

# Queen's University Belfast

## Research Assistant in Animal Behaviour

Institute for Global Food Security

Ref: 20/108386

School of Biological Sciences

We are recruiting for a Research Assistant in Animal Behaviour who will be an active member of the EU funded project Healthy Livestock led by Prof Ilias Kyriazakis. The Research Assistant will assist with the planning and delivery of research activities associated with the early detection of health and welfare challenges based on changes in pig behaviour and the effect of environmental enrichment on pig health and welfare.

The successful candidate must have:

- Degree in Biology, Veterinary Science, or other relevant Science
- At least 1-year recent relevant research experience which includes
  - Behavioural data collection
  - Implementation of experimental protocols
  - Collation and analysis of behavioural data
- MSc degree in Animal Behaviour or equivalent qualification is desirable

**Salary:** £28,331 per annum

This post is available until 30 April 2022

**Closing date:** Monday 26 October 2020

Anticipated interview date: Monday 9 November 2020

Informal enquiries may be directed to Dr Gareth Arnott via email to [g.arnott@qub.ac.uk](mailto:g.arnott@qub.ac.uk)

The School of Biological Sciences is part of the Faculty of Medicine, Health and Life Sciences. It is made up of three research disciplines: Ecosystems Biology & Sustainability, Food Safety & Nutrition, and Microbes & Pathogen Biology.

The School aims to enhance the way we use technology in research, food security, microbiology, ecosystem biology, sustainability and many other related areas. The School provides research programmes in areas spanning from basic biochemistry with applications in e.g. cancer research, all the way to the economic evaluation of ecosystem services and the retailing of food. We host a cutting edge scientific research team and contribute to genuine new discoveries and the development of new methods of practical use. Many staff within the School

are also members of the Institute for Global Food Security GRI: the Institute is ranked No 1 in the UK for research intensity in Agriculture, Veterinary and Food Sciences (REF 2014).

The Institute for Global Food Security (IGFS) is one of four Global Research Institutes at Queen's and was established to address a key, international challenge, the future of the world's food systems. Food and drink have become a global industry with many positive aspects - access, affordability, variety. Yet that industry is also faced with a number of conundrums:

- Soon there may not be enough food to feed a growing population
- The integrity of increasingly complex food supply chains is often compromised
- Deliberate food fraud is a growing crime
- Climate change throws up complications for the future of agriculture

Further information about the School, Institute and Group Leader can be found at

<https://www.qub.ac.uk/schools/SchoolofBiologicalSciences/>

<https://www.qub.ac.uk/Research/GRI/TheInstituteforGlobalFoodSecurity/>

<https://pure.qub.ac.uk/en/persons/ilias-kyriazakis>

Queen's University Belfast is a driver of innovation and talent based on excellence. Throughout the University, our academics collaborate across disciplines and with outside agencies and institutions on projects of world significance. We are connected and networked with strategic partnerships across the world, helping us to expand our impact on wider society locally, nationally and globally. The University is committed to attracting, retaining and developing the best global talent within an environment that enables them to realise their full potential.

We are a leader in gender equality and diversity, and are one of the UK's most successful universities in the Athena SWAN initiative which promotes gender equality and career progression. The University holds an Athena SWAN silver award and the School of Biological Sciences holds an Athena SWAN Gold Award in recognition of our work to support women in Science commitment and success in addressing gender equality, representation, progression and success for all our staff.

We are ranked 1st in the UK for Knowledge Transfer Partnerships (Innovate UK), 9th in the UK for University facilities (Times Higher Education Student Experience Survey 2018) and 14th in the UK for research quality (Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2019).

Based in Belfast, a modern capital city, our beautiful campus is surrounded by abundant acres of parkland and is renowned as one of the safest and most affordable cities in the UK. There is an excellent range of local Schools from pre-nursery upwards and we are immensely proud of what our city and our University will offer you.

For full job details and essential/desirable criteria please refer to the candidate information link on our website by clicking apply. You must clearly demonstrate how you meet the criteria when you submit your application. For further information or assistance, contact Resourcing Team

via email on [resourcing@qub.ac.uk](mailto:resourcing@qub.ac.uk)

Fixed term contract posts are available for the stated period in the first instance but in particular circumstances may be renewed or made permanent subject to availability of funding

Please note on this occasion the University is unable to provide sponsorship for visa applicants for this particular post, as such applicants must hold the right to work in the UK to be eligible.

The University is committed to equality of opportunity and welcomes applications from all.

However, our employment monitoring data tells us that individuals from Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) communities, people with a disability and those who identify as LGBT+ are currently under-represented at the University. As such, we particularly welcome applications from these individuals.

As you may be aware, Queen's is recognised as one of the most diverse organisations in Northern Ireland. We are committed to ensuring our workplace is a safe, welcoming and inclusive place to work, which is why we subscribe to Equality Charter Marks such as Stonewall Workplace Equality Index, Diversity Charter Mark NI and Athena SWAN.

It is also why we have established award winning Staff Networks such as PRISM and iRise. These networks provide an opportunity for staff to meet in a friendly, informal way to support each other. More details on all our networks can be found at <https://www.qub.ac.uk/sites/StaffGateway/StaffNetworks/>

All applicants need to apply on the QUB website via this link: [https://hrwebapp.qub.ac.uk/tlive\\_webrecruitment/wrd/run/ETREC107GF.open?VACANCY\\_ID=243290DoAg&WVID=6273090Lgx&LANG=USA](https://hrwebapp.qub.ac.uk/tlive_webrecruitment/wrd/run/ETREC107GF.open?VACANCY_ID=243290DoAg&WVID=6273090Lgx&LANG=USA)

**Closing date for applications Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2020**