	Research Support Assistant level 1	Research Support Assistant Level 2	Research Associate
	Grade G – Spine point 25	Grade H – Spine point 29	Grade I – Spine point 32
Indicative rate (mid point of the grade plus 12.07% to account for holiday pay)	£18.65 per hour	£20.71 per hour	£22.56 per hour
Purpose	To provide closely defined research support for a research project (under close supervision).	To collect and analyse research data and support the conduct of studies / other research using multiple research methods.	Drawing on their post graduate research degree and / or experience to contribute to research studies and projects with regular direction.

Typical responsibilities This is not an exhaustive list, not are individuals expected to undertake all of the responsibilities within their role descriptor.	To set up and undertake research tasks or experiments under close direction of PI.	To set up and undertake research tasks or experiments under direction of PI.	Drawing on their post graduate research degree or relevant experience to contribute to research activities with regular supervision available.
	Supporting research activities and applying specific techniques to analyse data.	Supporting research activities and applying complex techniques to analyse data. Analyse large and /or complex data sets.	Supporting research activities and applying their knowledge and initiative to analyse and interpret research data and draw conclusions from the outcomes.
	Operating specialist equipment following training.	Operating specialist equipment following training.	Provide advice and demonstrate techniques and specialist equipment to colleagues and students in their area.
	Collection, collation and data entry from documents	Support the design of data collection and collation methods.	Drawing on their qualifications and/or experience contribute to the design of data collection and collation methods.
	Assist with data collection including desk top research, focus groups and interviews with close supervision.	Undertake data collection including desk top research, focus groups and interviews with supervision.	Undertake data collection including desk top research, focus groups and interviews with guidance from more experienced colleagues.

Developing databases and spreadsheets.

Keeping accurate records of methods and results.

Undertake some limited data analysis and present results to PI and team

Preparing documents relevant to specific research e.g. method statements and SOPs, ensuring adherence to guidance.

Assist in writing for publication such as sourcing materials and preparing bibliographies.

Communicate regularly with PI providing updates and receiving support and supervision.

Respond independently using initiative and judgement to propose solutions to problems and barriers.

Developing complex databases and spreadsheets.

Keeping accurate records of complex methods and results.

Present results of data analysis to colleagues within the research project and wider community.

Preparing complex documents relevant to specific research e.g. method statements and SOPs, ensuring adherence to guidance.

Assist in writing for publication such as preparation of short reports detailing main findings and recommending areas for further study.

Communicate regularly with PI providing updates and receiving support and supervision.

Respond independently using experience, initiative and judgement to propose suggested solutions to problems and barriers.

Using creativity, qualifications and experience to develop complex databases and spreadsheets.

Keeping accurate records of complex methods and results for their own and others work.

Present information on research progress, outcomes within the project and wider community and contribute to broader dissemination activity.

Drawing on their qualifications and/or experience to develop complex documents relevant to specific research e.g. method statements and SOPs, ensuring adherence to guidance.

With close supervision write up their own results for publication and / or contribute to the larger publications.

Communicate regularly with PI providing updates and receiving support and supervision.

Respond independently using qualification, experience, initiative and judgement to propose suggested solutions to problems and barriers.

	Creative projects and public engagement		
Typical Qualifications and Experience	Ability to work collaboratively with colleagues and students.	Ability to work collaboratively with colleagues and students.	Ability to work collaboratively with colleagues and students.
	Degree in a relevant subject (or working towards one), or equivalent relevant experience.	Degree and/or Post Graduate Research degree in a relevant subject (or working towards one), or equivalent relevant experience.	Honors degree and relevant postgraduate research degree (or working towards one) and some research experience, or experience commensurate with a post graduate research degree.