



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

CANDIDATE BRIEF

Research Fellow/Senior Research Fellow

School of Medicine, Leeds Institute of Health Sciences,



Salary: Grade 7/8 (£33797-£40322 /£41526 – £49553 p.a.)

Reference: MHIHS1243

Closing date: 17 January 2020

Fixed-term until 30 September 2024

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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 are seeking to appoint a Research Fellow/Senior Research Fellow with experience of complex intervention development and evaluation to support delivery of the National Institute for Health Research Applied Research Collaborative, Yorkshire & Humber (NIHR ARC YH).

Our NIHR ARC YH theme aims to improve the physical and mental health of older people living with frailty, including care home residents. We plan internationally-leading work to develop and evaluate prioritised interventions for people living with frailty and care home residents, increase sustainability of health and care services for older people, and build UK frailty research capacity.

The NIHR ARC YH theme is led by Andrew Clegg, Professor of Geriatric Medicine at the Academic Unit of Elderly Care & Rehabilitation. Our planned work to develop and evaluate prioritised interventions is led by Anne Forster, Head of the Academic Unit of Elderly Care & Rehabilitation and Professor of Stroke Rehabilitation. The work is planned in collaboration with Amanda Farrin, Professor of Clinical Trials and Evaluation of Complex Interventions at the Clinical Trials Research Unit, University of Leeds and Karen Spilsbury, Professor of Nursing Research, University of Leeds.

You will play a key role in prioritising research questions from the perspective of older people living with frailty and care home residents, their families, carers, health and social care professionals. You will build on these findings to develop and test prioritised interventions using novel research methods, including efficient trial designs such as trial within cohort methodology.

You will have previously conducted research studies involving multiple stakeholders and organisations. Ideally, this previous experience would have been gained in a healthcare context.



What does the role entail?

As a Research Fellow/Senior Research Fellow, your main duties will include:

- Playing a significant role in the delivery of the designated work;
- Undertaking health research using mixed methods approaches;
- Developing and testing new healthcare interventions;
- Engaging and communicating effectively with key stakeholders;
- Liaising closely with the principal investigators to ensure the smooth running of the work;
- Communicating or presenting research results through publication or other recognised forms of output;
- Preparing papers for publication in leading international journals and independently writing reports;
- Contributing to the development of new research proposals;
- Maintaining your own continuing professional development and acting as a mentor to less experienced colleagues as appropriate;
- Contributing to the research culture of the School of Medicine, where appropriate.

For appointment at Grade 8, you will be responsible for aspects of the day-to-day running of the ARC theme including:

- Planning and contributing to research projects with advice from senior colleagues;
- Co-ordinating the activities of associated research staff across multiple sites, to ensure the projects are successfully completed;
- Initiating proposals for new research projects and, where appropriate, play a leading role in obtaining research funding;
- Building a record of regular publication of original research and a high national and international profile;
- Working with the Research Business Manager to contribute to budget management;
- Co-supervision of PhD students;
- Taking part in knowledge transfer activities, where appropriate and feasible.

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.

You will report to Professor Andrew Clegg.

What will you bring to the role?

As Grade 7 Research Fellow you will have:

- Postgraduate qualifications in applied research methods, ageing or stroke;
- Evidence of previous applied health research experience;



- Qualitative research skills, including experience of intervention development methods;
- Experience of conference presentations;
- The ability to write to a standard required for research reports/publications;
- A commitment to your own continuous personal development.

You may also have:

- Experience of ageing-related or stroke research;
- Experience of carrying out systematic reviews;
- Familiarity with handling quantitative data;
- Effective project management skills;
- Publications in peer-reviewed journals;
- The ability to contribute to teaching.

As Grade 8 Senior Research Fellow, you will have:

- A PhD or close to completion (must have handed in initial thesis by time of application) in applied health research or a closely allied discipline, or equivalent research experience;
- A proficient understanding of mixed methods research approaches;
- Experience in developing and testing new healthcare interventions;
- Ability to provide inspiring leadership for and work effectively to plan and oversee complex research across multiple academic and public sector organisations;
- Ability to work and think independently to plan research which involves aspects of active problem solving and managing competing demands;
- Experience of financial management of a research programme;
- Experience of high level administration (e.g. overseeing contractual procedures associated with a large research study);
- Experience of collaborating with external partners;
- An awareness of the key issues in patient and public engagement and the ability to develop, implement and lead the PPI strategy;
- A track record of refereed publications of international quality;
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills including presentation skills and the ability to communicate effectively with a wide range of stakeholders;
- A strong commitment to your own continuous professional development.

You may also have:

- Experience of undertaking or managing research (or previously working with) older people/ elderly care setting;
- A successful record of obtaining external research funding as Co-Investigator or Principal Investigator;



- Experience of mentoring colleagues and supporting others in research techniques;
- The ability to disseminate the progress of the study via social media.

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.

Contact information

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

Professor Andrew Clegg

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Email: a.p.clegg@leeds.ac.uk

Additional information

The Academic Unit of Elderly Care and Rehabilitation is part of the University of Leeds but physically located in the purposely developed Bradford Institute for Health Research building on the Bradford Royal Infirmary site. The successful candidate will be expected to work across both Leeds and Bradford.

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

This post requires an enhanced 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.

