



**UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS**

## **CANDIDATE BRIEF**

**Research Fellow in Applied Health Research, Faculty of Medicine and Health**



**Salary: Grade 7 (£33,797 – £40,322 p.a.)**

**Reference: MHHEA1149**

**Closing Date: 30 October 2019**

**Part time: 60% FTE**

**Fixed term 01 February 2020 – 31 January 2023 (36 months)**

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# Research Fellow in Applied Health Research

## School of Healthcare

### Faculty of Medicine and Health

**Are you an ambitious researcher looking for your next challenge? Do you have a background in applied health research? Do you want to further your career in one of the UK's leading research intensive Universities?**

An opportunity has arisen for an enthusiastic Research Fellow to support development of musculoskeletal research within the School of Healthcare.

You will be expected to contribute to the overall research profile of musculoskeletal research, working directly with Professor Gretl McHugh, Professor of Applied Health Research, to develop and manage research projects.

You will have experience of working in applied health research and the ability and desire to use your skills to improve care and service delivery for individuals with musculoskeletal conditions. You will also have experience of co-ordinating research studies, and a proven track record in developing and maintaining good working relationships with staff and clinical colleagues.

You will have a first degree and a Masters degree with research experience/or a PhD in a subject area relating to health services research/applied health research. You will also have relevant musculoskeletal research experience in an academic or other relevant health care setting.

As a Research Fellow you will be expected to:

- Work with Professor Gretl McHugh to progress existing research projects and support the development of new research proposals;
- Pursue research ideas including practitioner and service-user led question development in musculoskeletal research and other long-term conditions, with a specific focus on improving health service organisation and delivery, and improving self-management amongst service users;
- Work innovatively in collaboration with a range of external partners, including clinicians professional and voluntary organisations and patient support groups, to develop successful research protocols for musculoskeletal conditions;
- Assist with research project data collection;
- Develop research objectives and establish processes and procedures which adhere to protocol, ethical and administrative requirements;



- Be responsible for day to day management of a portfolio of projects to ensure successful and timely delivery;
- Contribute to dissemination and presentation of research findings through publication or other recognised forms of output;
- Work both independently and as part of a larger team of researchers, engaging in knowledge-transfer activities where appropriate and feasible;
- Maintain your own continuing professional development and act as a mentor to less experienced colleagues as appropriate;
- Contribute to the overall research culture of the School of Healthcare.

These duties provide a framework for the role and should not be regarded as a definitive list. Other reasonable duties may be required consistent with the grade of the post.

As a Research Fellow you will have:

- A first degree, a Masters with research experience in a research setting or PhD (in a subject area relating to health services research/applied health research).
- Considerable research experience in an academic or relevant health care or community setting and a strong background in Applied Health Research.
- Research co-ordination experience in both design and conduct of health research, including musculoskeletal research.
- Experience in both qualitative and mixed methods research
- Experience of working with voluntary organisations in research projects, in particular involving and training volunteers in the research process.
- Demonstrable ability to work effectively with NHS organisations in developing, conducting and disseminating research.
- Experience of using social media and other similar activities to promote research projects, recruit participants and generate interest and impact.
- Experience of processing financial accounts for research studies.
- Excellent time management, organisation and planning skills, with the ability to meet tight deadlines and work effectively under pressure.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills (including presentation skills) with the ability to communicate effectively with a wide range of stakeholders.
- A proven ability to work well both individually and in a team.

You may also have:

- Experience of writing grant applications
- A track record of publications in applied health research



## How to apply

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

## Contact information

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

### **Professor Gretl McHugh**

Tel: +44 (0) 343 1365

Email: [G.A.McHugh@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:G.A.McHugh@leeds.ac.uk)

## Additional information

Find out more about the [Faculty of Medicine and Health](#).

Find out more about [Athena Swan](#) in the School of Healthcare

Find out more about [School of Healthcare](#)

Find out more about our [Research](#)

You will report to Professor Gretl McHugh, School of Healthcare

### **Working at Leeds**

You can find out more about our generous benefits package and more about what it is like to work at the University and live in the Leeds area in our [Working at Leeds](#) information.

### **Candidates with disabilities**

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



## Criminal record information

### **Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975**

This post requires a standard 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](#).

