MRC Biostatistics Unit

MRC Group Leader/Senior Research Associate
£39,324 to £55,998

Department/Location: MRC Biostatistics Unit, University of Cambridge
Reference: SL10662

The MRC Biostatistics Unit is one of Europe's leading biostatistics research institutions. Our focus is to deliver new analytical and computational strategies based on sound statistical principles for the challenging tasks facing biomedicine and public health.

We are now seeking a number of Group Leaders (at the level of Senior Research Associate) to develop independent scientific programmes to complement the Unit's established research portfolio. These positions are aimed at ambitious researchers who are ready to take the next step towards becoming a Principal Investigator. Successful applicants will be given the resources and support to establish a new group with the expectation of an accelerated personal and career development towards Group Leader (at the level of Principal Research Associate level) within 5-6 years.

We welcome applicants interested in developing an independent research programme within any of our broad research areas. Current research areas include: (i) design and analysis of randomised trials, (ii) evidence synthesis methods to inform health, (iii) methods for the analysis of complex longitudinal data and for stratified medicine, and (iv) modelling and inference in statistical genomics. A programme which includes a component focused on exploiting opportunities offered by new sources of data rapidly becoming available in biomedicine and public health to advance disease understanding and evaluate treatment would be of particular interest.

Successful applicants will receive a flexible funding package including a research associate position, in addition to research operating costs and set-up funding. They will also have the opportunity to attract bright and enthusiastic PhD students with access to the Unit's established fully-funded PhD programme, while postdoctoral group staff will benefit from the University of Cambridge’s extensive career development training portfolio.

Applicants should have an exciting research portfolio and clearly demonstrate the strategic awareness to develop their programme into one with an international track record of relevant independent research with 5-6 years.

The Biostatistics Unit is located within the Cambridge Biomedical Campus, which provides an excellent environment for collaborative work with cutting edge medical research. The new group will also have access to the excellent infrastructure and opportunities for integrating their research in the University of Cambridge.

For this senior position, there are a range of benefits available including a relocation package.
Appointment to a part-time position will also be considered.

Appointment to Senior Research Associate will be subject to approval by the Faculty Board of Clinical Medicine.

Closing date: 04 December 2016

To apply online for this vacancy and to view further information about the role, please visit: http://www.jobs.cam.ac.uk/job/12041.

Please ensure that you upload a covering letter, a full CV, a PDF document outlining current research interests (1 page) and a proposal for future 5 year research programme (up to 2 pages), highlighting potential connections with current research areas in the Unit; additionally upload a list with your top 5 recent papers highlighting briefly for each paper its relevance and their contribution to the work. Please also provide the names and addresses of three professional referees who have agreed to be contacted prior to interview. If you upload any additional documents which have not been requested, we will not be able to consider these as part of your application.

These positions will remain open until they are filled; applications received by 4th December 2016 will be considered first. Informal enquiries can be addressed to Sylvia Richardson (sylvia.richardson@mrc-bsu.cam.ac.uk).

Please quote reference SL10662 on your application and in any correspondence about this vacancy.

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