


Research Assistant	 Edinburgh Napier UNIVERSITY
<b>Role Description</b>	

<b>Grade &amp; Salary:</b>	Grade 4 Point 25
<b>Campus Location:</b>	Edinburgh Napier University Craiglockhart Campus, Edinburgh EH14 1DJ
<b>Line Manager:</b>	Professor Jill Stavert Centre for Mental Health and Capacity Law The Business School Edinburgh Napier University
<b>Line Management Responsibility for:</b>	N/A
<b>Role Summary:</b>	<p><b>This is a full-time fixed-term position to run from appointment until the end of the project (30<sup>th</sup> September 2020)</b></p> <p>This is an exciting opportunity for someone with proven research skills to work on the Nuffield Foundation funded inter-disciplinary research project 'The Mental Health Tribunal for Scotland: The views and experiences of patients, Named Persons, Practitioners and Tribunal members' led by Professor Jill Stavert, Principal Investigator and Director of the Centre for Mental Health and Capacity Law at Edinburgh Napier University, and Professor Michael Brown, Co-Investigator at Queen's University Belfast.</p> <p>This research will adopt a mixed-methods approach to explore the views and experiences of patients, named persons, practitioners and Tribunal members of the working of the Mental Health Tribunal for Scotland. This will provide a valuable and unique understanding into whether current legislative principles and the Tribunal's practices operate in accordance with relevant legislation and international human rights standards and for the benefit of patients.</p> <p>You will be based with the Centre for Mental Health and Capacity Law at Edinburgh Napier University but will be expected to travel to locations around Scotland for data collection purposes which may require overnight stays.</p> <p>At the heart of Scotland's inspiring capital, Edinburgh Napier University offers a distinctive, inclusive and dynamic educational environment. Our research has an applied focus, is policy and practice led, and is of both national and international relevance. Such research is disseminated through high quality publications, strengthening our teaching and professional development activities.</p> <p>We are seeking someone with experience of mixed methods research who will conduct, under the direction and supervision of the Principal and Co-Investigators, literature searches, preparing applications for ethical</p>

	<p>approval, data-collection and setting up, conducting (with the Principal and Co-Investigators) and recording the outcome of the project surveys, interviews and focus groups.</p> <p><b><i>Edinburgh Napier University is committed to supporting equality in the workplace and encourages diversity. We currently hold a bronze Athena SWAN institutional award.</i></b></p>
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### Main Duties and Responsibilities

➤	<p>The Research Assistant's key duties would be, with the support of, and overseen by, the Principal and Co-Investigators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Undertaking desk based literature reviews</li> <li>• Preparation of an application for research ethics approval</li> <li>• Preparation of data collection tools and recruitment of research participants</li> <li>• Undertaking semi structured research interviews</li> <li>• Management of an online survey</li> <li>• Quantitative and qualitative data analysis using a range of tools.</li> <li>• The organisation of, and participation in, meetings (including focus groups) and dissemination workshops</li> <li>• Preparation of short report peer-reviewed journal articles, reports, presentations for academic conferences, articles and blogs, and policy briefs.</li> </ul>
➤	Engage in continuous professional development and to understand equal opportunity issues as they may impact in areas of research content.
➤	Able to work as part of a research team and meet tight deadlines.
➤	Plan own day to day research activities, work to agreed outcomes using own initiative, and coordinate with others to avoid conflict or duplication of effort.

### Person specification

Attributes	Essential Requirements	Desirable Requirements
<b>Education/Qualifications</b>	Undergraduate degree in Nursing, Allied health Professions, Law, Social Sciences or Psychology and Post-graduate research degree in Nursing, Allied Health Professions, Law, Social Sciences or Psychology	
<b>Experience</b>	1. Knowledge of the care needs of people living with mental disorder.	1. Knowledge of the Scottish Mental Health for Scotland.

	<p>2. Experience in working as a research assistant in health and social care services related to people with mental disorder. Knowledge and experience of quantitative and qualitative research methodologies, research interview skills and analysis skills and writing for publication and report writing.</p> <p>3. Experience in recruitment of participants for research purposes.</p> <p>4. Experience in interviewing, patients, their carers and healthcare professionals and carers.</p>	<p>2. Experience of working with people with mental disorder.</p> <p>3. Working knowledge of research databases, including Medline, PsychINFO, CINHAL, Westlaw, LexisNexis and HeinOnline.</p> <p>4. Working knowledge of the Critical Appraisal Skills Programme (CASP).</p>
<b>Skills/Personal Requirements</b>	<p>1. Excellent written and spoken communication skills.</p> <p>2. Ability to work independently and as a part of a team.</p> <p>3. Willingness to travel for data collection across Scotland.</p>	<p>1. Ability to use suitable software packages for quantitative and qualitative analysis, e.g. NVivo, SPSS, etc.</p> <p>2. Driving licence</p>