

MAUDSLEY LEARNING – HONORARY RESEARCH ASSISTANT

PLACEMENT INFORMATION

Organisation:	South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust
Department / Section:	Maudsley Learning and Simulation
Job title:	Honorary Assistant Psychologist
Primary placement location:	Predominately online with opportunities to come into the office Maudsley Learning, Lambeth Hospital, Reay House, 108 Landor Road, SW9 9NT / ORTUS centre, 82-96 Grove Lane, Camberwell, SE5 8SN
Expected hours/days per week:	4 days (flexible)
Expected or start/end dates:	flexible for 8 weeks
Salary/remuneration:	Travel expenses
Website	www.maudsleysimulation.com and www.maudsleylearning.com

SUPERVISOR/PRIMARY CONTACT

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Have you supervised undergraduate placement students before? If so, please provide details		Yes, multiple years previously	

BACKGROUND AND JOB DESCRIPTION

South London & Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust (SLaM)

SLaM is one of the UK's largest mental health trust, providing local, national and international clinical services in areas ranging from Psychosis to Learning Disabilities to Eating Disorders for people of all ages. SLaM is the most research active mental health trust nationally, with the most research trials and the highest numbers of service users involved in research. The Trust's history dates back to 1247, making it one of the world's oldest mental health institutions and one of the most recognisable names globally in the field of mental health.

Maudsley Simulation

Maudsley Simulation is the world's first simulation training centre specialising in mental health, with the aim of improving services for all who are affected by mental health issues. Since 2013, working as part of SLaM, we have successfully developed more than 60 simulation training courses and trained more than 7000 staff. We won the British Medical Journal's Education Team of the Year 2018, were highly commended at the Health Services Journal Awards 2018, and won the European Kate Granger Award for Compassionate Care. As a world leader in mental health education and training, we work as part of Maudsley Learning, SLaM's innovative workforce development organisation that aims to improve mental health care and the experience of service users through education.

Working at Maudsley Simulation provides the opportunity to be involved in a wide range of other activities taking place at Maudsley Learning, from health education through to research projects, applied evaluation programmes, and workplace wellbeing initiatives.

Our work

Our courses involve a wide variety of settings and clinical areas, providing a diverse insight into healthcare, services and professions. Examples of our courses include: Perinatal mental health, early intervention & prevention in children's mental health, managing challenging mental health situations, mental health awareness, child and young person's physical and mental health and return to work. We have numerous journal publications and have presented our work internationally.

Most recently, our centre is pioneering mental health training using Virtual Reality technology, supporting other centres around the UK and the world to develop their practice, and delivering projects and education in various cutting-edge areas of mental health. Our range of expertise and projects provide multiple exciting opportunities to be involved in innovative projects and learn from experienced individuals with a range of skills.

The Research & Development Team within Maudsley Learning is responsible for a range of activities involving Maudsley Simulation, including: managing routine evaluation procedures to support high quality training; publishing academic literature on the effectiveness of simulation and health education; delivering applied evaluation projects (e.g. assessing the effectiveness of new workforce models in the NHS); managing funded research projects (e.g. testing the efficacy of skills training on improving primary care services for severe mental illness); supporting workplace wellbeing programmes; and being involved in preparing grant funding applications.

The role

As an honorary research assistant at Maudsley Learning's in the Research & Development Team, you will have the opportunity to be involved in simulation training course design, delivery, and evaluation – supporting NHS workforces in the provision of care to patients and service users. Supporting the design and delivery of training sessions for healthcare professionals will provide a valuable insight into clinical roles. Additionally, working with our training courses provides a useful perspective on the current processes and practices behind contemporary evidence-based care.

A significant part of your role will involve supporting research projects with supervision of a senior research assistant. As part of undertaking research, you will get the opportunity write papers for publication, learn standards and procedures of publishing research, develop your qualitative and quantitative analysis skills and literature searching skills. This work will be undertaken with support of our team of research assistants and collaborating with our multi-disciplinary team on research projects. Further opportunity will be provided for you to be involved in projects that specifically involve areas and methodologies of which you would like to develop skills and experience.

While in this post, you will gain an understanding of other healthcare professions and career pathways which could aid personal career development. Our multi-disciplinary team provides the opportunity to learn from multiple experienced healthcare professionals with varied backgrounds and skillsets. This role may involve supporting other ongoing projects within the team and working on new projects as they are initiated.

Supervision will be provided in this role by an individual with clinical, research, and project management experience within the NHS. The opportunity to learn from other healthcare professionals will be provided, along with weekly meetings. The role will also benefit from the learning and development opportunities provided by SLaM and King's Health Partners, as well as the opportunity to connect with link-minded peers in Honorary roles locally. Following induction, the position holder will be encouraged to access further training and development opportunities in line with their interests, with support and time being provided to facilitate this.

In this role, you will develop a variety of skills essential for working in healthcare in a clinical, research, or other capacity. While you will be required to contribute constructively to the team, we will be committed to your development and ensuring that this placement is a useful experience of you that supports your future career.

PERSON SPECIFICATION AND REQUIREMENTS

This unique role would suit an open-minded, hard-working candidate with an interest in experiencing a variety of aspects of the NHS and associated systems. Experience of research methods in both qualitative and quantitative analysis is essential for this role. Experience of undertaking research projects and a desire to make a difference in improving healthcare for patients, service users and staff is desirable but not essential for this role. Our team consists of experts by experience, researchers, clinicians, educators, and management leaders from across the healthcare system, we welcome applications from other disciplines outside of traditional healthcare professions.

Flexibility and self-management will be key skills for this individual as you will work across multiple settings and teams with a varied workload. However, flexibility will in turn be allowed to support the candidate to receive their desired experience and development. High level communication skills, both written and verbal, will be beneficial for this role, as will the desire to learn through doing by becoming part of the team. Most of all a positive attitude and willingness to try and learn new skills will help the candidate gain the most from this placement.

HOW TO APPLY

What to send to whom:	Your CV and a personal statement of up to 500 words, to Hannah Iannelli – Hannah.iannelli@slam.nhs.uk
Interview / selection process details and dates:	Telephone/ online interview