

Job title	The Big Question Research Challenge 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)
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 we implement effective promotion of 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 in the Emerging Minds team within the growing TOPIC Group (The Oxford Psychological Interventions in Childhood and adolescence Group).



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.

For our third and final funding call we will be focusing particularly on our ['Big Question research challenge'](#) which has been identified as a priority by young people, parents/ carers, practitioners and policy makers. In particular, we will be aiming to encourage and support our network to answer the following research questions:

- Why even when we know 'what works' isn't this necessarily implemented in policy and practice?
- How do we improve evidence-based decision making? E.g.: How can we successfully inform commissioning decisions and policy making and how can we ultimately increase implementation of research into practice?

This internship role will focus on supporting the gathering of existing evidence on the questions above and identify gaps/ priorities for research to address. This will involve reviewing existing research to explore what researchers have already published on this topic, supporting with events and helping to share your findings.

We have £140,000 to invest in a small number of research projects focused on these questions and your work will ultimately guide what we prioritise for this funding call.

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.

Responsibilities

- Conduct a desk-based rapid review of the existing research and evidence on the research questions, with support from an experienced researcher.
- Support planning, promotion and delivery of a series of events for stakeholders to share existing evidence and perspectives.
- 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 keeping accurate records.
- Contribute to sharing the findings from the events and desk- based rapid review in an accessible and engaging way.
- Help to plan our funding competition where teams of researchers from across the UK can apply for funding for small research projects to address the priorities identified.

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 research
- 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

- We particularly welcome applications from candidates with lived experience and from backgrounds currently under-represented in mental health research.

- Degree in relevant subject (e.g.: Geography, Sociology, History, Politics, Psychology, English, Anthropology etc)
- 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 send both to Emily Lloyd emergingminds@psych.ox.ac.uk by 9am on Thursday 21st of May 2021.

Interviews for this role will be on the 10th or 11th of June 2021 via zoom.

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: <https://compliance.admin.ox.ac.uk/job-applicant-privacy-policy>. The University's Policy on Data Protection is available at: <https://compliance.admin.ox.ac.uk/data-protection-policy>.

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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.