



1 Advertisement

Post Title: Research Fellow

School/department: Brighton and Sussex Medical School, SHORE-C

Hours: Part time hours considered up to 0.6FTE. Requests for flexible working options will be considered (subject to business need).

Contract: 12 month fixed term in the first instance

Reference: 9848

Salary: starting at £35,333 to £42,155 per annum, pro rata

Placed on: 01 November 2022

Closing date: 01 December 2022. Applications must be received by midnight of the closing date.

Expected Interview date: TBC

Expected start date: As soon as possible

Applications are invited for a Research Fellow to join the Sussex Health Outcomes Research and Education in Cancer (SHORE-C) unit within BSMS, based at the University of Sussex. Applicants should ideally have a PhD in Health Psychology or related discipline and post-doctoral experience in areas such as the design and/or interpretation of patient reported outcome measures, intervention development, self-management or health literacy.

The SHORE-C group conducts a variety of projects including:- the measurement of quality of life in cancer treatment trials, studies examining patient preferences for different treatments, communication and other interventional studies. The successful candidate will initially work collaboratively with other members of the team on a variety of on-going projects.

Please contact adminshore-c@sussex.ac.uk for informal enquiries.

The University is committed to equality and valuing diversity, and applications are particularly welcomed from women and black and minority ethnic candidates, who are under-represented in academic posts in Science, Technology, Engineering, Medicine and Mathematics (STEMM) at Sussex.

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

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.

2. The School / Division

Please find further information regarding the school/division at:

SHORE-C: <https://shore-c.sussex.ac.uk/>

BSMS: <https://www.bsms.ac.uk/research/clinical-and-experimental-medicine/oncology/index.aspx>

3. Job Description

Job Description for the post of: Research Fellow in Health Sciences/Psychology

Department: Sussex Health Outcomes Research and Education in Cancer (SHORE-C)

Section/Unit/School: Brighton and Sussex Medical School

Location: Falmer Campus, University of Sussex

Grade: 7

Responsible to: Dr Sally Wheelwright

Responsible for: N/A

Key contacts: Members of research group, members of faculty within the School and University, academics in the field in other institutions.

Role Description: 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 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 activities.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Research, Scholarship & Enterprise

- 1.1 Develop research objectives and proposals for own or joint research, at acceptable levels, with assistance if required.
- 1.2 Conduct research projects individually and in collaboration with others.
- 1.3 Analyse and interpret research findings and draw conclusions on the outcomes.
- 1.4 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.
- 1.5 Contribute to the preparation of proposals and applications to external bodies, for example for funding purposes.
- 1.6 Individually or with colleagues, explore opportunities for enterprise activity, knowledge exchange income and/or consultancy, where permissible.
- 1.7 Build internal contacts and participate in internal networks and relevant external networks in order to form relationships and collaborations.
- 1.8 Continually update knowledge and understanding in field or specialism, and engage in continuous professional development.

2. Contribution to School & University

- 2.1 Attend and contribute to relevant School and project meetings.
- 2.2 Undertake additional duties, as required by the Principal Investigator and/or Head of School.

3. Role-specific duties

- 3.1 Liaise closely with Dr Sally Wheelwright to agree research objectives and plans, gather input and advice, provide regular updates to ensure goals are met.
- 3.2 Manage activities within existing projects.
- 3.3 Conduct focus groups and interviews with patients, carers and healthcare professionals.
- 3.4 Ensure data management standards are applied and quality control data.
- 3.5 Conduct statistical analyses.

- 3.6 Carry out relevant literature reviews to understand and continually update knowledge. Translate this knowledge into research objectives and activities.
- 3.7 Identify potential sources of funding and contribute to the preparation of funding proposals and applications to external bodies to secure research funding.
- 3.8 Regularly disseminate findings using a range of media by taking the lead in preparing materials for refereed journals, presenting results at conferences, or communicating findings at other appropriate events
- 3.9 Carry out administrative tasks associated with specified research projects, for example ethics, risk assessments, organisation of project meetings and documentation. Implementation of procedures required to ensure accurate and timely formal reporting and financial control.

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.

INDICATIVE PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

- A PhD or equivalent scholarly or relevant professional activity
- Pursuing a line of independent research within a research group.
- Publishing research (either from a recently completed PhD or new original research).
- Other forms of externally recognised professional practice of creative output of a standing equivalent to regular publication of original research.
- Initiating, developing or participating in links between the University and external bodies such as business and industry, the professions, community organisations and policy-makers.

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. Excellent presentation skills, with the ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing, with students, colleagues and external audiences.
4. Ability to work individually on own initiative and without close supervision, and as part of a team.
5. Ability to exercise a degree of innovation and creative problem-solving.

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

ESSENTIAL ROLE-SPECIFIC CRITERIA

1. Knowledge in relevant field e.g. health psychology, psychosocial oncology, dietetics.
2. Track record of interviewing patients, carers and/or healthcare professionals and/or carry out focus groups
3. Ability to carry out literature reviews
4. Ability to perform statistical analyses

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.