Bristol Model

Research Assistant job description



Start date	Interview date
w/c 28 March 2022	Tuesday 15 March 2022
Duration of role	Salary
200 hours	£9.50/hour
Working pattern	Number of roles available
Part-time during term time, with additional work to be carried out during vacation periods.	2
Location	Deadline for applications
Remote working	12 midday, Thursday 24 February 2022

Eligibility

To apply for the role of Research Assistant through the <u>Bristol Model</u> you must:

- be a current undergraduate student in the Faculty of Social Sciences and Law; OR
- be a recent graduate (within six months of graduation) of an undergraduate degree in the Faculty of Social Sciences and Law.

For further details, including a full list of eligible programmes, please visit our website.

1. Project overview

The roles will form part of an exciting co-produced research project with Black South West Network (BSWN), externally funded by the Office for Students (OfS) and Research England as part of the <u>Bristol Model</u> programme of work.

BSWN is a BME-led infrastructure organisation, working for race equality across the South West. The roles will offer a valuable contribution to an on-going collaboration between UoB and BSWN – the Research Action Coalition for Race Equality (RACE). RACE aims to provide policy-makers and other stakeholders with the empirical evidence and other support required to develop more effective responses to persistent race inequalities in the region. RACE is also informing the development of research approaches which are more inclusive and empowering for those from whom data are collected.

RACE currently has University of Bristol funding for a project to co-develop a Charter for Coproduction with local community groups. This Charter will be developed over a series of workshops with local community leaders between April and June 2022. It will provide a toolkit with practical guidance for researchers to enable them to work in partnership with groups often excluded from and disempowered by the research process. By working together more effectively we can produce research which is valued and valuable for all.



2. Role description

The Research Assistant will take a leading role in the organisation and facilitation of three workshops with local community leaders. These workshops will discuss the opportunities offered by and practical guidance to enable the more effective co-production of research with marginalised groups.

Prior to the workshops, the Research Assistant will plan the workshops, liaise with workshop attendees and book the event facilities. During the workshops, they will help set up the meetings, welcome attendees and ensure that appropriate records are taken of the conversation. They will then use these records to develop a draft Charter and manage further discussion of the draft with workshop attendees towards a final draft.

They will also play a key role in the design of the final Charter to be made available to academics and other researchers. Time allowing, there will also be opportunities to organise and participate in a workshop with academic members of the RACE to discuss the value and use of the new Charter.

3. Person specification

- Essential: Good communication skills
- Essential: Good IT skills
- Essential: Experience using Teams, Zoom and other online engagement programmes
- Desirable: Experience of online or other interviewing
- Desirable: Experience in report writing.

4. Overview of induction and ongoing support/supervision

The Research Assistant will be supervised by the Research Associate for the project, Angelique Retief, who will provide academic and research support. Angelique is a PGR student in the School of Policy Studies at the University of Bristol and also research and policy officer at Black South West Network. Dr Saffron Karlsen, Associate Professor in Sociology, will be the academic lead for the project.

5. Additional info

https://www.blacksouthwestnetwork.org/ https://www.racecoalition.org/

For a detailed outline of the application process, tips for applying and links to application and interview support provided by the Careers Service see our <u>Bristol Model Research Assistant guidance</u> <u>document</u>.

Any questions please contact the Professional Liaison Network – <u>fssl-pln@bristol.ac.uk</u>