

Job Details

Position:	Research Fellow
School/Department:	School of Psychology
Reference:	12/102084
Closing Date:	Friday 29 June 2012
Salary:	£30,122 to £39,257 per annum (including contribution points)
Anticipated Interview Date:	31 July 2012
Duration:	18 Months

JOB PURPOSE:

To be an active member of a research team investigating police legitimacy among young people.

MAJOR DUTIES:

1. Undertake research under the supervision of Dr Sam Pehrson and Dr Dominic Bryan in the context of a project entitled "The Dynamics of Police Legitimacy Among Young People".
2. Assume responsibility for survey design, recruitment of participants, data collection and statistical analysis.
3. Present regular progress reports on research to members of the research group and to external audiences to disseminate and publicise research findings.
4. Prepare in consultation with Dr Pehrson and Dr Bryan material for publication in national and international journals and presentations at international conferences.
5. Carry out routine administrative tasks associated with the research project, to ensure that project is completed on time and within budget. These might include organisation of project meetings and documentation, financial control, and risk assessment of research activities.
6. Read academic papers, journals and textbooks to keep abreast of developments in the specialist area and related disciplines.
7. Carry out any other duties designated by Dr Pehrson and Dr Bryan and which fall within the general ambit of the post, such as the development and implementation of strategies for recruiting participants to the study.

Planning and Organising:

1. Plan own day-to-day activity within the framework of the agreed research programme.
2. Contribute to the planning of studies, reports and publications etc usually 1-6 months in advance.

Resource Management Responsibilities:

1. Ensure research resources are used in an effective and efficient manner.
2. Provide guidance as required to support staff and any students who may be assisting with research.

Internal and External Relationships:

1. Liaise with research colleagues and support staff on routine matters.
2. Make internal and external contacts, such as with schools, the police service, policing boards, etc. to develop knowledge and understanding and form relationships for future collaboration.
3. Attend and contribute to relevant meetings.

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:

1. Hold or about to obtain Ph.D. in Social Psychology, or in an area closely related to the planned research such as Criminology.
2. Research experience in quantitative research, including survey design and statistical analysis.
3. Strong expertise in at least one of the following research areas: policing, the social psychology of legitimacy and authority, procedural justice, social influence, or the social identity perspective in social psychology.
4. Ability to contribute to the management and administration of the research project.

5. Sufficient breadth and depth of specialist knowledge, and competence with research methods and techniques, to work within the designated research program.
6. Ability to interact with research colleagues, support staff, schools and other external agencies.
7. Ability to analyse and communicate effectively.
8. Demonstrable intellectual ability and positive general demeanour.
9. Subject to Criminal History Check.

DESIRABLE CRITERIA:

1. Ph.D. Awarded.
2. Experience in database management and advanced statistical methods, including expertise with relevant software packages such as Mplus.
3. Publications in print or in press in peer-reviewed journals of international quality.
4. Expertise in several of the following research areas: policing, the social psychology of legitimacy and authority, procedural justice, social influence, and the social identity perspective in social psychology.
5. Knowledge of the policing context in Northern Ireland.
6. Commitment to the post.
7. Willingness to work according to normal office hours, and occasionally beyond these hours where necessitated by the research project.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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