



## Job Description and Attributes Required for the Recruitment of Reader or Senior Research Fellow

**Post Title:** Reader or Senior Research Fellow, Health Economics Research Group

**Post Ref No:** HTA0026-1

**Contract Type:** Fixed Term (3 years)

A longer term contract and a Chair would also be considered for an exceptional senior candidate. A part time position for a minimum of 3 days a week would also be considered.

### **Grade and Salary:**

Reader/Chair: a competitive salary will be offered. Senior Research Fellow Grade: H5 £50,412 to £54,872 pa incl of LW. (For an exceptionally promising but less experienced candidate the salary offered will be on Grade H3: £36,050 - £46,332 pa incl of LW).

**Responsible to:** Director of HERG/ Dr Louise Longworth

### **Aims and Objectives of the Post:**

We seek an established high-quality researcher to contribute to HERG's programme of research. There are two main objectives for this post. The successful applicant will take a lead role in delivering a programme of research through the HERG External Assessment Centre for the NICE Medical Technology Evaluation Pathway (MTEP) Programme. In addition, the postholder will have the opportunity to develop their own research interests in health technology assessment (HTA) or health economics and contribute to HERG's programme of research.

We will consider applications to a position of Research Fellow for exceptional candidates with less experience. A Research Fellow would be expected to play a significant role in the delivery of the EAC (MTEP) programme with leadership of the programme provided by Senior HERG staff.

### **Post Profile**

- To deliver the HERG MTEP External Assessment Centre programme of research. This will include undertaking health technology assessments and managing the programme of research.
- To develop high quality research in health economics or HTA and contribute to HERG's programme of research
- To provide high profile advice to policy makers
- To achieve and maintain an international profile in health economics or HTA research through regular publication of research papers in leading journals and presentation of research at conferences, and to users of applied research.
- To contribute to HERG's vibrant post-graduate research programme
- To develop and maintain research networks
- To attract external research funding

### **Management of Staff and Students (Responsibilities and Accountability)**

- Manage the delivery of the HERG MTEP EAC programme, and individual projects forming part of the programme of research
- Supervise and co-ordinate the input of HERG staff into the HERG MTEP EAC programme
- Establish effective relationships with external collaborators including at NICE and with the University of Birmingham
- Contribute to the development of junior members of staff
- Supervision of PhD students

## Additional Information

About the MTEP External Assessment Centre

HERG has recently been appointed as an External Assessment Centre (EAC) to the NICE MTEP programme in collaboration with the University of Birmingham. This high profile research programme will include reviewing HTA submissions to the NICE MTEP programme, producing reports and providing advice to policy makers on the use of technologies in the NHS.


The responsibilities of the postholder for delivering the EAC programme of research will depend upon the level at which the successful candidate is appointed.

Working at HERG

The post provides an excellent opportunity to join an established research group with a strong national and international reputation. The post is based at Brunel University. The Health Economics Research Group will provide support and the post holder will be expected to play an active part within the group. Opportunities exist for collaborating within Brunel and externally, both nationally and internationally. Researchers at HERG are expected to travel when necessary to academic or non-academic collaborators both within and outside of the UK.

## University Policy on the Employment of Staff

- Undertake any other reasonable duties commensurate with the aims and objectives of the position.
- Adhere and comply to the provisions of the Health and Safety at Work Act and in accordance to the University's policy on health and safety.
- Undertake all duties and responsibilities in compliance with the rules and regulations encompassing equal opportunities
- Ensure that research undertaken and supervised complies with Ethical requirements and good research governance standards
- To ensure that their research complies with the Data Protection Act and any other requirements for ethical approval

<b>Additional attributes may be incorporated as appropriate to the area and field</b> Disabled applicants meeting the Essential criterion will be guaranteed an interview as part of the University's commitment to Positive About Disabled People 				
Attributes	Attributes	E	D	How to be Demonstrated
<b>Academic Attainments</b>	PhD in an appropriate discipline with at least 3 years experience in the field OR equivalent experience	E		Application submission
	Evidence of research attainments including examples of written contributions in academic publications/journals.	E		Application submission/ interview
	Attained an external, national reputation for research		D	Application submission & interview

<b>Experience</b>	<p>Experience of planning and delivering high-quality research</p> <p>Experience of undertaking health technology assessments</p> <p>Experience of successful supervision of research staff</p> <p>Experience of preparing research proposals</p> <p>Experience of developing and sustaining good working relations with external collaborators / other disciplines</p> <p>Experience of presenting complex information to policy makers</p> <p>Experience of presenting research at conferences</p> <p>Evidence of IT literacy, including Excel</p> <p>Experience with more advanced data analysis and modelling packages</p>	<p>E</p> <p>E</p> <p>D</p> <p>D</p> <p>E</p> <p>D</p> <p>E</p> <p>E</p> <p>D</p>		<p>Application submission and interview</p> <p>Application submission &amp; interview</p> <p>Application submission &amp; interview</p> <p>Application submission &amp; interview</p> <p>Application submission &amp; interview</p> <p>Application submission / interview</p> <p>Application submission &amp; interview</p> <p>Application submission &amp; interview</p> <p>Application submission &amp; interview</p>
<b>Teaching and Management Skills</b>	<p>Able to write clearly and accurately</p> <p>Able to present complex information to non-specialists</p> <p>Ability to organise and manage a project team and co-ordinate the work of others</p>	<p>E</p> <p>E</p> <p>E</p>		<p>Application form and interview</p> <p>Application form and interview</p> <p>Application form and interview</p>
<b>Knowledge/ Abilities</b>	<p>Familiar with the methods of health technology assessment including the relevant aspects of the following: health economics, systematic reviewing, statistics, economic modelling, epidemiology</p> <p>Ability to develop high-quality research projects that contribute to the aims and objectives of HERGs research programme</p> <p>Familiarity with NICE and the NHS</p>	<p>E</p> <p>E</p> <p>D</p>		<p>Application form / interview</p> <p>Application form / interview</p> <p>Application form / interview</p>