University of Sussex

ROLE PROFILES: RESEARCH

LEVEL 1	RESEARCH		
Main			
Responsibilities			
& Activities			
1 Teaching and	Assist in the supervision of student projects.		
learning support	Could be expected to contribute to introductory courses, for		
R1	example on the use of research methods and equipment.		
2 Research and	• Undertake basic research for example by preparing, setting up,		
scholarship R1	conducting and recording the outcome of experiments and field		
	work, the development of questionnaires and conducting surveys.		
	Conduct literature and database searches.		
	Continue to update knowledge and develop skills.		
3 Communication	Write up results of own research		
R1	• Contribute to the production of research reports and publications.		
	Present information on research progress and outcomes to bodies		
	supervising research, e.g. steering groups.		
	Prepare papers for steering groups and other bodies.		
4 Liaison and	Liaise with research colleagues and support staff on routine		
networking	matters.		
	Make internal and external contacts to develop knowledge and		
	understanding and form relationships for future collaboration.		
5 Managing people	Provide guidance as required to support staff and any students		
R1	who may be assisting with the research.		
6 Teamwork	Actively participate as a member of a research team.		
R1	Attend and contribute to relevant meetings.		
7 Pastoral care	Show consideration to others.		
R1			
8 Initiative,	Make use of standard research techniques and methods.		
problem-solving	• Deal with problems which may affect the achievement of research		
and decision-	objectives and deadlines		
making	Contribute to decisions affecting the work of the team.		
R1	 Analyse and interpret the results of own research and generate 		
	original ideas based on outcomes.		
9 Planning and	Plan own day-to-day research activity within the framework of the		
managing	agreed programme.		
resources	Co-ordinate own work with that of others to avoid conflict or		
R1	duplication of effort.		
	Contribute to the planning of research projects.		
10 Sensory,	Sensory and physical demands will vary from relatively light to a		
physical and	high level depending on the discipline and the type of work		
emotional	 Carry out tasks that require the learning of certain skills. 		
demands			

R1		
11 Work environment R1	•	Is required to be aware of the risks in the work environment and the potential impact on their own work and that of others
12 Expertise R1	•	Possess sufficient breadth or depth of specialist knowledge in the discipline and be developing further skills in and knowledge of research methods and techniques.