Lecturer/Senior Lecturer in International Nutrition
School of Medicine, Medical Sciences and Nutrition

Closing date: 02 November 2019
Interview date: To Be Confirmed
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Introduction

This post represents an exciting opportunity for an ambitious and enthusiastic individual to join a team of staff in the Rowett Institute, School of Medicine, Medical Sciences and Nutrition. The Rowett Institute is one of the foremost nutrition research institutes in Europe undertaking research to address some of the most important contemporary problems in global nutrition. There is a wide range of research carried out within the Institute, from molecular nutrition through to public health.

Applications are invited for a Lecturer or Senior Lecturer in International Nutrition to expand our expertise and activities in this area. The post holder will join a very successful team of Rowett and School scientists who are currently executing part of their research programmes in Low and Middle Income countries. The post holder will also play an important role in sustaining and expanding our flagship teaching programmes and courses in (international) nutrition, and contribute to a range of international partnership initiatives to develop and sustain teaching collaborations with a number of Asian partners.

We are looking for an ambitious and high quality individual who is capable of establishing an internationally visible research profile, has a demonstrable ability to attract appropriate research funding, has a demonstrable ability to capture and motivate (international) students, and who is able to complement and extend the existing activities of the Rowett (http://www.abdn.ac.uk/rowett) and the School (http://www.abdn.ac.uk/smmsn/). We are offering a highly supportive and inspiring environment to build up a high profile international and interdisciplinary research and teaching career as part of a permanent employment contract.
Main purpose of the role:
The post holder will play an important role in the development, implementation and coordination of new internationally competitive research activities in the field of public health nutrition, maternal and childhood nutrition, infection, sustainable food supplies or associated fields linked to addressing global nutritional challenges, especially in Low and Middle Income Countries (LMIC).

In addition the post holder will participate in established teaching programmes as well as develop new courses and on-line teaching content in the area of (international) nutrition in line with the key research themes in the Rowett.

Key responsibilities:
Lecturer / Senior Lecturer in International Nutrition

- Conduct high quality research and develop/establish a research team with an international profile
- Publish REF-eligible papers in leading high quality peer-reviewed journals
- Develop collaborative and international links and research networks to enable the initiation of international and interdisciplinary grant applications
- Submit and secure grant applications for external (GCRF, UKRI, charity) research support, and to be a partner on grants with other research institutions
- Develop and secure studentships, and recruit PhD students to add capacity to the research group
- Take responsibility for the supervision and training of undergraduate and postgraduate research students
- Contribute to teaching in the School's established UGT, PGT and on-line teaching programmes
- Contribute to the expansion in teaching capacity, especially in on-line learning and/or CPD courses, in the area of (international) nutrition
- Contribute to the development of University international partnerships in the area of (international) nutrition
- Undertake School-level administration as determined by the Head of School.
- Balance the pressures of research, teaching and administrative demands and competing deadlines

At a glance
Salary:
Lecturer: Grade 7 (£40,792 - £48,676 per annum)
Senior Lecturer: Grade 8 (£51,630 - £58,089 per annum)

Hours of work:
Full-Time (37.5 hours per week)

Contract type:
Substantive
**Candidate background**

Candidates should have a PhD in public health nutrition, epidemiology, nutritional physiology, or sustainable food supply chains or equivalent, as well as expertise in doing research in Low and Middle Income Countries. Extensive experience with the management of complex international and interdisciplinary projects is an advantage.

You will have an excellent track record in published research and hold existing external grant income.

Experience of teaching at undergraduate and postgraduate level, and research student supervision, is required.

You will be ambitious, enthusiastic, have excellent communication skills, good team-working, organisational and interpersonal skills.

**Terms of appointment**

Salary will be at the appropriate point on the Grade 8 salary scale (£51,630 - £58,089 per annum) for Senior Lecturers, or the Grade 7 salary scale (£40,792 - £48,676 per annum) for Lecturers, and negotiable with placement according to qualifications and experience.

Any appointment will be made subject to satisfactory references and a 3 year probation period.

