brighton and sussex medical school

1. Advertisement

Post Title: Dementia Postdoctoral Research Fellow - NIHR Applied Research Collaboration Kent Surrey Sussex (ARC KSS)
School/Department: Centre for Dementia Studies, Brighton and Sussex Medical School
Hours: Part time or full-time hours considered up to 37.5 hours per week. Requests for flexible working options will be considered (subject to business need).
Contract: Fixed term for 2 years.
Salary: £36,333 to £43,155 or £44,414 to £52,841 (depending on post-doctoral experience and clinical experience if applicable), pro rata if part time.
Reference: 10103
Placed on: 23 May 2023
Closing date: 20 June 2023. Applications must be received by midnight of the closing date.
Expected Interview date: To be confirmed.
Expected start date: 01 September 2023 or as agreed thereafter.

Applications are invited for a two-year fixed-term NIHR Postdoctoral Research Fellow in dementia based at the Centre for Dementia Studies, Brighton and Sussex Medical School.

The post is funded by the NIHR Applied Research Collaboration Kent Surrey Sussex (ARC KSS) to build dementia research capacity regionally and will be appointed to work within the Living Well with Dementia Theme.

Applications are welcome from those with a range of backgrounds including academic researchers and those with experience of delivering clinical services for people living with dementia.

The post holder will benefit from support across the ARC KSS themes and a national peer cohort of dementia researchers across the 15 ARCs nationally to build his/her research career and leadership skills.

The post holder will provide direct research support to Professor Naji Tabet in his work as ARC KSS Dementia Theme Lead. The post holder will conduct research in line with the Living Well with Dementia portfolio of research. The dementia research topics undertaken will include researching approaches to support people to live well with their dementia.

For informal enquiries, please contact Professor Naji Tabet (n.tabet@bsms.ac.uk), Director Centre for Dementia Studies and ARC KSS Dementia Lead.

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

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 Neuroscience Department and Centre for Dementia Studies at

https://www.bsms.ac.uk/research/neuroscience/index.aspx
https://www.bsms.ac.uk/research/neuroscience/cds/index.aspx

3.   Job Description

Job Description for the post of: Dementia Postdoctoral Research Fellow

Department: Centre for Dementia Studies

Section/Unit/School: Brighton and Sussex Medical School

Location: Falmer Campus, University of Sussex

Grade: 7 or 8 (depending on experience)

Responsible to: Professor Naji Tabet, Director, Centre for Dementia Studies

Responsible for: Research activities within the Living Well with dementia Research

Key contacts: NIHR ARC KSS research members, members of faculty within Centre for Dementia Studies and academics in the field in other institutions.

Role Description: The post holder will provide direct research support to Professor Naji Tabet in his work as ARC KSS Dementia Theme Lead. The dementia research topic undertaken will be agreed with postholder but will be aimed at supporting people to live better with their dementia. Research topics investigated may include, but not restricted to, increasing understanding of the impact of loneliness/isolation, poverty, living in hard-to-reach areas such as deprived coastal or rural populations on dementia.

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTABILITIES

1.   To engage in individual and/or collaborative research activity resulting in high-quality publications; and to contribute to obtaining research funding and knowledge exchange income as appropriate.

2.   To work collaboratively with ARC KSS personnel and with other national Dementia post docs across the national NIHR ARC network.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Research and Role Specific Duties

1.1 Work with and support Professor Naji Tabet, ARC KSS Dementia Lead, in developing dementia research objectives and proposals for the dementia theme, especially in areas highlighted in Role Description above.

1.2 Conduct research projects individually and/or in collaboration with others.

1.3 Assess, interpret and evaluate outcomes of research, and develop ideas for their application and produce high-quality research outputs.

1.4 Develop, deliver and manage ARC KSS dementia research projects, leading small research project(s) and/or identified parts of a larger project, including supervising the work of others and managing or monitoring a research budget.

1.5 Make presentations at conferences, or exhibit work in other appropriate events.

1.6 Identify sources of funding and secure or contribute to the process of securing bids.

1.7 Actively build internal and external contacts, initially within the ARC KSS family and beyond within the national NIHR ARC network of Dementia postdoctoral researchers.

1.8 Continually update knowledge and understanding in field or specialism, and engage in continuous professional development; particularly through the national ARC peer cohort being led by ARC Wessex.

2. Contribution to School & University

2.1 Attend and contribute to relevant School and project meetings.

2.2 Undertake additional duties, as required by Professor Tabet and/or Head of School.

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

- Active engagement in and management of ARC KSS dementia projects.

- Active engagement with the national ARC peer cohort of post-doctoral Dementia researchers

- Regular published output of original research at international level (referred journal papers, monographs, book chapters, text-books).

- Evidence of contribution to the process of obtaining competitive/peer reviewed research support funding or collaboration in significant research projects with institutions of equivalent standing.

- Involvement in the creation, transfer and use of the results of research through a range of knowledge exchange activities.

- Success in transferring research results to commercial, professional, public sector or other practical use.

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 experience in contribution to the design and execution of research.

3. An emerging track record of publications in reputable journals and other appropriate media of similar standing.

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. As the post requires work with vulnerable adults diagnosed with clinical dementia, an enhanced DBS check is required.

ESSENTIAL ROLE-SPECIFIC CRITERIA

1. PhD in dementia/neurodegenerative disorders, psychology, nursing, social care, occupational therapy, neuroscience or a related area.

2. Ability to travel when required across ARC KSS associated sites and nationally to ARC-related meetings (approximately twice a year).

DESIRABLE CRITERIA

1. Experience of generating research or knowledge exchange income.

2. Experience of supervising postgraduate research students.