

# Research Assistant (Occupational Therapy)



## Role Description

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**GRADE**

Grade 4

**LOCATION**

Sighthill Campus,  
Edinburgh

**LINE MANAGER**

Dr Fiona Maclean, PI

**Role Summary**

A 2-year fixed-term research assistant (0.8 FTE) is required to support the study "Co-creating the future: the use of multifunctional robots in occupational therapy and dementia" being undertaken through the Healthcare Technologies Research Group at Edinburgh Napier University, in partnership with the National Robotarium, Heriot Watt University and Alzheimer Scotland.

This study, funded by the Royal College of Occupational Therapists, requires a state registered occupational therapist to assume the role of research assistant, to support the research team in this innovative study. The study aims to build upon the existing portfolio of research being conducted within the research group to explore if, and how, robots can be used to support the rehabilitation of those living at home with dementia.

This post offers an exciting opportunity to work with an internationally known research team and to commence a research career in healthcare technology and occupational therapy in the School of Health and Social Care at Edinburgh Napier University.

**Line Management Responsibility for:**

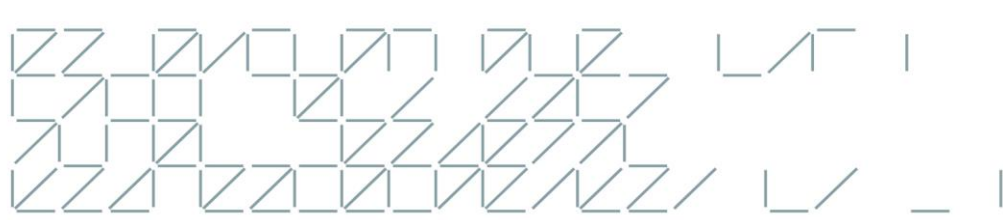
This role does not have any line management responsibilities currently.



## Main Duties and Responsibilities

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- Recruit and schedule participants for the evaluation.
- Administer surveys, questionnaires, and interviews to gather qualitative and quantitative data.
- Conduct literature reviews and document analysis.
- Maintain organised records of all collected data and relevant documentation.
- Employ qualitative data analysis techniques to interpret interview and survey responses.
- Use statistical software to analyse quantitative data.
- Assist in the synthesis of findings into comprehensive reports.
- Contribute to the writing of reports, presentations, and proposals for publications.
- Attend project meetings online and face-to-face.
- Provide general administrative support to the team as needed.
- Any other duties as may be reasonably assigned by the line manager.
- Role model the University's values & behaviours.
- Be responsible for ensuring that the information and records processed (received, created, used, stored, destroyed) on behalf of the University are managed in compliance with ALL applicable legislation, codes and policies e.g. [Data Protection](#), [Information Security](#) and [Records Management](#).



**PERSON SPECIFICATION**

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**Education / Qualifications**

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| • MSc/ MRes/ Mphil in relevant subject area (eg: Occupational Therapy) or equivalent combination of experience and qualifications | ✓ |   |
| • HCPC Registered Occupational Therapist (or pending)   | ✓ |   |
| • PhD in relevant subject area  |   | ✓ |

**Skills / Experience**

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| • Working with qualitative /quantitative data.  | ✓ |   |
| • Familiarity and knowledge of research in health and social care including methods and approaches                                  | ✓ |   |
| • Excellent written, verbal, presentation, and communication skills.  | ✓ |   |
| • Excellent IT skills including office software, and social media platform.   | ✓ |   |
| • Excellent organisation, prioritisation and time management skills.  | ✓ |   |
| • Excellent interpersonal skills, with ability to work in a team and on own initiative.   | ✓ |   |
| • Strong attention to detail.   | ✓ |   |
| • Experience of working within an academic team.  |   | ✓ |
| • Experience of contributing to publications.   |   | ✓ |
| • Experience with working with stakeholders and steering groups to disseminate findings and gain further insight to direct research |   | ✓ |
| • Experience of event organisation, both face to face and online events.  |   | ✓ |
| • Commitment to interdisciplinary research  |   | ✓ |