For further information on various staff benefits and policies please visit [www.abdn.ac.uk/staffnet/working-here](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/staffnet/working-here)

Should you require a visa to undertake paid employment in the UK you will be required to fulfil the minimum points criteria to be granted a Certificate of Sponsorship and Tier 2 visa. As appropriate, at the time an offer of appointment is made you will be asked to demonstrate that you fulfil the criteria in respect of financial maintenance and competency in English. Please do not hesitate to contact Grant Rae, HR Adviser on +44 (0)1224 437068 or email grant.rae@abdn.ac.uk for further information.
## Person specification

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The University

Founded in 1495, Aberdeen is Scotland’s third oldest University and the fifth oldest in the UK. Ranked within the world top 160 in the Times Higher Education Rankings 2019 and named Scottish University of the Year in the Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2019. Aberdeen is ‘open to all and dedicated to the pursuit of truth in the service of others’.

Aberdeen is a broad based, research intensive University, which puts students at the head of everything it does. It has significant academic strengths and potential across a wide variety of disciplines. Outstanding in a wide range of discipline areas, Aberdeen has also been credited for its international reach and its commercialisation of research ideas into spin out companies.

The University has over 14,000 matriculated students and 3,600 staff representing 130 nationalities. We encourage bold thinking, creativity and innovation and we nurture ambition with many opportunities for professional and personal development in an inclusive learning environment which challenges, inspires and helps every individual to reach their full potential.

The University combines a distinguished heritage with a forward looking attitude. In the past few years, the University has encouraged creativity in its academic staff, broken new ground with an innovative curriculum, and developed state-of-the-art facilities including the new Sir Duncan Rice Library and the Aberdeen Sports Village and Aquatics Centre. In looking to the future, the University seeks to enhance its reputation as one of the world’s leading Universities by moving forward with ever more ground breaking research; ensuring students have an intellectual and social experience second to none; and capitalising upon the dual role as one of the major institutions of the north and as a cornerstone of regional economic and cultural life.
The School (https://www.abdn.ac.uk/smmsn/index.php) encompasses all of the disciplines that underpin today's medicine, including biomedical sciences, health sciences, nutrition and medical, medical science and dental education and these are organised into five Institutes. The largest school in the University, the SMMSN has five Institutes: the Institute of Medical Sciences (IMS), the Institute of Applied Health Sciences (IAHS), the Rowett Institute, the Institute of Education in Medical and Dental Sciences (IEMDS) and the Institute of Dentistry, comprising all of our undergraduate and postgraduate programmes and our own graduate entry Dental School.

Staff are line managed and research opportunities are supported through our institutes which work together in an integrated and coordinated way to deliver research and teaching across the School, details of which can be found on their websites as below.

- The Institute of Applied Health Sciences https://www.abdn.ac.uk/iahs/
- The Institute of Medical Sciences http://www.abdn.ac.uk/ims/
- The Rowett Institute http://www.abdn.ac.uk/rowett/
- The Institute of Education for Medical and Dental Sciences https://www.abdn.ac.uk/iemds/
- The Institute of Dentistry https://www.abdn.ac.uk/dental/

Within the IMS, our scientists are working towards the creation of effective therapies for patients with a range of debilitating and life-threatening conditions. Current research areas include: arthritis and musculoskeletal medicine; cell developmental and cancer biology; immunity, infection and inflammation; metabolic and cardiovascular health; microbiology and translational neuroscience.

Within the IAHS, research is focused on improving health and health care delivery. It is home to a multidisciplinary grouping of around 100 university academic staff who conduct population and clinically-orientated health research and hosts the Health Services Research Unit (HSRU) and Health Economics Research Unit (HERU), both funded by the Chief Scientist's Office (CSO) of the Scottish Government.

As well as being the organisational home to the teaching scholarship staff and responsible for oversight of the UG and PGT programmes offered by the School, the IEMDS promotes and supports excellence in medical education through research and development, with a focus on conceptually and theoretically robust research and development which has strong potential for reaching international recognition.

