

Job Description



Job Evaluation Code	
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Job Title	Community Pharmacy Research Fellowship
School/Directorate	School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Cardiff University
Job Grade	
Career Pathway	Research

Job Purpose

The postholder will work as a Community Pharmacy Research Fellow within the School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences at Cardiff University. The purpose of the role is to strengthen capacity and leadership for the set-up and delivery of commercial and academic research in community pharmacy settings, directly supporting a key Welsh Government priority.

The postholder will contribute to the development of scalable and sustainable models for delivering research in community pharmacies, working collaboratively with pharmacies, GP practices, Primary Care Clusters, NHS Wales organisations, research networks, and industry partners. The role includes protected time, structured mentorship and tailored development to support future leadership in research-active community pharmacy.

Main Duties and Responsibilities

Research Delivery

- Provide backfill to support community pharmacies to build the necessary skills and infrastructure to deliver commercial and academic research, totalling up to 2 days per week
- Work with multidisciplinary research teams to support recruitment, study visits, retention, data quality and timely delivery of studies.
- Assist in the development of innovative delivery models that reduce barriers to commercial and academic research participation in community pharmacy

Partnership and Engagement

- Engage community pharmacies, Primary Care Clusters and community services to build research readiness and capability
- Work collaboratively with industry partners, NHS Wales organisations and research infrastructure bodies to support efficient commercial trial delivery
- Act as a practice advocate for community pharmacy-based commercial and academic research, promoting its value to patients, pharmacies and the wider health system

Capacity Building and Leadership

- Contribute to capacity-building activities to increase community pharmacy involvement in commercial and academic research, including mentoring and informal support for pharmacy teams
- Support the development of tools, guidance and processes that enable sustainable research delivery in community pharmacy settings
- Develop personal leadership skills in research delivery through structured mentorship and training

Academic Contribution and Professional Development

- Contribute to academic outputs aligned with the programme, including reports, presentations, publications and funding development
- Participate in relevant teaching, training or dissemination activities within the School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences
- Maintain Good Clinical Practice (GCP) compliance and engage in ongoing professional development related to research delivery and research governance

Governance and Professional Practice

- Maintain appropriate clinical competence and professional standards as a practising community pharmacist, as agreed within the role
- Contribute to a positive, inclusive and collaborative research culture within Cardiff University and partner organisations

Person Specification

Essential Criteria
Qualifications and Professional Status • Pharmacy degree (MPharm or equivalent) and full registration with the General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC) • Evidence of ongoing professional development and revalidation and accredited to provide services via Choose Pharmacy Professional experience • Currently practising as a community pharmacist in Wales primary care, with a clear understanding of the structure of primary care across NHS Wales Research Interest and Aptitude • Demonstrable interest in clinical research or research delivery in primary care settings, particularly in community pharmacy • Understanding of the importance of commercial and academic research to patient access, innovation and health system sustainability. • Willingness to develop expertise in clinical trials methodology, regulation and governance Skills and Competencies • Excellent communication skills, with the ability to engage pharmacies, multidisciplinary teams and external partners • Ability to work collaboratively across academic, NHS and industry environments • Strong organisational skills and ability to manage competing priorities. Analytical and problem-solving skills, particularly in addressing barriers to research delivery in community pharmacy settings Values and Behaviours • Commitment to improving patient access to research and innovation in community pharmacy and enthusiasm for capacity building and developing research-active community pharmacy
Desirable Criteria
Research Experience • Previous involvement in academic research, including commercial or non-commercial studies • Experience of recruiting patients to studies or supporting research delivery in community pharmacy • Awareness of Good Clinical Practice (GCP) principles • Experience working with research networks or NHS research infrastructure Other • Registration with the Royal College of Pharmacy • Accredited as an Independent Prescriber

Additional Information

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