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Research Assistant

Department	Psychology (www.strath.ac.uk/humanities/psychologicalscienceshealth/)		
Faculty	Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (www.strath.ac.uk/humanities/)		
Staff Category	Research	Reference No	624780
Reports To	Professor of Clinical Psychology	Grade	6
Salary Range	£31396 - £34980	Contract Type	Fixed Term (33 months)
FTE	0.4 (14 hours/week)	Closing Date	07/07/2024
Holidays	31 days + 11 statutory days Option to purchase additional holidays.	On Site Facilities	Car parking, sports centre, catering.
Pensions	Contributory pension scheme available to all staff including generous employer contribution.		
Training	Professional Development with Organisational and Staff Development Unit (OSDU) plus external training if required.		
Family Friendly Benefits	Generous parental leave provision, on-campus nursery and options for flexible working.		
Health and Wellbeing	University Sport centre, Occupational Health service, access to health and wellbeing events, cycle to work scheme, Employee Assistance Programme, agile working and established carers support network and carer friendly policies.		

Job Advert

The School of Psychological Sciences and Health is looking to recruit a part-time Research Assistant (Grade 6) to undertake clinical research in epilepsy care. The post involves collaborative working between the William Quarrier Scottish Epilepsy Centre (WQSEC) and the University of Strathclyde.

The researcher will join Professor Christopher Graham's research group at the University of Strathclyde, which focuses on improving the care offered to people with long-term health conditions. The researcher will be based at University of Strathclyde and at the WQSEC. The WQSEC is a 12-bedded independent hospital run by a charitable organisation, Quarriers, in partnership with NHS Scotland. It provides a novel model of diagnostic assessment and treatment for those with epilepsy and related conditions (mainly non-epileptic attacks) across. There is continuous video monitoring of all patient spaces (excluding bathrooms) and wireless video-EEG telemetry. There is a multi-disciplinary team (nursing, neurology, clinical neurophysiology, neuropsychiatry and neuropsychology).

The successful candidate will work as part of a multi-disciplinary clinical research team led by Professor Graham and Dr Maria Oto, Consultant Clinical Neuropsychiatrist, WQSEC. The postholder will initiate a range of clinical research projects that are designed to improve the care offered to people with epilepsy. There will be a strand to the work that is focused on identifying newer treatments for dissociative seizures. The role will involve assisting in the delivery of research activities as part of the project team, working under the research supervision of senior colleagues. The successful candidate will also undertake administrative duties and assist with relevant knowledge exchange activities where required.

To be considered for the role, you must hold an undergraduate degree in Psychology or other relevant discipline. You will have experience of working in clinical settings and with clinical populations. You will have a good grasp of the pragmatics of clinical research, such as completing ethics applications and collecting data in clinical settings. You will be able to plan and prioritise your

own workload and be able to work within a team environment. You will have excellent interpersonal and communication skills, with the ability to listen, engage and persuade and to present complex information in an accessible way to a range of audiences. You will be able to communicate effectively, empathically and professionally in situations where people are experiencing distress. You will be able to use research supervision effectively to continuously improve the effectiveness of your work. You will understand the importance of ethical practice. For example, the importance of confidentiality, consent and candour in research. For work at the WQSEC the applicant will be required to obtain Enhanced Disclosure via Disclosure Scotland.

Job Description

Brief Outline of Job:

We are seeking to appoint a Research Assistant to work on collaborative research projects between WQSEC and University of Strathclyde, aimed at improving our understanding of effective care of people with epilepsy and dissociative seizures.

Main Activities/Responsibilities:

1.	With guidance from senior research supervisors, initiate several new clinical research projects based at WQSEC, which will involve co-designing projects, completing ethics applications, initiating research procedures
2.	Liaise with patients, clinicians, and researchers across WQSEC and the University of Strathclyde, to complete research tasks
3.	Create and manage research databases – using, for example, Excel or NVIVO.
4.	Effectively use research supervision to develop key research competencies
5.	Collect data ethically and accurately
6.	Input as a team member to School, Faculty and/or University or WQSEC administrative activities
7.	Engage in continuous professional development

Person Specification

Educational and/or Professional Qualifications

(E=Essential, i.e. a candidate must meet all essential criteria to be considered for selection, D=Desirable)

E1 Undergraduate degree in Psychology or related discipline

D1 Masters degree in Psychology or another relevant to clinical research

Experience

E2 Sufficient breadth or depth of knowledge in the relevant discipline/s to effectively contribute to the research programme/s

E3 Experience of working within clinical settings (e.g. NHS, social care, charity settings)

E4 Experience of working with clinical populations (e.g. people living with physical or mental health diagnoses)

E5 Experience of designing research and conducting data analyses

D2 Experience conducting research in clinical settings

Job Related Skills and Achievements

E6 Ability to plan and organise own workload effectively

E7 Ability to work within a team environment

E8 Ability to use supervision to learn and develop skill and practice

E9 Ability to work effectively within highly emotive clinical environments

Personal Attributes

E10 Excellent interpersonal and communication skills, with the ability to listen, engage and persuade, and to present complex information in an accessible way to a range of audiences

E11 Interest in clinical care of people with neurological conditions

Application Procedure

Applicants are required to complete an application form including the name of three referees who will be contacted without further permission, unless you indicate that you would prefer otherwise. Applicants should also submit a Curriculum Vitae and a covering letter detailing the knowledge, skills and experience you think make you the right candidate for the job. Applicants should also complete the Equal Opportunities Monitoring Form.

Other Information

Further information on the application process and working at Strathclyde can be found on our website (<http://www.strath.ac.uk/hr/workforus>).

Informal enquiries about the post can be directed to Professor Christopher Graham, Professor of Clinical Psychology (christopher.graham@strath.ac.uk).

Conditions of Employment

Conditions of employment relating to the Research staff category can be found at: [Conditions of Employment](#).

Rewards and Benefits

Our staff have access to a wide range of outstanding benefits that include financial rewards, family friendly and wellbeing benefits and career development opportunities, details of which can be found [here](#).

Enhanced Disclosure

This role requires the satisfactory outcome of an Enhanced Disclosure Scotland Check. The successful applicant will be asked to carry out an Enhanced Disclosure Scotland Check. Whether an outcome is satisfactory will be determined by the University.

Probation

Where applicable, the successful applicant will be required to serve a 9 month probationary period.

Pension

The successful applicant will be eligible to join the Universities' Superannuation Scheme. Further information regarding this scheme is available from [Payroll and Pensions](#).

Relocation

Where applicable, the University offers a relocation package to support new employees who meet the eligibility criteria. The relocation package is offered as a contribution towards costs incurred, and is designed to be flexible, allowing staff to use the financial support available in the way that will be most helpful to them. Further details are outlined in the Relocation Policy.

Interviews

Formal interviews for this post will be held on 30/07/2024.

Equality and Diversity

The University of Strathclyde is a socially progressive institution that strives to ensure equality of opportunity and celebrates the diversity of its student and staff community. Strathclyde is people-oriented and collaborative, offering a supportive and flexible working culture with a deep commitment to our equality, diversity and inclusion charters, initiatives, groups and networks.

We strongly encourage applications from Black, Asian and minority ethnicity, women, LGBT+, and disabled candidates and candidates from lower socio-economic groups and care-experienced backgrounds.

University Values

The University's Values capture what we're all about: who we are, what we believe in and what we stand for. [Our Values](#) have been derived from how we act and how we expect to be treated as part of Strathclyde.

