

UNIVERSITY OF
BIRMINGHAM
Job description

Post title and post number	Research Fellow 1 - Everyday Cyborgs 2.0 - 80749
Organisation advertising Description	Birmingham Law School

Background

To create and contribute to the creation of knowledge by undertaking a specified range of activities within the project 'Everyday Cyborgs 2.0: Law's Boundary-work & Alternative Legal Futures'. The Research Fellow will mainly work on the conceptual and normative components of the project. They will collaborate closely with the PI and other Research Fellows to integrate these with the empirical components, applying them to (re)imagine the relationship between persons, bodies, and attached and implanted medical devices. They will work towards developing a new normative account of everyday cyborgs in law.

Job Summary

- Work within Everyday Cyborg 2.0 project under the direction of Professor Quigley (Principal Investigator)
- Operate within area of specialism
- Analyse and interpret research findings and results
- Contribute to writing bids and generating funding where appropriate and under the guidance of the PI
- Contribute to knowledge generation, impact, and public understanding
- Undertake other tasks as directed by the PI

Main duties

The responsibilities may include some but not all of the responsibilities outlined below:

- Develop research objectives and proposals for own or joint research as appropriate for the project, under the direction of the PI
- Contribute to writing bids for research funding
- Analyse and interpret data (this may have been collected through a variety of research methods as appropriate to the discipline and project; e.g. literature reviews, legal and policy texts, etc.)
- Apply knowledge in a way which develops new intellectual understanding
- Disseminate research findings for publication, research seminars etc.
- Supervise students on research related work and provide guidance to PhD students where appropriate
- Undertake management/administration arising from the research project

- Contribute to Departmental/School research-related activities and research-related administration within the designated research project (and more widely if deemed appropriate by the PI)
- Present research outputs, including drafting academic publications or parts thereof, for example at seminars and at conferences
- Provide guidance, as required, to support staff and any students who may be assisting with the research
- Deal with problems that may affect the achievement of research objectives and deadlines

Skills and Experience

- First degree in area of specialism **and** a PhD (or equivalent experience); these can be in any number of relevant disciplines: e.g. law, political science, philosophy, science and technology studies
- Broad experience of, and an interest in, regulatory theory and governance studies
- Demonstrated ability to work effectively within law and with legal materials
- Experience working with materials across multiple disciplines will be a distinct advantage
- Experience of, and an interest in, research regarding the human body and/or medical devices will be an advantage
- High level analytical capability
- Demonstrated ability to publish in high quality academic journals as appropriate to candidate's discipline
- Ability to work independently and under supervision
- Ability to prioritise workload and work to deadlines
- Ability to communicate complex information clearly
- Ability to assess resource requirements and use resources effectively
- Understanding of and ability to contribute to broader management/administration processes in pursuit of the aims and objectives of the project
- Contribute to the planning and organising of the project's research programme and other research activities as directed by the PI
- Co-ordinate own work with others to avoid conflict or duplication of effort