Post title: Research Fellow in Medical Anthropology
School/department: Brighton and Sussex Medical School (BSMS), Department of Global Health & Infection (GHI)
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).
Contract: Fixed term for up to 1 Year (Maternity Cover)
Reference: 5325
Salary: starting at £33,797 to £40,322 per annum
Closing date: 11 February 2021
Expected start date: As soon as possible

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The successful applicant will have:

- A PhD (or equivalent experience) in medical anthropology or another social science in a health-related area with strong qualitative/ethnographic research skills
- Research experience in low income countries, preferably in Africa
- Excellent organisational and communication skills
- The ability to work effectively in a multidisciplinary team

For more information on GHI see: https://www.bsms.ac.uk/research/global-health-and-infection/research-areas/research-areas.aspx

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For full details and how to apply see: www.sussex.ac.uk/jobs www.brighton.ac.uk/jobs www.bsms.ac.uk

The University of Sussex values the diversity of its staff and students and we welcome applicants from all backgrounds.
Brighton and Sussex Medical School's Global Health and Infection Department is a cross-cutting theme at BSMS which has been highlighted as a key strength for development in our strategic plan. We work in close partnership with our parent universities (Brighton and Sussex) to develop novel opportunities for teaching and research, a good example of which is the MSc in Global Health. Important Global Health issues permeate the undergraduate curriculum and students get plenty of opportunity to develop their interest through student selected components, individual research projects and the clinical elective.

BSMS has a vibrant Global Health research programme with academic links around the world. Taking a multidisciplinary approach, we work on important health problems including neglected tropical diseases, tuberculosis and non-communicable diseases in low-income settings. The department of Global Health and Infection hosts a Wellcome Trust Centre for Global Health Research and an NIHR Global Health Research Unit, allowing us to expand our research profile and in turn our contribution towards improving the health of disadvantaged groups around the world, working particularly in partnership with colleagues in sub-Saharan African countries. Global Health research activities extend across the School into wide-ranging disciplines including Biomedical Ethics, Psychiatry and Public Health. Opportunities to collaborate with colleagues from other Schools at both Brighton and Sussex Universities and at the Institute of Development Studies (IDS) are facilitated through a Global Health Network that meets regularly. We also work in partnership with community organisations and non-governmental organisations working in global health, many of which are based locally.

The University of Sussex is a leading research-intensive university near Brighton, currently ranked top 20 in all major league tables. Find out more: http://www.sussex.ac.uk/about/

The University of Brighton is a complex and diverse institution with a long and distinguished history of applied research. Find out more: brighton.ac.uk/about-us/

Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals Trust is the regional teaching hospital working across two sites: the Royal Sussex County Hospital in Brighton and the Princess Royal Hospital in Haywards Heath. Find out more: bsuuh.nhs.uk/about-us/

Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust specialises in working with people who are experiencing mental health difficulties and those with learning disabilities, across Sussex, Kent and Hampshire. Find out more: sussexpartnership.nhs.uk/about-us

Job Description

**Job Title:** Research Fellow in Medical Anthropology  
**Grade:** Research Fellow I, Grade 7  
**School:** Brighton and Sussex Medical School  
**Location:** University of Sussex campus  
**Responsible to:** Principal Investigator through to Head of School  
**Direct reports:** n/a  
**Key contacts:** Members of research group, members of faculty within the Department, School and University.  
**Role description:**  
Research Fellow 1 is an early career-grade research position. Post-holders will be expected to contribute to the work of the research team, and also to develop their research skills with support from more experienced members of staff.

**PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTABILITIES**

1. To engage in individual and/or collaborative research activity resulting in high-quality publications; and to develop research funding and knowledge exchange income
individually or in collaboration with others, as appropriate, depending on the size and scope of the bid.

2. To contribute to School teaching activities.

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**KEY RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. **Role-specific duties**

1.1 In close collaboration with the GHI team and Sudanese counterparts, coordinate research deliverables including developing a culturally-sensitive strategy for prevention of mycetoma in Sudan, and measuring its acceptability and feasibility.

1.2 Provide technical and conceptual support to a medical anthropological Ph.D. project on health policy analysis and the cultural construction of mycetoma in
1.3 Contribute more broadly to health and social science capacity development in NIHR unit partner countries including Sudan and Ethiopia.

2. Research, Scholarship & Enterprise

2.1 Develop research objectives and proposals for own or joint research, at acceptable levels, with assistance if required.

2.2 Conduct research projects individually and in collaboration with others.

2.3 Analyse and interpret research findings and draw conclusions from the outcomes.

2.4 Produce high-quality research outputs for publication in monographs or recognised high-quality journals, or performance/exhibition, as appropriate, and contribute to the School’s REF submission at acceptable levels of volume and academic excellence.

2.5 Contribute to the preparation of proposals and applications to external bodies, for example for funding purposes.

2.6 Individually or with colleagues, explore opportunities for enterprise activity, knowledge exchange income and/or consultancy, where permissible.

2.7 Build internal contacts and participate in internal networks and relevant external networks in order to form relationships and collaborations.

2.8 Continually update knowledge and understanding in field or specialism, and engage in continuous professional development.

3. Teaching & Student Support

3.1 Undertake teaching duties, if required.

3.2 Assist in the assessment of student knowledge and supervision of student projects, if required.

3.3 Assist in the development of student research skills, for example as part of a postgraduate supervision team.

4. Contribution to School & University

4.1 Attend and contribute to relevant School and project meetings.

4.2 Undertake additional duties, as required by the Principal Investigator and/or Head of School.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA

1. A PhD (or equivalent experience) in medical anthropology or social science in a health-related area

2. Research experience in low income countries, preferably in Africa
3. Evidence of engagement in high-quality research activity
4. Excellent presentation skills, with the ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing, with students, colleagues and external audiences.
5. Ability to work individually on own initiative and without close supervision, and as part of a team.
6. Ability to exercise a degree of innovation and creative problem-solving.
7. Excellent organisational and administrative skills
8. Ability to prioritise and meet deadlines.
9. Excellent IT skills.
10. Willingness to travel to Sudan and Ethiopia

DESIRABLE CRITERIA

1. Emerging track record of high-quality publications in reputable journals and other appropriate media of similar standing.
2. Experience of generating research or knowledge exchange income.

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