



**UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS**

## **CANDIDATE BRIEF**

**Associate Professor in Stroke Care,  
Leeds Institute of Health Sciences. School of Medicine**



**Salary: Grade 9 (£54,421 – £63,059 p.a.)**

**Reference: MHIHS1354**

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## **Associate Professor in Stroke Care**

### **School of Medicine, Leeds Institute of Health Sciences**

#### **Academic Unit for Ageing and Stroke Research**

This is an exciting opportunity to join an internationally recognised centre for stroke research which is undertaking world leading research. 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 / quantitative approaches, behaviour change or intervention development.

The post will be within the Academic Unit for Ageing and Stroke Research (led by Professor Anne Forster), Leeds Institute of Health Sciences in the Faculty of Medicine and Health, University of Leeds based 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 encompasses 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 reducing sedentary behaviour after stroke and colleagues undertaking doctoral and post-doctoral work. All the work is supported by an active patient group.

Applicants should have a PhD or equivalent experience in applied health stroke research and be familiar with working in a multidisciplinary research environment. The successful applicant will be an experienced researcher with a significant publication record. They will possess effective communication and presentation skills, a capacity to infuse others with enthusiasm and ability to work successfully as a team member.





## What does the role entail?

As an Associate Professor in Stroke Care, 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;
- 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.

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



## What will you bring to the role?

As an Associate Professor in Stroke Care, 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.
- 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.

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: 16/06/23

## Contact information

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

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**Head of the Academic Unit for Ageing and Stroke Research**  
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## Additional information

The post will physically be based in both Leeds Institute of Health Science (University of Leeds) site and Bradford Institute for Health Research (Bradford Royal Infirmary) site.

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.

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Find out more about the [Academic Unit for Ageing and Stroke Research](#)

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





## **Working at Leeds**

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## **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](mailto:disclosure@leeds.ac.uk).

## **Security checks**

Appointment to this post will be subject to appropriate security checks being carried out with your permission by a third party company.

## **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.

