**Job title**  
Design Research and Practice Investigator  
Internship with the Emerging Minds network

**Division**  
MEDICAL SCIENCES

**Department**  
PSYCHIATRY

**Location**  
Department of Experimental Psychology, Anna Watts Building, Radcliffe Observatory Quarter, Oxford  
This internship may be conducted remotely due to ongoing COVID-19 social distancing restrictions. You will need to have access to a safe and quiet place to work during the period of the internship. Let us know if this poses any challenges for you.

**Grade and salary**  
Grade 4: £11.81 per hour

**Hours**  
Full time (37.5 hours per week)  
We are also interested to hear from candidates who would like to undertake the internship on a part-time basis (minimum of 2 days per week).

**Contract type**  
Fixed-term (funded for 3 months with a start date in July 2021)

**Reporting to**  
Emerging Minds Network Manager

**The role**

We are seeking an intern to help us encourage and enable research into how design research and practice is being used to effectively promote good mental health, prevention and early treatment for mental health problems at scale amongst children and young people?

We particularly welcome applications from candidates with lived experience of mental health difficulties and from backgrounds under-represented in mental health research.
You will be working within the Emerging Minds team within the growing TOPIC Group (The Oxford Psychological Interventions in Childhood and adolescence), and with the Communication Design Research Group at the University of Reading.

The Emerging Minds Network is a mental health research network funded by UK Research and Innovation. Our vision is to see the number of children and young people who experience mental health problems halved within 20 years. We are fostering research collaborations, across sectors and disciplines, focusing on mental health promotion, prevention and early treatment for children and young people.

This internship role will focus on identifying design-led projects and resources that have been co-designed, co-created or made in participation with young people who experience mental health problems. We are interested in all kinds of design: graphic design, architectural design; information design, user-centred design and human-factors and want to capture innovative design methods as well as solutions and recommendations. The work will feed into an Emerging Mind toolkit comprising resources, ideas and recommendations for ongoing work.

What we can offer
The opportunity to work alongside experienced researchers and other professionals in a world class university setting. You will have the chance to develop your research and communication skills and deepen your knowledge of children & young people’s mental health. You will also have a chance to work closely with and make connections with experts in the charity sector, those with lived experience of mental health difficulties, policy makers and practitioners.

We will ensure you are able to access the IT equipment and services that you will need during your internship. We will also provide 1 to 1 line management and will endeavour to ensure the internship supports your personal and professional development.

You can contact Emily Lloyd for an informal chat about this opportunity or if you have any questions or require any further information about the role by email at emergingminds@psych.ox.ac.uk

Responsibilities
- Conduct a desk-based rapid review of design-led research and practice concerned with young people’s mental health, and write this up in a review format.
- Identity and review resource ‘toolkits’ that have been developed for dissemination of evidence-based resources.
- Assist with the curation and design of the Emerging Minds toolkit through discussion and engagement with Emerging Minds researchers and partners.
- Help to generate interest and enthusiasm for the project amongst members of the Emerging Minds network and those not yet involved.
- Support administrative aspects of the project including arranging meetings, minuting meetings and workshops and keeping accurate records.
- Contribute to sharing the findings from the project in an accessible and engaging way.
Pre-employment screening
All offers of employment are made subject to standard pre-employment screening, as applicable to the post.

If you are offered the post, you will be asked to provide proof of your right-to-work, your identity, and we will contact the referees you have nominated. You will also be asked to complete a health declaration (so that you can tell us about any health conditions or disabilities so that we can discuss appropriate adjustments with you), and a declaration of any unspent criminal convictions.

We advise all applicants to read the candidate notes on the University’s pre-employment screening procedures, found at: www.ox.ac.uk/about/jobs/preemploymentscreening/.

Additional security pre-employment checks
This job includes duties that will require additional security pre-employment checks:

- A satisfactory enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check due to regulated activity involving children

Selection criteria

Essential selection criteria

- Interest in children & young people’s mental health
- Degree in a design-related subject
- Experience of carrying out research
- Ability to manage own activities, including strong organisational skills.
- Proven ability to meet deadlines
- Strong interpersonal skills (over the telephone/ Teams, and via email)
- Excellent communication skills, including the ability to write clear and engaging text.
- Ability to work effectively remotely

Desirable

- Awareness of mental health difficulties, specifically in groups under-represented in mental health research
- Communications experience, e.g.: writing reports, newsletters for public audiences.
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Department of Psychiatry

The Department of Psychiatry based on the Warneford Hospital site in Oxford has an international reputation for excellence. The Head of Department is Professor John Geddes. The Department has a substantial research programme, with major funding from Medical Research Council (MRC), Wellcome Trust and National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) and provides highly rated medical training in psychiatry. There are approximately 220 staff including 33 principal investigators leading research groups investigating applying a wide range of approaches from translational neuroscience, experimental medicine, epidemiology, clinical trials and health services research to developmental disorders, mood disorders, cognitive disorders and self-harm and suicide. There are strong links with other departments and institutes both within and outside Oxford: these links ensure that we can apply the best scientific methods to psychiatric and cognitive disorders. The Department has an annual turnover approaching £10 million with more than 130 research grants.

For more information please visit: http://www.psych.ox.ac.uk

The Department of Psychiatry holds a silver Athena Swan award to recognise advancement of gender equality: representation, progression and success for all.

How to apply

Application is by CV and covering letter – please sent this to Emily Lloyd emergingminds@psych.ox.ac.uk by 9am on Friday 28th of May 2021.

Interviews for this role will be week beginning 14th of June 2021.
Important information for candidates

Data Privacy

Please note that any personal data submitted to the University as part of the job application process will be processed in accordance with the GDPR and related UK data protection legislation. For further information, please see the University’s Privacy Notice for Job Applicants at: www.admin.ox.ac.uk/councilsec/compliance/gdpr/privacynotices/job/. The University’s Policy on Data Protection is available at: www.admin.ox.ac.uk/councilsec/compliance/gdpr/universitypolicyondataprotection/.

Equality of Opportunity

Entry into employment with the University and progression within employment will be determined only by personal merit and the application of criteria which are related to the duties of each particular post and the relevant salary structure. In all cases, ability to perform the job will be the primary consideration. No applicant or member of staff shall be discriminated against because of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage or civil partnership, pregnancy or maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, or sexual orientation.