

JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title:	Research Fellow in Design, Participatory Art, and Facilitation	Grade:	AC1
Department/School:	School of Design	Date of Job Evaluation:	
Role reports to:	Principal Investigator/Programme Lead		
Direct reports:	None		
Indirect Reports:			
Other Key contacts:	Associate Head of R&KE, Head of School		

PURPOSE OF ROLE:

The AHRC funded p_ART_icipate research project, investigates the potential for participatory art to promote and foster social inclusion, social connectedness and wellbeing for the public remotely. Based on existing practice-based research on the impact of immersive, collaborative art engagements, this research project is anchored in a wider discourse around the cultural and societal impact of participatory arts within the Arts and Humanities.

This research project led by the University of Greenwich examines how innovative art and technology can encourage social connectedness online, through collaborative, multi-sensory art strategies. In collaboration with experts in Arts & Health and Arts Therapy (CNWL NHS Foundation Trust, Brunel University), p_ART_icipate offers immediate use cases for participatory arts in a public health context, resulting in guidelines for artistic practitioners and healthcare professionals. This research contributes to a deeper understanding of collaborative online digital art interventions to help individuals affected by social isolation, whether in a private or professional context:

The University of Greenwich is looking for talented and motivated Research Fellow with the skills, knowledge, and enthusiasm to help the industry-academia network make significant research breakthroughs. A keen interest in public health, as well as the role of participatory art and design in this context is appreciated.

The RA will be part of a strong expert network consisting of the University of Greenwich, CNWL NHS Foundation Trust, The National Gallery, Royal National Institute of the Blind and others - and through interactions and collaborations will work towards joint project objectives.

To main purpose of the role is to conduct high quality research and data analysis of participatory art through analysis of qualitative and quantitative methods. To support and lead the implementation of our current AHRC-funded project by planning and undertaking research and capacity-building activities in accordance with the project's framework and in close collaboration with the project's partners.

The post is for fixed term and 0.5 FTE (2 and a half days a week)

Key areas: Public health, participatory art, Art & Health, social connectedness, co-design, mixed reality, media art, HCl's

The person appointed will be expected to:

- Undertake research, data analysis, report writing and data analysis activities within the framework of an AHRC-funded project
- Within the project, make a significant contribution to the development of appropriate work processes and methodologies, together with the implementation of project work.
- Analyse data, both qualitative and quantitative, focusing on the use of participatory, practice-based and co-creation methods in the field of media art, participatory art and art & health
- Play a significant role in progressing the project, including the coordination, implementation, and documentation of the project, as well as impact generation
- Work closely with project lead and collaborators, including participation in project meetings online, on campus and on site, as appropriate.
- Engage in research for the p_ART_icipate research project and in so doing contribute to the research profile of the School of Design and to the Art and Design (UoA 32) REF submission of the relevant research group.
- Contribute to the delivery of some high quality, public facing research events, conferences and industry talks, and presenting the work to relevant bodies including staff and students.
- Support the PI/ COI's and Project Lead in the delivery of outcomes for their research project

KEY ACCOUNTABILITIES:**Team Specific:**

- Engage in subject specific research leading to the writing of a research report as well as secondary publication and/or dissemination of original work
- Contribute to the research profile of the academic unit and to any research submission
- Undertake defined research and/or enterprise activities under the leadership of a principal investigator
- Proactive contribution to research group/department/school plans, activities and efficient working practices
- Support relationship management and engagement with key national or regional public/cultural sectors/business, industry/professional bodies in relation to research and/or enterprise

Generic:

- Throughout the project's development, produce documentation and participate in formal presentations of outcomes as required.
- Contribute to the publication of outcomes in suitable academic and non-academic publications
- Assist the p_ART_icipate research team in achieving the Department/School's KPIs
- Contribute to department/school plans, activities and efficient working practices
- Demonstrate a commitment to equality, diversity and inclusion through engagement with university initiatives
- Promote your work and represent your discipline and the work of the University internally and externally, and take a proactive approach to ethical, good practice

Managing Self

- Keep abreast of developments within the field and seek continuous improvement of own professional practice
- Actively participate in established professional development framework activities
- Behave in a manner which reflects the University values and creates a positive environment for work and study

Core Requirements

- Adhere to and promote the University's policies on Equality, Diversity and Inclusion and Information Security;
- Ensure compliance with Health & Safety and Data Protection Legislation;
- Support and promote the University's Sustainability policies, including the Carbon Management Plan, and carry out duties in a resource efficient way, recognising the shared responsibility of minimising the university's negative environmental impacts wherever possible.
- Adhere to current legal requirements and best practice relating to digital content and accessibility, including Web Content Accessibility Guidelines when creating digital content.

Additional Requirements:

Any other duties commensurate with the post and grade as agreed with the Head of School and the PVC of the Faculty.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:

Performance Indicators will be established in consultation with the Head of School as part of the post-holder's annual Appraisal and Professional Development Review

KEY RELATIONSHIPS (Internal & External):

Researchers, colleagues in the wider School of Design, design Scholars, social partners, colleagues in administrative teams in Research Support, Research and Enterprise and Finance, NHS and governmental and non-for-profit organisations as highlighted in the funding application and guided by the PI.

PERSON SPECIFICATION	
Essential	Desirable
<p>Experience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant research experience in an academic or practice setting related to design, social design, diversity and inclusivity • Knowledge in both quantitative and qualitative data analysis and evaluation • Understanding of public health research, and impact evidence as well as methodologies to support the research area • Academic writing and academic research outputs (including practice). <p>Skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data analysis, excellent understanding of statistics • Extensive knowledge of data management and expertise in statistical analysis for the analysis of longitudinal anonymised datasets to improve outcomes • Familiarity with professional data analysis tools for research, collection of data and methodological tools for their evaluation • Ability to both works independently and as part of a team. • Outstanding organisational, IT communication and interpersonal skills. <p>Qualifications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MASTER’S degree in a relevant field. (MPhil, MRes, MDES, MA etc) <p>Personal attributes We are looking for people who can help us deliver the values of the University of Greenwich: Inclusive, Collaborative, Impactful.</p>	<p>Experience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Author or co-author of research published in peer reviewed journals or conference proceedings. • Dissemination of research and/or enterprise findings at conferences or symposia. • Engagement with national or regional public/cultural sectors/business/industry/professional bodies in respect of research. <p>Skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proficiency in managing public events and research conferences. • Ability to write research / publication / conference proposals <p>Qualifications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PhD (or PhD candidacy) in data science, public health, participatory art and design or related field.