University of Central Lancashire

Research Project/Studentship Description

Studentship Ref Number: RS/24/05	Closing Date: 11 August 2024
School	Nursing and Midwifery
Centre	LIFE
Proposed Director of Studies	Rachel C Stockley
Contact Details	RStockley1@uclan.ac.uk
Programme	PhD (via MPhil)
Duration of Studentship	3.5 years
Hours	Full Time
Tuition Fees	UK Fees covered (International Students to pay the difference between UK and International Fees)
Maintenance Grant	UKRI Level Stipend (Currently £19,237 per annum)
Any Entry Requirements	A UK degree level qualification in a relevant healthcare/health research topic
Any Special Requirements	
Project Title	
EmbeddiNg TechnologiEs Into REhabilitation (ENTIRE)	
Project Description	

The Stroke Research Team at University of Central Lancashire is currently seeking candidates for a 3.5 year PhD project exploring the use of digital technologies in physical rehabilitation after stroke. The stroke research team is one of the largest producers of multi-disciplinary stroke-focussed research in the UK. It has strong expertise in high quality health and care research, implementation, and innovation to improve service and care delivery. Successful candidates will be supported by a dedicated supervisory team and have access to a broad range of expertise from colleagues within the Lancashire Clinical Trials Unit, the Health Technology Assessment Group, the Research Facilitation and Delivery Unit, and the Research Design and Statistical Support Team.

Whilst the evidence for, and number of, rehabilitation technologies has increased exponentially in the last 20 years, there are many factors that influence their adoption into rehabilitation practice. The successful candidate will work as a member of the DARE team within the Stroke Research Team (www.advancingrehab.com) and contribute to a body of work evaluating digital rehabilitation technologies. Working closely with academics, clinicians and people living with stroke, the PhD student will utilise a range of research methods. They will explore and evaluate the role that these technologies play in rehabilitation and evaluate their use. This learning and associated outputs will enable clinicians and the people they care for to understand and select appropriate digital tools to improve rehabilitation outcomes and support adoption.

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Attributes	Essential	Desirable	Measured By
Education/ Qualifications	BSc in a Health related degree, at 2:1 or above	Masters level qualification such as MRes or MSc Qualified health professional and member of a health regulatory body (e.g. Health and Care Professions Council)	Application form
Experience	Previous research experience such as project work	Further research, such as internship Publications and/or conference presentations	Application form and interview
Skills/Abilities	Problem-solving skills. Ability to work as part of a team Skills in research enquiry (such as research question generation and study design) High level and flexible communication skills across a variety of media Willingness to travel to engage with local communities and people	Experience in undertaking clinical research Experience of working with patients and/or patient groups	Application form and interview