



Job Description

Position / Job Title:	Research Assistant (Part-Time, Fixed-Term)
Ref:	FST510
Location/Building:	Poole House, Talbot Campus
Faculty/Professional Service:	Faculty of Science and Technology
Group/Section:	Psychology
Duration:	Fixed-Term until 30 September 2023
Normal Hours per Week:	15 hours (Some flexibility will be required in order to ensure that key time scales and deadlines are met).
Grade:	4
Accountable to:	Professor Katherine Appleton, Psychology Department

Job Purpose

This is an exciting opportunity for a Research Assistant to work on a project investigating the impacts of differing types of dietary advice for reducing free sugar intakes on dietary behaviour. The research is funded by The Coca Cola Company, US.

Main Responsibilities

The successful candidate will be involved in all aspects of running a randomized controlled trial, resulting in valuable experience in this increasingly popular methodology. The work will involve:

- participant recruitment and screening, and activities related to recruitment such as giving presentations;
- participant testing, including measurements of anthropometry and food consumption;
- data input and appropriate protection;
- data analyses and writing, to result in published papers;
- assure quality of all data produced.

Contacts

Internal: Leadership team of academic community, Members of academic community, Library team, IT team, Research Team.

Challenges

To ensure consistent exceptional high standards in work quality.

To undertake the work required in the time provided.

Information Governance Responsibilities

Data User

- i. Comply with the associated data protection, information security, information management and information technology regulations, policies, processes and procedures.

Additional Information

The purpose of the job description is to indicate the general level of responsibility and location of the position. The duties may vary from time to time without changing their general character or level of responsibility.

BU is an equal opportunities employer which values a diverse workforce. The post holder must at all times carry out their responsibilities with due regard to the University's Dignity, Diversity and Equality Policy Statement.

Our highly skilled and creative workforce is comprised of individuals drawn from a broad cross section of the globe, and who reflect a variety of backgrounds, talents, perspectives and experiences to build our global learning community. Through fused activity, the post holder must have an understanding of and commitment to promoting a global outlook.

All employees have an obligation to be aware of the University's Sustainability Policy, Climate and Ecological Crisis Action Plan, Travel Plan and associated documents, and to ensure that they carry out their day-to-day activities in an environmentally responsible manner and inspire students to do the same.

February 2023



Person Specification

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SELECTION CRITERIA	Essential / Desirable
Knowledge (including experience & qualifications)	
A good honours degree or equivalent in Psychology, Nutrition or a Health-related discipline	E
A postgraduate qualification in Psychology, Nutrition or a Health-related discipline	D
Comprehensive knowledge of research methods	E
Experience of conducting a randomized controlled trial	D
Experience of writing for publication	D
Skills	
Abilities in clear decision making	E
Good organisational skills, including time management	E
Strong IT and literacy skills	E
Excellent communication skills, both verbal and written	E
Abilities to handle data	E
Abilities to work to deadlines	E
Attributes	
Highly motivated to work in a research team	E
Able to work independently and use initiative	E
Able to work and communicate with a wide range of people	E
Self-motivated and enthusiastic	E
Calm under pressure	E
Flexible and adaptable in approach	E