the closing date.
Expected Interview date: 29 August 2019
Expected start date: 1st October 2019

We are seeking to appoint a postdoctoral research fellow to work with Dr Catherine Will on a new Wellcome Trust funded project on 'Marginalisation and the microbe: how to tackle antimicrobial resistance (AMR) without increasing health inequalities.'

The project will explore past, present and evolving responses to infections in sexual and reproductive health, with a critical focus on the experiences of people at risk of marginalisation due to gender, ethnicity, sexuality or class. We will generate new understanding of inequalities, in risks of infectious disease and different access to care, and how they are made, acknowledged and sometimes ignored in science and policy. You will be able to make a substantial contribution to understanding of this important area, and to discussion of AMR in policy and medical education.

The main responsibility of the research fellow will be carrying out documentary and interview-based research on the policy and governance of issues relating to AMR in women’s health, especially those emerging around urinary tract infections. We plan to explore the ethical and political stakes of different approaches to diagnosis and treatment using historical and geographical comparisons.

You will help prepare for and complete research in multiple locations (including time away from Brighton), and will work closely with the investigator to develop your research and other skills, engaging in collaborative discussion and analysis of data. We are particularly seeking applicants with a PhD in a relevant social science (e.g. sociology, anthropology or Science and Technology Studies) and a background in research relating to health experiences and healthcare.

Informal enquiries may be directed to Catherine Will, c.will@sussex.ac.uk. For full details and how to apply see our vacancies page

The University of Sussex values the diversity of its staff and students and we welcome applicants from all backgrounds.
2. **The School**

The School of Law, Politics and Sociology brings together three top UK research-intensive departments committed to exploring identity, political movements and institutions. This project complements and addresses our strategic aims and priorities by furthering our understanding of the relationship between knowledge and policy; and by using innovative research to have a positive impact on society, with a focus on those less privileged. The School currently has just over a hundred academic staff, carrying out research on a wide range of topics. There is a strong emphasis on issues of sexuality and gender, thanks to our Centre for Gender Studies, as well as on health, crime and sustainability.

The Department of Sociology is a research-intensive department whose work is influencing and driving public debate and policy developments worldwide. We strive to better understand our world by developing a deeper theoretical understanding, and to innovate across sociology, criminology, and numerous interdisciplinary fields. The Department has particular strengths in gender, sexual practice, critical race studies and identity.

Please find further information regarding the school and its constituent departments at [www.sussex.ac.uk/lps](http://www.sussex.ac.uk/lps)

3. **Job Description for the post of: Research Fellow**

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Research Fellow I is an early career-grade research position. Post-holders will be expected to contribute to the work of the research team, and to develop their research skills with support from more experienced members of staff. The role is funded by the Wellcome Trust as part of a research project on ‘Marginalisation and the microbe: how to tackle antimicrobial resistance without increasing health inequalities.’

The research fellow will produce and analyse data on policy and governance shaping responses to urinary tract infections among different populations. They will be encouraged to identify and pursue opportunities to publish alone and with other members of the team. They will show ability to collaborate effectively with other researchers, and carry out fieldwork independently to a high standard.

They will be expected to develop networks in the area of antimicrobial resistance with other scholars, professionals and patients, and establish good relationships with voluntary sector organisations. They will need to be prepared to travel in the UK to pursue fieldwork, and develop broader international networks allowing a comparative perspective on this clinical area. They will be expected to contribute presentations to project events and other academic workshops or conferences, as well as reports and other updates for the project website and social media.

The University is committed to equality and valuing diversity, and applications are particularly welcomed from women and black and minority ethnic candidates.
1. **Role-specific duties**

This Job Description sets out current duties of the post that may vary from time to time without changing the general character of the post or level of responsibility entailed.

1.1 Contribute to the design and development of the research project.

1.2 Conduct primary fieldwork through interviews and documentary research.

1.3 Write up and share data within the research team.

1.4 Collate and analyse these data to produce useful findings and aid future research.

1.5 Carry out administrative duties as required, e.g. arranging meetings, keeping records.

1.6 Support the organisation of relevant workshops and other events.

1.7 Present findings to a variety of audiences.

1.8 Prepare papers for journals / presentations at national or international conferences and seminars to disseminate research findings.

1.9 Update and keep abreast of relevant developments and literature.

1.10 Update the project website, blogs and other social media.

1.11 Contribute to outreach and impact activities.

**PERSON SPECIFICATION**

**ESSENTIAL CRITERIA**

1. Normally educated to doctoral level, or other equivalent qualification, or appropriate level of experience, as appropriate to the discipline (see role-specific criteria below).

2. Evidence of engagement in high-quality research activity.

3. Ability to work individually on own initiative and without close supervision, and as part of a team.

4. Ability to exercise a degree of innovation and creative problem-solving.

5. Excellent presentation skills, with the ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing, with students, colleagues and external audiences.

6. Excellent organisational and administrative skills.
7. Ability to prioritise and meet deadlines.
8. Excellent IT skills.

**ESSENTIAL ROLE-SPECIFIC CRITERIA**

9. Have a PhD in sociology, anthropology or Science and Technology Studies.
10. Evidence of experience and skills in qualitative methods and research design.
11. Understanding of health policy and governance, including experience of comparative research across different national jurisdictions.

**DESIRABLE CRITERIA**

12. Emerging track record of high-quality publications in reputable journals and other appropriate media of similar standing.
13. Experience, skills and interest in studying health care and women's health experiences.
14. Experience and interest in studying inequality, marginalisation or stigma using insights from bioethics, sociology, anthropology or Science and Technology Studies.