



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

CANDIDATE BRIEF

Research Fellow in Epidemiology & Biostatistics, Faculty of
Medicine and Health



Salary: Grade 7 (£32,004 – £38,183 p.a.)

Reference: MHCAP1092

Closing date: 24 February 2017

Fixed-term: Available immediately to 31st December 2018

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School of Medicine

Leeds Institute of Cancer and Pathology

Are you an ambitious researcher looking for your next challenge? Do you have a background in cancer epidemiology, health outcomes or health services research? Do you want to further your career in one of the UK's leading research intensive Universities?

We are seeking a Research Fellow to work within a growing research group on the Life After Prostate Cancer Diagnosis (LAPCD) study. This is an exciting comprehensive programme of outcomes research assessing the quality of life of men living with and beyond prostate cancer. The study is funded by Prostate Cancer UK and the Movember Foundation. The role will involve analysing patient-reported outcome (survey) data alongside other routine NHS datasets in order to generate the high quality intelligence required to reliably monitor outcomes, assess the quality of prostate cancer services, and inform service delivery.

We are looking for a researcher with experience in a cancer epidemiological or similar role together with experience of handling and analysing large datasets using statistical packages such as Stata. The ability to use initiative to creatively identify areas for research and extend the research portfolio of the group are also key for this appointment.

What does the role entail?

As Research Fellow your main duties will include:

- Analysing and interpreting the data from the LAPCD surveys and other linked routine NHS datasets in order to address the main aims of the study;
- Evaluating and applying appropriate methods and techniques to reliably and robustly analyse these complex data;
- Preparing papers for publication in leading international journals, independently writing reports and presenting research results at national and international conferences;
- Collaborating effectively with the project's team of non-clinical and clinical experts to ensure the production of robust and clinically pertinent research;
- Establishing or extending a personal portfolio of high quality research in cancer epidemiology and health services research;
- Developing research objectives and proposals and contributing to setting the direction of the research project and team including, where appropriate, preparing proposals for funding in collaboration with colleagues;

- Working both independently and also as part of a larger team of researchers, engaging in knowledge-transfer activities where appropriate and feasible;
- Complying with all relevant ethical and research governance permissions and undertaking training where necessary;
- 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, where appropriate;
- Contributing to the training of both undergraduate and postgraduate students, where appropriate, including assisting with the supervision of projects in areas relevant to the project.

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 Fellow you will have:

- A first degree and PhD (or close to completion) in health, psychology, social sciences, health information, statistics or a closely allied discipline;
- Previous experience in a cancer epidemiological or similar role;
- Evidence of a developing research portfolio and publication record;
- Experience of database management and quantitative analysis;
- Advanced IT skills including hands on experience of statistical packages such as Stata;
- Good time management and planning skills, with the ability to meet tight deadlines and work effectively under pressure;
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills including presentation skills and the ability to communicate effectively with a wide range of stakeholders;
- Proven ability to manage competing demands effectively, responsibly and without close support;
- A proven ability to work well both individually and in a team;
- A strong commitment to your own continuous professional development.



You may also have:

- Experience of working with large routine NHS datasets;
- Knowledge of clinical and medical terminology;
- Knowledge of the legal requirements governing the collection and use of patient data for research;
- Publications in international journals;
- Experience in securing sources of funding;

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:

Prof Adam Glaser (Clinical Professor in Paediatric Oncology) or Dr Amy Downing (Research Fellow in Cancer Epidemiology)

Email: a.glaser@nhs.net / a.downing@leeds.ac.uk

If you have any specific enquiries about your online application please contact Sharon Collins or Rosemary Sannaee

Email: R.Sannaee@leeds.ac.uk / S.Collins@leeds.ac.uk

Additional information

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

Find out more about our School/Institute/Section:

http://medhealth.leeds.ac.uk/info/900/leeds_institute_of_cancer_and_pathology



Find out more about our Research and associated facilities:

<http://www.lapcd.leeds.ac.uk/>

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

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 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](#).

