

**UNIVERSITY OF DERBY**  
**JOB DESCRIPTION**

<b>JOB TITLE</b>	<b>Researcher (Post-Doctoral Research Fellow)</b>		
<b>DEPARTMENT / COLLEGE</b>	<b>College of Health and Social Care – Centre of Excellence in Arts in Health</b>		
<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>Kedleston Road, Derby</b>		
<b>JOB NUMBER</b>	<b>0623-17</b>	<b>SALARY</b>	<b>£17326 to £22214 per annum</b>
<b>REPORTS TO</b>	<b>Research &amp; Development Lead</b>		

**Role Summary**

This is an exciting opportunity to support the development of Arts and Health Research being conducted at the Research Centre within the College of Health and Social Care at the University of Derby. You will be working in the newly founded **Arts in Health Centre of Excellence** in the College.

You will undertake a range of research activities, especially working with existing research clusters in building bids for research funding. Other duties may include data analysis as well as writing for publication. The post-doctoral researcher will produce publications singularly and with cluster members. You will hold a PhD qualification (or be close to completion) and have a proven ability to contribute to the design and delivery of arts in health research. You will be required to demonstrate the capacity to produce work of 3\* quality, with aspirations towards world-class research.

You will be working with our Professor of Arts in Health, Susan Hogan.

**Principal Accountabilities**

1. Contribute to the development of new knowledge and techniques in the research project(s).
2. Contribute to the writing up of research findings and dissemination through publications or seminar and conference presentations (either singularly or with research cluster members).
3. If necessary, support the supervision of undergraduate projects and postgraduate research students in conjunction with other staff, and provide training and limited teaching as appropriate
4. Assist with the preparation of proposals and applications to both external and/or internal bodies for funding.
5. Plan and manage own research activity and initiate research relevant to the discipline or research project(s).
6. Where opportunities exist within the research project(s), support the development and delivery of business engagement activities, developing entrepreneurial links with external organisations.
7. Contribute to the writing of collective bids for funding, and, where funders permit, write individual bids

for funding with appropriate support.

8. Undertake appropriate training and staff development.
9. Understand own development needs and formulate a personal development plan.
10. Observe and implement University policies and procedures.

## Person Specification

### Essential Criteria

#### • Qualifications

- PhD or equivalent (pending or awarded) in a relevant discipline

#### • Experience

- An appropriate level of digital capability with practical experience of applications
- Evidence of sufficient breadth or depth of research methodologies and techniques to work in research area
- Evidence of engagement in high-quality research activity.

#### • Skills, knowledge and abilities

- Knowledge of arts in health, wellbeing etc.
- Ability to build relationships and work collaboratively with colleagues, internally and externally and partners within and outside the organisation [e.g. patients, relatives, academics, NHS staff].
- Developing research skills, with the ability to creatively apply relevant research approaches, models, techniques and methods
- Ability to use initiative and creativity to solve problems in a research context and to work diligently, proving capability to deliver on objectives, produce required outputs and to work to agreed timescales.
- Analytical ability to facilitate conceptual thinking, innovation and creativity.
- Ability to communicate complex information clearly both in writing and presentations and to a wide range of audiences.
- Self-motivated and able to work independently and as part of a team

#### • Business requirements

- Demonstrate competences, core behaviours and supplementary behaviours that support and promote the University's core value
- Committed to a high-performance culture, fostering continuous improvement and driving quality

- Flexible to the needs of others
- Able to take a flexible approach to work
  - Travel between sites and occasionally overseas for work
  - Some evening and occasional weekend work

### **Desirable Criteria**

#### **• Qualifications**

- MSC or other in research methods

#### **• Experience**

- Experience of assisting with grant applications and generating research income
- Prior experience of Consortium level research environment
- Experience of writing publications for journals and presenting research at conferences
- Experience of working with those in public health / primary care / NHS / health and social care environments

### **Benefits**

As well as competitive pay scales, we offer generous holiday entitlement. We also offer opportunities for further salary progression based on performance, and the opportunity to join a contributory pension scheme.

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<https://jobs.derby.ac.uk/display.aspx?id=1912&pid=0&tabId=230>