

JOB DESCRIPTION Senior Research Associate Vacancy Ref:A2081

Job Title: Senior Research Associate		Present Grade: 7P		
Department/College:		Department of Psychology		
Directly responsible to:		Kate Cain		
Supervisory responsibility for:		Casual Research Assistants, Research Student	ts or Volunteers working on the	
Project				

Other contacts

Internal:

Kate Cain, Rob Davies and all academic, research and support staff colleagues, and research students/volunteers in the Department of Psychology; colleagues across departments of the University and central administration.

External:

Grant investigators and RAs at Arizona State University (Shelley Gray PI), University of Kansas Medical School (Mindy Bridges PI); research participants; representatives of the funders; and external agencies.

Major Duties:

- 1. To take responsibility for the development and piloting of UK site materials for a US-UK collaboration on young adolescents' reading comprehension. These materials include development of online measures of inference making, surveys of strategy use, and development of materials to assess narrative and expository text comprehension.
- To undertake participant recruitment for the pilot work to be carried out at Lancaster University, and maintain confidential participant records in accordance with University and Funder guidelines. You will manage confidential information provided by participants, deal with ethical and administrative issues relating to the project.
- 3. To develop protocols and support the training of RAs based in the US to administer these measures, and to act as the LU site liaison for all queries about these measures.
- 4. To supervise and undertake data collection, working to established Department protocols, including safeguarding policies; and contribute to data analysis.
- 5. To develop protocols for data cleaning and to supervise casual RAs conducting the data cleaning.
- 6. To make a significant contribution to the dissemination of the research, including contribution to research publications and conference presentations.
- 7. To make a significant contribution to project reports and presentations to stakeholders where appropriate.
- 8. Proactively make a significant contribution to the development of applications for future research grant funding.
- 9. To identify and engage in personal development opportunities to support your career development, including developing your personal research agenda; as provided by the Department, by the University, or by external bodies.
- 10. You may also be required to carry out any other duties, commensurate with the grade of the post, as directed by your line manager or their nominee.