



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

CANDIDATE BRIEF

Associate Professor in Stroke Rehabilitation

Faculty of Medicine & Health, Leeds Institute of Health Sciences



Salary: Grade 9 (£50,132 – £58,089 p.a.)

Reference: MHIHS1230

100% FTE

Closing date: 05 September 2019

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Are you an experienced and influential academic with the proven ability to carry out teaching and research in stroke care? Do you have an excellent research track record, proven success obtaining funding and the vision and drive to tackle new challenges? Are you passionate about delivering world leading research and an exceptional student experience?

We are seeking an Associate Professor with expertise and particular interest in stroke care to take a leading role in the existing team of applied health researchers and increase grant income from the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) and other funding bodies. It is anticipated that the successful candidate is likely to have expertise in a particular aspect of methodology, for example, qualitative approaches, behaviour change or intervention development. The post will be within the Academic Unit of Elderly Care and Rehabilitation, Leeds Institute of Health Sciences in the Faculty of Medicine and Health, University of Leeds with co-location in Bradford Institute for Health Research (BIHR) at Bradford Royal Infirmary.

You will contribute to the development and leadership of a multi-disciplinary research programme and foster collaborative relationships within the University and with NHS partners. This post therefore represents an exciting opportunity for an individual keen to shape the strategic development of an established Academic Unit.

The Academic Unit has a large portfolio of stroke research encompassing national and international collaborations and a range of methods including Cochrane Reviews, quantitative and qualitative exploration. A productive collaboration with the Leeds Institute of Clinical Trials Research produced two of the largest ever stroke rehabilitation trials: evaluation of a carers training programme (TRACS) and a model for post-discharge care (LoTScare). Ongoing work includes an NIHR Programme Grant focused on improving longer-term outcomes for stroke survivors and their carers; and exploration and evaluation of strategies to reduce sedentary behaviour. All the work is supported by an active patient group.



What does the role entail?

As Associate Professor your main duties will include:

- Pursuing, leading and developing the strategic direction of research, innovation and impact at an appropriately benchmarked level, attracting research income on an individual and collaborative basis to underpin high quality research activity and programmes/projects;
- Being recognised as an authority in your field, developing and maintaining an external profile as appropriate to the discipline;
- Maintaining a high quality record of regular and original research publications that are of nationally and internationally standing;
- Lead fundamental and translational research of internationally excellent and world leading quality, funded externally on programme funding from national bodies and contribute to Enterprise Knowledge Transfer and Innovation activities of the University, Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (BTHT) and other NHS Trusts in the region (as appropriate);
- Promoting the integration of your own research area with other research interests within and, as appropriate, outside the School, Faculty and University;
- Providing high quality postgraduate supervision and attracting research students to the University, and to supervise other students as appropriate;
- Undertaking research-led teaching at different levels on undergraduate and/or postgraduate taught courses, regularly collecting, and responding to, student feedback as well as being involved in the assessment of course work and examinations;
- Playing a significant role in the design, development, planning and review of modules and programmes within the subject area as required;
- Contributing to the management and administrative processes and committee structures of LIHS, the School, Faculty and University of Leeds;
- Managing or leading major initiatives or areas of work (as either sustained or one-off projects) as well as taking on leadership roles which facilitate School, Faculty or University performance or business as required.

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You will report to Professor Anne Forster, Tel: 01274 383446 or 383406
a.forster@leeds.ac.uk

What will you bring to the role?

As Associate Professor you will have:

- A recognised post graduate qualification (PhD or equivalent) relevant to stroke research, which may, for example be in social sciences, economics, statistics, epidemiology, health psychology;
- Experience of undertaking applied health research relevant to stroke and stroke service delivery. Advanced knowledge of techniques used to evaluate complex health service interventions including RCTs, quasi-experimental designs and use of mixed (qualitative and quantitative) methods;
- An international reputation, including a sustained track record of raising research funds from national and international funding agencies;
- Experience of developing study protocols and applications or ethics;
- A sustained track record of research outputs as a single or main author of refereed publications of internationally excellent quality;
- Significant experience of teaching effectively at all levels within higher education, including module and programme design, review and development;
- Experience of supervising taught undergraduate or postgraduate students;
- Outstanding communication, team working, networking and profile-raising skills to operate effectively within the role; including experience of collaboration on cross-disciplinary projects, willingness to travel;
- Proven ability to provide academic leadership within a multi-disciplinary environment, including managing resources and staff;
- Evidence of the ability to build trust to ensure engagement and commitment, and to treat staff fairly, with respect and dignity;
- Have an understanding of current NHS management and Trusts.

You may also have:

- Experience of PhD supervision, acting as primary supervisor to successful doctoral graduates;



- Ability to build partnerships with industrial, professional and public sector organisations on interdisciplinary collaboration, knowledge exchange and funding.

How to apply

You can apply for this role online; more guidance can be found on our [How to Apply](#) information page. Applications should be submitted by **23.59** (UK time) on the advertised closing date.

Before you apply for a secondment you must have agreement from your line manager / organisation that you are able to take up the role on a secondment basis if successful.

Contact information

To explore the post further or for any queries you may have, please contact:

Professor Anne Forster

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Email: a.forster@leeds.ac.uk

Additional information

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Find out more about [Leeds Institute of Health Sciences](#)

Find out more about [Athena Swan](#) in the Faculty.

Working at Leeds

Find out more about the benefits of working at the University and what it is like to live and work in the Leeds area on our [Working at Leeds](#) information page.

Candidates with disabilities

Information for candidates with disabilities, impairments or health conditions, including requesting alternative formats, can be found on our [Accessibility](#) information page or by getting in touch with us at disclosure@leeds.ac.uk.



Criminal record information

Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975

This post requires an enhanced and barred list criminal record check from the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS), and any equivalent overseas authorities where relevant. The successful candidate will be required to give consent for the University to check their criminal record status. All applicants are required to make a self-declaration where applicable.

Any offer of appointment will be subject to the University being satisfied with the outcome of these checks, in accordance with our Criminal Records policy. You can find out more about required checks and declarations in our [Criminal Records](#) information page.

