1 Advertisement

Post Title: Research Assistant
School/department: Brighton and Sussex Medical School
Hours: Part time considered up to a maximum of 18.25 hours per week. Requests for flexible working options will be considered (subject to business need).
Location: Brighton, United Kingdom
Contract: fixed term until 30 April 2023
Reference: 10339
Salary: starting at £31,411 to £35,333 per annum, pro rata
Placed on: 30 November 2022.
Closing date: 13 December 2022. Applications must be received by midnight of the closing date.
Expected Interview date: To be confirmed.
Expected start date: As soon as possible.

We are looking for a research assistant to join our team working on a novel project funded by Dysautonomia International to explore multi-modal neural correlates of brain fog.

Your primary role will be to help set up the study and acquire brain-scanning and physiological data.

Please contact Dr Jessica Eccles, jeccles@bsms.ac.uk for informal enquiries.

Please note that this position may be subject to ATAS clearance if you require visa sponsorship.

For full details and how to apply see our vacancies page

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The University of Sussex values the diversity of its staff and students and we welcome applicants from all backgrounds.

Please note: The University requires that work undertaken for the University is performed from the UK.

2. The School / Division

Please find further information regarding the school/division at
3. **Job Description**

Job Description for the post of: Research Assistant

**Department:** Neuroscience

**Section/Unit/School:** Brighton and Sussex Medical School

**Location:** Falmer

**Grade:** 6

**Responsible to:** Dr Jessica Eccles

**Responsible for:** N/A

- Research Assistant is a pre-Doctoral 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.

**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 With support from PI and training from wider team, help set up study, screen and consent potential participants and undertake testing. Post holder will need to be able to manage data in accordance with UK (GDPR)

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.
4. **Person Specification**

**ESSENTIAL CRITERIA**

1. 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 with psychophysiology and brain imaging

2. A DBS is required for this role

**DESIRABLE CRITERIA**

1. Experience of conducting research experiments.