

Dear Dr

I would like to express my interest in the position of Research Fellow in which I saw advertised on

I have recently completed my PhD in “.....” at the University of My PhD involved primary research with Prior to that I completed a Masters in at the, where I gained a distinction.

This position appears to be an ideal blend of my experience in and my expertise in I am particularly impressed by the Institute’s commitment As an active member of my, this is an area about which I am passionate. I am also drawn to the Institute’s multidisciplinary approach to research. Having collaborated extensively with academics in the Department of during my PhD, I believe in the importance of thinking beyond narrow academic disciplines. I have held research assistant posts in both academia and in central government making me ideally suited to a role focusing on the interface between researchers and clinicians.

My experience of evaluating the impact of changes in clinical commissioning on local patient groups whilst at the Department of Health has given me a real understanding of the practical applications of health policy on communities.

I also took the opportunity to learn advanced data analysis techniques, for example using SPSS and ATLAS-Ti to investigate the correlation between local commissioning structures and patient outcomes. At the Department of Health I worked as part of a close-knit team of researchers from different disciplines and nationalities. This increased my confidence in communicating my research to those outside my field and improved my intercultural skills. As an active member of the PhD Staff Student Liaison Group, I learnt how to problem solve, build relationships and to negotiate practical solutions. These influencing skills stood me in good stead during my internship, where I successfully persuaded the South Midtown Clinical Commissioning Group to participate in my research project and to implement some of its findings. I am confident that my expertise in clinical commissioning and patient impact, my broad experience in both academic and government research, my focus on a multidisciplinary approach and my strong organisational and influencing skills make me an ideal match for this position. I would appreciate an opportunity to discuss my experience in more detail at interview and I look forward to hearing from you shortly.

Yours sincerely