



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

CANDIDATE BRIEF

Research Assistant

Faculty of Medicine and Health



Salary: Grade 6 (£27,511 – £32,817p.a. pro-rata)

Due to funding restrictions the maximum salary that can be offered is £30,046 per annum pro rata

Reference: MHHEA1150

Closing date: 01 January 2020

Fixed-term for 12 months (01 April 2020 – 31 March 2021)

Part time – 50% full time equivalent.

Research Assistant 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?

We need an enthusiastic Research Assistant to work with us on an exciting research study funded by National Institute for Health Research (NIHR): The Effects of Computerised Decision Support on Nurse and Allied Health Professional Performance and Outcomes. The study is led by University of Leeds in collaboration with researchers from the Universities of York, Bradford and Exeter. As well as academic partners, we have team and advisory board members who are experts in decision support, informatics, digital health and receiving technology-supported services.

This study focuses on the effects on nurses, allied health professionals' performance and outcomes of computerised decision support systems (CDSS). We are examining secondary and primary care. The study is a systematic review to which we have embedded a small qualitative study using focus groups of staff and service users/patients to help us ensure that the results and our analysis are useful for health services. This is an 18 month study that has already begun. We started in October 2019 and we need a research assistant for 12 months at 0.5 FTE from April 1st 2020 to help with the conduct of the systematic review and to organise, recruit, collect data and analyse qualitative focus group data from staff and patients that use and receive CDSS. There will be some travel and overnight stays may be involved as part of the role.

What does the role entail?

As a Research Assistant your main duties will include:

- Identifying services in which nurses and/or AHPs use computerised decision support (CDSS) in the UK



- Recruiting service staff and users to participate in ~6 focus groups of different services
- Collect and analyse focus group data;
- Contributing our main systematic review (data extraction, appraisal, data organisation and analysis)
- Providing regular feedback to the project team and Steering Group regarding the progress of the work;
- Writing reports, undertaking literature reviews and preparing papers for publication, with guidance as necessary;
- Working both independently and as part of a larger team of researchers and stakeholders;
- Supporting research activities, including contributing to research results and outputs and to the generation of independent and original ideas, ensuring a successful programme of investigation;
- Continually updating your knowledge, understanding and skills in the research field.
- Participating in the research group and presenting research output where appropriate;
- Contributing to the research culture of the School, where appropriate.

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.

What will you bring to the role?

As Research Assistant you will have:

- A first degree or Masters in an applied health research or relevant discipline, e.g. psychology, sociology;
- The ability to communicate effectively and sensitively with a wide range of stakeholders
- Experience of engaging participants in research related to service use or technology
- A working knowledge of advances in technology supported services in the UK and internationally
- Well-developed analytical skills;



- The ability to write clearly;
- Good time management and planning skills, with the ability to meet tight deadlines and work effectively under pressure;
- The ability to work unsupervised and to use your own initiative;
- A strong commitment to your own continuous professional development;
- Willingness to travel to study sites when necessary.

You may also have:

- Experience of systematic reviewing quantitative research evidence and qualitative interview/focus group methods;
- Experience of collection and analysis of interview data;
- A proven ability to publish in peer-reviewed journals.

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 advertised closing date

Contact information

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

Professor Carl Thompson

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Additional information

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

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



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

Find out more about our [Research](#).

You will report to Professor Carl Thompson in the 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.

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](#).