The Dental Institute runs an undergraduate BDS programme and a growing suite of masters programmes for professional development.

We have a number of specialist Centres representing areas of particular research strength and capacity within the School all of which are willing to support colleagues on projects in their areas. More information is available at the following websites.

- The Centre for Healthcare Education Research and Innovation (https://www.abdn.ac.uk/acdc/)
- The Centre for Health Data Science (https://www.abdn.ac.uk/achds/)
- The Aberdeen Cardiovascular & Diabetes Centre (https://www.abdn.ac.uk/acdc/) and
- The Aberdeen Centre for Arthritis and Musculoskeletal Health (https://www.abdn.ac.uk/acamh/)
The School is home to over 800 staff and 2000fte students. It is located on the Foresterhill site, shared with our main clinical partner, NHS Grampian, with whom we work in close collaboration at primary and secondary care levels. This is one of the largest integrated healthcare delivery, training and research sites in Europe and has rich assets including state-of-the-art academic (research and teaching) and clinical buildings. Excellent infrastructure is also provided through core facilities for biomedical science including flow cytometry, proteomics, microscopy and genome sequencing, support for data health science projects and clinical trials.

The last major academic capital development was the opening of the Rowett Institute, occupied in March 2016, whose staff undertakes nutrition research to help improve people’s lives through the prevention of ill-health and disease. Their new £40M building has provided the University of Aberdeen with a facility with unique capabilities for human nutrition and metabolic research. Currently, the NHSG is carrying out an exciting £164 million building development creating The Baird Family Hospital and The Aberdeen and North Centre for Haematology, Oncology and Radiotherapy (ANCHOR) Centre Project, scheduled for completion in 2021.
The city and the region

Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire

With a population of approximately 230,000, the city stands between the Rivers Dee and Don. This historic city has many architectural splendours and the use of its sparkling local granite has earned Aberdeen the name of the Silver City. Recognised as the oil capital of Europe, Aberdeen nevertheless retains its old-fashioned charm and character making it an attractive place in which to live.

Aberdeen enjoys excellent communication services with other European cities - e.g. flying time to London is just over one hour with regular daily flights. There are direct air links to London (City, Gatwick, Heathrow, and Luton), Manchester, Birmingham, Leeds, Southampton, Belfast and East Midlands within the U.K. There are also flights to international hub airports: Amsterdam (Schiphol), and Paris (Charles De-Gaulle) as well as flights to other European destinations. http://www.aberdeenairport.com Road and rail links are also well developed.

The Grampian Region which took its name from the Grampian Mountains has a population of approximately 545,000. It is made up of five districts – Aberdeen, Banff & Buchan, Gordon, Kincardine & Deeside and Moray. The city and the surrounding countryside provide a variety of urban, sea-side and country pursuits. Aberdeen has first class amenities including His Majesty's Theatre, Music Hall, Art Gallery, the Aberdeen Exhibition Centre, Museums, and Beach Leisure centre. Within a short time, beach pursuits, equine activities, salmon, trout and sea fishing, hill-walking, mountaineering, golf, sailing, surfing and windsurfing can be reached. The city and the surrounding countryside are repeatedly given high ratings for quality of life in surveys.

Aberdeenshire is one of Scotland’s most appealing regions. Royal Deeside and the Cairngorms National Park are within easy access of the city, and there are a variety of towns and villages scattered along the coastline.

Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire cater for a wide range of tastes in sporting and cultural activities.

To find out more about Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire go to www.visitabdn.com
How to apply

Online application forms are available at www.abdn.ac.uk/jobs

The closing date for receipt of applications is 02 November 2019

Should you wish to make an informal enquiry please contact:

Professor Peter Morgan, Director of the Rowett Institute.
01224 438642
p.morgan@abdn.ac.uk

Please do not send application forms or CVs to Professor Morgan.

Please quote reference number ROW052A on all correspondence

The University pursues a policy of equal opportunities in the appointment and promotion of staff.