UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

CANDIDATE BRIEF

Research Fellow in Physical Activity and Health, Faculty of Biological Sciences



Salary: Grade 7 (£34,304 – £40,927 p.a.). Due to funding limitations it is unlikely an appointment will be made above £35,326 p.a.

Reference: FBSBM1161

Available on a fixed-term basis for 12 months (external funding).

We will consider flexible working arrangements.

Research Assistant in Physical Activity and Health
School of Biomedical Sciences

Are you an early career researcher looking for your first challenge? Do you have a background in Physical Activity and/or Sport and Exercise Science? Do you want to further your career in one of the UK's leading research intensive Universities?

Working in close collaboration with a range of stakeholders you will contribute to the continued development and assessment of a community-based programme of dance to increase physical activity in older people across Yorkshire. 'Dance On', a Sport England funded project, is delivered across Bradford, Doncaster and Leeds and to date has engaged with over 700 people. This role will see the candidate analyse a range of data to assess the effectiveness of this programme, in addition to contributing to the development of new avenues of research and/or a new focus of the Dance on programme.

You should have a PhD (or close to completion) in Physical Activity or a closely allied discipline, with experience in analysis of quantitative data, specifically questionnaire data.

The University of Leeds and the Faculty of Biological Sciences are committed to providing equal opportunities for all and offer a range of family friendly policies. The University is a charter member of Athena SWAN (the national body that promotes gender equality in higher education), and the Faculty of Biological Sciences was awarded a Silver award in 2020. We are proud to be an inclusive Faculty that values all staff, and are happy to consider job share applications and requests for flexible working arrangements from our employees. Our Athena SWAN webpage provides more information.

What does the role entail?

As a Research Fellow your main duties will include:

- Designing, planning and conducting a programme of investigation, in consultation with Dr Sarah Astill;
- Generating independent and original research ideas and methods in Physical Activity and Health with an aim to extend the research portfolio of Dance On;





- Making a significant contribution to the dissemination of research results by publication in leading peer-reviewed journals, and by presentation at national and international meetings;
- Working independently and as part of a larger team of researchers, both internally and externally, to develop new research links and collaborations and engage in knowledge transfer activities where appropriate;
- Contributing to the supervision of junior researchers and PhD students and acting as a mentor to less experienced colleagues;
- Evaluating methods and techniques used and results obtained by other researchers and relating such evaluations to your own research;
- To contribute to, and to encourage, a safe working environment.

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?

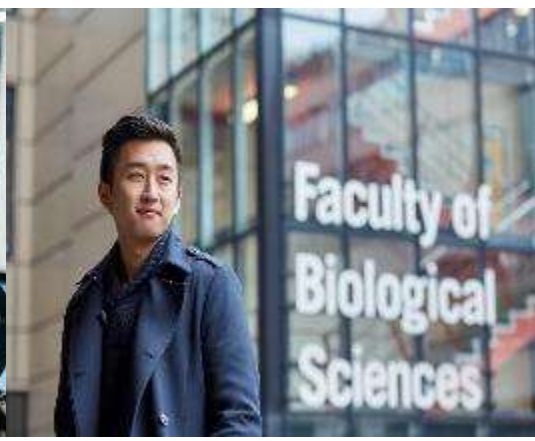
As a Research Fellow you will have:

- A PhD (or close to completion) in Physical Activity or a closely allied discipline;
- Experience in analysis of quantitative data, specifically questionnaire data;
- Strong analytical skills, with the ability to work accurately and carefully, designing, executing and writing up research independently;
- A developing track record of peer reviewed publications in international journals;
- Excellent communication skills, both written and verbal, and the ability to communicate your research at national and international conferences;
- The ability to work well both independently and as part of a team;
- Strong initiative and a pro-active approach, with excellent organisational, planning and self-management skills, including the ability to prioritise workloads to meet deadlines/demand and deliver high quality under pressure;
- A strong commitment to your own continuous professional development.

You may also have:

- Experience in qualitative data analyses;
- Evidence of pursuing external funding to support research.





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.

Your application should include:

- A supporting statement providing evidence to support each requirement listed on the 'What will you bring to the role' section of the Candidate Brief (no more than two sides of A4, minimum font size 11);
- An academic curriculum vitae, including a list of your publications.

Contact information

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

Dr Sarah Astill, Associate Professor in Motor Control
Email: s.l.astill@leeds.ac.uk

Please note: If you are not a British or Irish citizen, from 1 January 2021 you will require permission to work in the UK. This will normally be in the form of a visa but, if you are an EEA/Swiss citizen and resident in the UK before 31 December 2020, this may be your passport or status under the EU Settlement Scheme.

Additional information

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
A criminal record check is not required for this position. However, all applicants will be required to declare if they have any ‘unspent’ criminal offences, including those pending.

Any offer of appointment will be in accordance with our Criminal Records policy. You can find out more about required checks and declarations in our Criminal Records information page.



