

Expert by Experience Panel

Role description

Summary

Alcohol Research UK seeks to reduce alcohol-related harm by ensuring that policy and practice is always developed on the basis of reliable, research-based evidence. We provide grants to people working at the cutting-edge of alcohol-harm prevention.

This year we are piloting an Expert by Experience (EbE) Panel for our 2017/18 Research Innovation grant proposals offering up to £75,000 to conduct innovative research into the theme of 'Treatment and Recovery Today'.

We are aiming to recruit up to five members to our EbE Panel who have experienced alcohol-related harm, either directly or indirectly, or who have experience in the delivery of alcohol services. Panel members will help with the shortlisting of research proposals by ensuring there is a demonstrable commitment to public involvement, checking the relevance of the application for those who are affected by alcohol harm, and assessing the potential impact of the project.

The Panel will also feed into research priority setting, and will help Alcohol Research UK identify themes for future funding calls.

We hope this role will be mutually beneficial by helping us with our commitment to public involvement in research and helping you to develop skills and provide opportunities for networking.



Time commitment

The total number of days you will need to commit to this role will be 2-3 days split between home working and attending meetings at our central London office based in Kings Cross.

Home working:

- Reviewing lay summaries (1-2 pages per application*) and making notes (1 day)

Meetings:

- Induction/training session (Half day to take place in November/December 2017)
- Shortlisting (Half day to take place late January 2018)
- Research priority setting (To be confirmed – possibly a full day in Spring/early Summer)

**Please note the actual number will not be known until we receive submissions but this is based on an average of around 40 applications – if we have a higher than expected number of applications then you will be recompensed for more time*

Length of role

9 months (November 2017 – July 2018)

Remuneration and expenses

Panel members will receive £70 for a full day (7 hours) and £35 for a half day (3.5 hours). However, please note this will be counted as income by the Department for Work and Pensions. Payment is therefore optional.

We will reimburse you for reasonable travel and subsistence costs to our London office where we will have meetings. We can also book travel for you if preferred.

Equal opportunities

We are an equal opportunities organisation and we are seeking to involve people from all backgrounds, age, gender and ethnicity and we do not discriminate against any disability. If you have any accessibility requirements please let us know in order for us to make reasonable adjustments.

Your skills and experience

Essential criteria

Experience of alcohol related harms (This may be harms to yourself e.g. experience of dependence, harms to a family member or close friend, or experience as a service provider, support worker or volunteer working with alcohol)

An interest in research and willingness to learn about the alcohol research field

An interest in, and understanding of, Alcohol Research UK's mission and vision

Good written and communication skills

A commitment to confidentiality

The ability to respect others' views and to listen to other people's opinions

To be open minded and non-judgemental

You do **not** need to have a research background and you will not be asked to comment on the scientific quality of the research proposals. In accordance with our commitment to impartiality, members of our panels cannot be directly employed, or receive money from, organisations whose primary activity is the production, marketing or sale of alcohol.

Support

You will have a key contact person, Andrea Tilouche, who can be contacted throughout the length of the role.

How to apply

By letter or video outlining why you are interested in this role and how you meet the criteria. Please email andrea.tilouche@alcoholresearchuk.org.

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