



Job Details

Position: Research Fellow
Department: Perdana University – Centre for Psychological Medicine

Job Purpose

The Centre for Psychological Medicine at Perdana University (PU-CPM) is seeking an enthusiastic and self-motivated individual who is interested in contributing to a portfolio of current research projects. The successful candidate will work closely with a world-leading team led by Prof Viren Swami (Anglia Ruskin University) and Dr David Barron (Perdana University), and will initially be involved in existing projects in the broad areas of body image, disordered eating, and schizotypy. The successful candidate should have (or be expected to obtain prior to starting) a PhD in Psychology or a related field. However, we would consider a candidate with an MSc in a related field with prior research experience. It is essential that they have expertise in quantitative research methods, including project design and advanced statistical analyses. Proficiency in English and Bahasa Malaysia is essential. The successful candidate will work under the direct supervision of Dr David Barron at the PU-CPM in Kuala Lumpur.

Major Duties

1. Work independently on data collection through local and international avenues.
2. Carry out analyses, critical evaluations, and interpretations using methodologies and other techniques appropriate to area of research.
3. Liaise with data custodians to understand finer details of research datasets.
4. Oversee the creation of appropriate research databases which incorporate adequate safeguards of confidentiality.
5. Prepare papers for publication in national and international journals and presentations at national conferences.
6. Develop a public engagement strategy related to this project and initiate dialogue with relevant stakeholders and policy makers.
7. Identify and assist the Principal Investigator(s) in the preparation of funding proposals and applications to external bodies
8. Draft and present regular progress reports on research for PU-CPM and for external 'audiences' in order to disseminate and publicise research findings.
9. Read and analyse academic papers, journals and textbooks in order to keep abreast of developments in own specialism and health and well-being research of migrants and contribute to idea generation and data mining
10. Undertake relevant training and professional development as appropriate.

Planning and Organising

1. To plan for the use of research resources where appropriate.
2. To plan own day-to-day activity within framework of the agreed research programme.
3. To plan to meet deadlines for journal publications and to prepare presentations and papers for conferences.
4. To coordinate and liaise with other members of the research group regarding progress.

Resource Management Responsibilities

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

Internal and External Relationships

1. To liaise on a regular basis with data custodians, colleagues and students.
2. To build internal contacts and participate in internal networks for the exchange of information and to form relationships for future collaboration.
3. To join external networks to share information and ideas.
4. Contribute to PU-CPM, associated departments, and outreach programmes by establishing links with local community groups, industries etc.

Essential Criteria

1. Have a relevant PhD in Psychology or related field; or an MSc and significant experience.
2. Ability to lead projects and grant applications independently.
3. Experience of using statistical packages such as SPSS or R.
4. Demonstrable proficiency in academic paper writing.
5. Ability to work in a multi-disciplinary environment as part of a research team.
6. Ability to contribute to broader management and administrative processes.
7. Ability to deal competently with administrative tasks.
8. Knowledge and experience of using relevant statistical techniques (e.g., SEM)
9. Excellent interpersonal skills.
10. Excellent oral and written communication skills.
11. Articulate and fluent in Bahasa Malaysia and English.
12. Ability to build contacts and participate in internal and external networks.
13. Ability to work independently and on own initiative.
14. Willingness to travel to meet the needs of the post.

Desirable Criteria

1. Research activity related to use of large administrative datasets.
2. Experience of advanced statistical techniques.
3. Good publication track record commensurate with the stage of career.
4. Experience in use of database software.
5. Strong commitment to a career in research.

This is not intended to be an exhaustive list of all duties and responsibilities. The employee may be required to carry out other duties and responsibilities as may reasonably be required to do so.

Application Procedure:

- Please forward by email a letter of application clearly outlining your interest in and suitability for the post, a copy of your curriculum vitae and the contact details, including email address of three referees.

Kindly forward the above details to hrrecruitment@perdanauniversity.edu.my