



Reference Number: 002567
Post: Research Assistant x 2
Department: Department of Psychology
Location: Durham City
Contract Type: Fixed Term from October 2016, Full time
Grade: Grade 6 £25,023 - £30,738
Opening Date: 22 August 2016
Closing Date: 05 September 2016 (Deadline for applications is 23:30 on the day of closing)

The Department of Psychology along with Hearing the Voice have two full time, fixed term Research Assistant posts. The successful candidate would ideally be available to start in October 2016.

The purpose of these posts is to conduct testing for the continuation and completion of Hearing the Voice Phase 1 projects.

The post holders will:

- Co-ordinate and implement core research studies for 'Hearing the Voice'
- Conduct cognitive testing with participants at university settings and elsewhere
- Assist in the implementation of fMRI studies
- Contribute to the analysis and dissemination of existing studies
- Support the public release of a smartphone app for research (Inner Life)
- Prepare ethics applications for university and NHS projects
- Liaise with individuals from voice-hearing communities (including psychiatric patients and carers)
- Represent 'Hearing the Voice' at public events and conferences
- Assist in the dissemination of original research on voice-hearing by presenting papers at events in the UK and elsewhere
- Assist in the dissemination of original research on voice-hearing through journal articles and other outputs
- Attend the fortnightly project reading group
- Identify areas for further research and support the development of research grant applications

Essential Criteria

1. Holds (or will hold in advance of the project start date) either an undergraduate

degree in Psychology or equivalent

2. Experience of designing and conducting psychology experiments
3. An interest in at least one of the following:
 - Voice - hearing/hallucinations
 - Cognitive neuroscience
 - Language processing
4. An ability to produce high quality research in psychology and related topics
5. An ability to participate in collaborative research, working closely with other project members and maintaining key relationships
6. An ability to use initiative to identify new areas of research and formulate proposals for individual and/or joint research
7. Competence with statistical programs (e.g. SPSS or equivalent)
8. Excellent organisational skills
9. Excellent communication skills

Desirable Criteria

10. Experience of working with the NHS
11. Experience of working with vulnerable groups
12. Experience of working on research relating to hallucinations
13. An ability to pursue interdisciplinary research, involving psychology, cognitive neuroscience and other disciplines

Please note that the interview is likely to take place on 14th September 2016.