



Marginalization and the Microbe: how to mobilize around antimicrobial resistance without increasing social inequalities

1. Advertisement

Post Title: Knowledge Exchange Officer, Marginalisation and the Microbe

School: School of Law, Politics and Sociology, University of Sussex

Hours: Part-time hours considered up to a maximum of 0.3 FTE (10,95 hours) per week. Remote or University of Sussex. Requests for [flexible working](#) options will be considered (subject to business need).

Location: Brighton, UK

Contract: fixed term 11 months.

Reference: 21507

Salary: Starting at £32,982 rising to £37,099 per annum, pro rata if part time.

Placed on: 14 August 2023.

Closing date: 11 September 2023. Applications must be received by midnight of the closing date

Expected start date: 1st November 2023

Expected interview date: Week commencing 25th of September

The School of Law, Politics and Sociology is looking for someone to join the Marginalisation and the Microbe project to expand impact work from the Wellcome Trust funded project in the Department of Sociology and Criminology.

The project is focussed on antimicrobial resistance (AMR) in sexual health, using qualitative methods to look at ways to ensure that new approaches to reduce this resistance do not exacerbate social inequities.

As the Knowledge Exchange Officer you will play a pivotal role in the project, supporting Dr Catherine Will by helping with the website, social media and proposing new activities, such as additional workshops or events. Creating and maintaining documents, and managing resources, you will be part of the success of the programme. You will need to initiate knowledge exchange activities including setting up and running workshops, managing new material on the project website and engaging in social media activities to help increase the numbers of people around the project and work out when and how they might be receptive to learning from the new knowledge we are creating.

To excel in this position, we're seeking applicants with a relevant first degree or Masters' (Science and Technology Studies, Politics, Gender or Sociology) and experience in administrative roles, coupled with excellent IT, organisational and communication skills. Research experience, analytical skills, and reporting proficiency are desirable.

Ideally, you'll have advanced knowledge of project coordination and familiarity with computer programming and IT would be advantageous. Further information on the required skills, experience, and knowledge can be found in the link provided below.

This role offers the opportunity to be appointed at either Grade 6, and is part-time – 1.5 days (or 10,95 hours) a week.

Working at the University of Sussex offers:

- a supportive and inclusive work environment that fosters collaboration and prioritizes employee well-being;
- competitive compensation with automatic service-related pay progression and annual cost of living increases;
- generous annual leave entitlement;
- regular meetings with your line manager and an annual development review to support your personal growth
- access to University training courses for continuous learning and development opportunities.

The University actively supports equality, diversity and inclusion and encourages applications from all sections of society, and has a responsibility to ensure that all employees are eligible to live and work in the UK.

Please contact Dr Catherine Will, c.will@sussex.ac.uk , or Dr Eleanor Kashouris, E.Kashouris@sussex.ac.uk , for informal enquiries. and/or look at X: @AMRinterrupted or on our website: <https://marginalisationandthemicrobe.org/>

We also have a project Facebook page and Instagram account, but these have not been recently used.

For full details and how to apply see our [vacancies page](#).

Please send alongside the application form and the personal data and equal opportunities form your CV (two-pages maximum) with a covering letter explaining why you are interested in the job (also two-page maximum).

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The University of Sussex values the diversity of its staff and students and we welcome applicants from all background

2. The Context

The Department of Sociology and Criminology is one of the three departments which form the School of Law, Politics and Sociology at the University of Sussex. These three vibrant academic units all strive for excellence in teaching and are all engaged in cutting-edge research.

In both teaching and research the School engages with key issues of contemporary concern, as well as with historical, philosophical and theoretical dimensions of its subject areas. It increasingly draws on the synergies between its three related disciplines.

The Department of Sociology and Criminology is a thriving and ambitious department which has grown significantly in strength and numbers over the past 5 years.

The Department is highly committed to teaching and research excellence. It is located in the newly refurbished Freeman building on the University of Sussex campus.

The Department of Sociology and Criminology is responsible for all teaching and research in Sociology and Criminology at the University of Sussex. There are approximately 25 members of Faculty. The total undergraduate and postgraduate student population is currently around 635 students.

The ethos of LPS is a commitment to its core disciplines (Law, Politics and Sociology), while seeking to make the most of the synergies that arise from the three disciplines comprising one School. Current and new appointees are encouraged to make use of the inter-disciplinary opportunities in the School, but only to the extent that individuals wish. Please find further information regarding the school at <http://www.sussex.ac.uk/lps/>.

3. Job Description

Job Description for the post of: Knowledge Exchange Officer

Department: Sociology and Criminology

Section/Unit/School: Law, Politics and Sociology

Location: Freeman Centre, Brighton BN1 9QE

Grade: 6

Responsible to: Dr Will, Reader in the Sociology of Science and Technology.

Responsible for: Dr Kashouris, Postdoctoral Researcher.

Job description:

Applications are invited for a Knowledge Exchange Officer to develop the Marginalisation and the Microbe project, with a specific emphasis on sharing our findings as widely as possible. This Wellcome Trust funded group was launched in September 2019 to look at how activities designed to reduce antimicrobial resistance (AMR) could avoid intensifying health inequalities in sexual health. We would like support to develop knowledge exchange from the project, through expanding our membership, coordinating social media communications and running the website, supporting the Principal Investigator, and organising regular and one-off events. We currently operate in-person and

online. You can find out more about the project online at X: @AMRinterrupted or on our website: www.marginalisationandthemicrobe.org.

4. PERSON SPECIFICATION

- Develop a Knowledge Exchange plan for the project, adding to what has already been done.
- Social media engagement on X (and perhaps also Instagram and Facebook).
- Running and adding to our current website.
- Organising regular and one-off events, including further workshops.
- Expanding project network to include more civil society organisations, activists, primary and secondary care clinicians, biomedical scientists and microbiologists, health and social service policy makers.

5. ESSENTIAL CRITERIA

- First degree in a relevant subject, such as Science and Technology Studies, Politics, Gender or Sociology.
- Knowledge of and interest in sexual health issues and/or antimicrobial resistance.
- A commitment to the rights of all people to receive good sexual health advice.
- Familiarity with using social media and online platforms for research communication.
- Ability to work individually on one's own initiative and without close supervision.
- Excellent inter-personal, organisational and administrative skills.
- Excellent oral and written skills.
- Strong IT skills.

6. DESIRABLE CRITERIA

- Evidence of publication in your field.
- A clear knowledge of different knowledge exchange activities and procedures.
- Ideas to offer on how we might intensify efforts to reach the most marginalised groups.