

## Summary

<b>Job title</b>	Research Internship: Adolescent Mental Health
<b>Division</b>	Medical Sciences
<b>Department</b>	Psychiatry
<b>Location</b>	This internship will be conducted remotely. You will need to have access to a safe and quiet place to work during the period of the internship.  You will need to be available to travel to Oxford a maximum of once a week for in-person meetings at Department of Experimental Psychology, Anna Watts Building, Radcliffe Observatory Quarter, Oxford
<b>Grade and salary</b>	Grade 4: £13.44 per hour
<b>Hours</b>	Full time (37.5 hours per week) for six weeks.  We are also interested to hear from candidates who would like to undertake the internship on a part-time basis (at least 2.5 days per week).
<b>Contract type</b>	Casual for six weeks (if full-time), starting on 19 June 2023 or soon thereafter
<b>Reporting to</b>	Dr Lucy Foulkes

## The role

We are seeking an intern to assist with research into adolescent mental health. Specifically, the intern will work on a project investigating **self-diagnosis of mental health problems in adolescence**.

The intern will work in a team, led by Dr Lucy Foulkes, which will use social media data to explore adolescents' attitudes towards self-diagnosis of mental health problems. The role will require organising and analysing a large database of qualitative data. This is a new project, so the intern will also have the chance to contribute conceptually to project development (e.g. by helping to design the research questions and analysis approach).

We particularly welcome applications from candidates with lived experience of mental health difficulties and from backgrounds that are under-represented in mental health research.



## What we can offer

We offer the opportunity to work alongside experienced researchers and other professionals in a world class university setting. The intern will have the chance to develop their data management skills, practice qualitative analysis (thematic analysis), and deepen their knowledge of adolescent mental health research. We will provide one-to-one line management and will endeavour to ensure the internship supports the candidate's personal and professional development.

If you have any questions about the role that are not addressed in this job description or the advert, please contact Dr Lucy Foulkes by email at [lucy.foulkes@psych.ox.ac.uk](mailto:lucy.foulkes@psych.ox.ac.uk).

## Responsibilities

- Contribute to the conceptual design of a qualitative research study
- Develop an in-depth understanding of the literature on self-diagnosis of mental health problems, with a focus on adolescence
- Assist with data management for the project, in line with GDPR legislation
- Assist with thematic analysis of the data, following Braun and Clarke's principles

## Selection criteria

### Essential selection criteria

- A BSc degree in Psychology at grade 2:1 or above, or a planned BSc Psychology graduation this year (2023) with a predicted grade of 2:1 or above (i.e. this is open to students currently in the final year of their degree)
- Interest or experience in adolescent mental health research
- Interest or experience in qualitative research
- Ability to manage own activities, including strong organisational skills
- Ability to meet deadlines
- Ability to work effectively remotely
- Excellent communication skills, both verbal and written

### Desirable selection criteria

- Experience working with adolescents
- Experience analysing social media data
- Experience of conducting research beyond undergraduate degree
- Communications experience beyond undergraduate degree e.g. writing articles or newsletters for public audiences

## Pre-employment screening

### Standard checks

If you are offered the post, the offer will be subject to standard pre-employment checks. You will be asked to provide: proof of your right-to-work in the UK; proof of your identity; and (if we haven't done so already) 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 for which you may need us to make appropriate adjustments.

Please read the candidate notes on the University's pre-employment screening procedures at:

<https://www.jobs.ox.ac.uk/pre-employment-checks>

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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 Belinda Lennox. 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.**

## Medical Sciences Division

For more information please visit: <https://www.medsci.ox.ac.uk/>

## How to apply

Application is by CV and a covering letter detailing how you meet the selection criteria – please send these to [lucy.foulkes@psych.ox.ac.uk](mailto:lucy.foulkes@psych.ox.ac.uk) by 9.00am 10th May 2023

## Important information for candidate

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