1. Advertisement

Post Title: Research Assistant in Innovation Studies
School/department: University of Sussex Business School, Science Policy Research Unit
Hours: Part time hours up to 29.2 hours per week.-Requests for flexible working options will be considered (subject to business need).
Contract: fixed term until 31st May 2024
Reference: 10058
Salary: starting at £31,411 to £35,333 per annum, pro rata
Placed on: 24 October 2022
Closing date: 15 November Applications must be received by midnight of the closing date.
Expected Interview date: TBC
Expected start date: December 2022 or soon thereafter

The Science Policy Research Unit (SPRU), within the University of Sussex Business School, is seeking to appoint a Research Assistant to work with Dr Ohid Yaqub. The post would be ideal for someone looking to develop existing work into publications.

The Research Assistant will contribute to the development of research publications. Essential criteria for the post are:
1. Experience of at least two years of PhD studies.
2. One working paper (we will ask to see this).
3. Fluency in oral and written English.
4. Experience working on categorisation problems in the field of psychopharmaceuticals.

Informal enquiries are encouraged, and should be directed to Dr Ohid Yaqub o.yaqub@sussex.ac.uk

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 school/division at insert link to School or department University webpage

3. Job Description

Job Title: Research Assistant in Innovation Studies
Grade: Research Assistant, Grade 6
School: University of Sussex Business School
Location: Jubilee Building, University of Sussex, Falmer, Brighton, UK

Responsible to: Principal Investigator
Direct reports: n/a
Key contacts: Members of research group, members of faculty within the School and University.

Role description: Research Assistant is a 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 observe and assist with individual and/or collaborative research activity and contribute to the production of research outputs for publications.
KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Research, Scholarship & Enterprise

1.1 With support from the Principal Investigator, develop research objectives and contribute to the planning of the research project.

1.2 Conduct research activity under supervision of the Principal Investigator, and in collaboration with others.

1.3 Assist with the analysis and interpretation of research findings and contribute to discussions on conclusions and outcomes.

1.4 Contribute to the writing of reports and other dissemination activities under the supervision of experienced researchers.

1.5 Contribute to the preparation of research ethics and data management strategies, under guidance from the Principal Investigator to ensure compliance with ethical approval and data protection legislation.

1.6 Present information on research progress and outcomes to relevant bodies under the supervision of the Principal Investigator.

1.7 Plan own day-to-day research activity within the framework of the agreed programme.

1.8 Learn about the publication process and contribute to research outputs for publication in monographs or recognised high-quality journals, or performance/exhibition, as appropriate.

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

2. Teaching & Student Support

2.1 Assist in the supervision of student projects and provide guidance to those assisting in the research.
3. 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.

4. Role-specific duties

4.1 Contribute to development of publications
4.2 Develop a bibliometric and qualitative mapping of research activity for comparing across scientific fields.
4.3 Prepare a case study of psychopharmaceutical innovation.
4.4 Prepare and/or deliver presentations at national or international conferences and seminars to disseminate research findings to a variety of audiences.
4.5 Carry out administrative duties as required, e.g. arranging meetings, keeping records.

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

- Under the supervision of the Principal Investigator, conduct experiments/research to assist with project aims, with emphasis on training.

- Undertake research by preparing, setting up, conducting and recording the outcomes.

- Manage and analyse data, and prepare written reports and summaries.

- Maintain and store project files and equipment as per health and safety and data regulations.

- As part of career development, contribute to the preparation of journal articles based on the research with support from the Principal Investigator.
PERSON SPECIFICATION

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA

1. Normally educated to degree level, or other equivalent qualification, or relevant level of experience, as appropriate to the discipline (see role-specific criteria below).

2. Good presentation skills, with the ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing, with colleagues and external audiences.

3. Ability to work independently (under supervision by the Principal Investigator), and as part of a team.

4. Ability to exercise a degree of innovation and creative problem-solving.

5. Excellent organisational and administrative skills.

6. Ability to prioritise and meet deadlines.

7. Excellent IT skills.

8. Ability to follow guidance of team leaders.

ESSENTIAL ROLE-SPECIFIC CRITERIA

1. Experience of at least two years of PhD studies.
2. One working paper (we will ask to see this).
3. Fluency in oral and written English.
4. Experience working on categorisation problems in the field of psychopharmaceuticals.

DESIRABLE CRITERIA

1. Previous degree in psychology, or related discipline.
2. Previous experience working as Research Assistant.
3. Broad familiarity with science and technology studies, speech act theory, and biomedical innovation literatures.
4. Experience of bibliometric mapping of research activity and visualization techniques.
5. Experience with programming languages (Python or R).