

RESEARCH ENGAGEMENT OFFICER

Role Purpose	To strengthen relationships with funded researchers and the wider blood cancer research community so that engagement, stewardship and insight meaningfully enhance the impact of Blood Cancer UK's research investments.
Pay Band	2
Office attendance / travel requirements	Expected travel for this role is 1-2 days a week, meetings with researchers, conferences, team workshops, team/department away days plus two all-staff away days in the year.
Reports to	Research Impact and Engagement Lead
Line management responsibilities	This role does not have line management responsibilities
Key relationships	Internal contacts: Wider research team (including Associate Director for Research and Director of Research, Policy and Services) to remain up to date on current activities and funding portfolio Comms Team for dissemination of impact information Philanthropy and Fundraising Teams for provision of project and impact information and coordination of researcher involvement in fundraising activities Colleagues across Blood Cancer UK to educate about the External contacts: Blood Cancer Research Community and wider research community in areas applicable to Blood Cancer to carry out engagement responsibilities of role Other charitable funders, impact professionals and organisations including the Association of Medical Research Charities, BMJ Impact Analytics, Europe PMC to share learnings and do continuing professional development Wider charity networks and community to communicate about the charity's research impact
Financial Responsibility	This role does not have any financial responsibility

CONTEXT

The Research Engagement team plays a vital role in ensuring the research we fund delivers meaningful outcomes and is effectively communicated, understood, and celebrated. The team's work focuses on tracking and showcasing the real-world impact



of our research, as well as building strong, lasting relationships with the research community. The team foster a culture of active engagement and stewardship, by supporting researchers throughout their journey with us, from grant award through to long-term collaboration.

MAIN ACCOUNTABILITIES

1. Develop and deliver a researcher engagement and stewardship program: Create and embed a structured engagement approach for funded researchers to strengthen relationships, enhance collaboration and increase the long-term impact of Blood Cancer UK's research investments. Examples of this include our early career researcher webinar series and annual grant holder conferences
2. Plan and coordinate engagement with grant holders and Fellows: Plan and manage visits, events and touchpoints with grant holders and Fellows to ensure their needs are met, insights are gathered and their connection with Blood Cancer UK is sustained during and after funding
3. Build and maintain insight on the blood cancer research community: Develop knowledge of key researchers, institutions and networks to expand the charity's reach, inform funding opportunities and identify potential new partnerships
4. Strengthen Blood Cancer UK's visibility within the research community: Represent the organisation at meetings, conferences and research events to promote our funding opportunities, build relationships and increase awareness of our mission.
5. Maintain and share accurate research information and insights: Manage and share resources to ensure internal teams have access to relevant data, impact evidence and researcher insights that support communication, engagement and income generation. Support organisation-wide staff learning about our projects and the blood cancer space through delivery of training and other resources
6. Support the measurement and communication of research impact: Work with colleagues in the Research Impact and Engagement and Research Funding teams to ensure accurate collection, analysis and dissemination of research outcomes, enabling effective monitoring and storytelling.
7. Support the Research team's engagement with researchers within pre-award activities: Contribute to the scoping and development of new funding rounds and partnerships with other charities, such as workshop delivery. Identification of clinical and research experts for re-award activities, such as call development and application review
8. Contribute to organisation-wide collaboration and resource development: Work proactively with Engagement and Fundraising teams to align research engagement activities with organisational priorities and strengthen income generation opportunities.



All employees at Blood Cancer UK promote the organisation's vision, mission and core values and are committed to actively promoting equality, diversity and inclusivity. This includes attending and assisting at Blood Cancer UK events and activities as required, including occasional evening and weekend work. We take a positive attitude to technology, insight and data, including an enthusiasm to use new technologies and ways of working to deliver objectives. All employees are expected to follow Blood Cancer UK's policies and procedures and do any reasonable thing required by their manager.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS & EXPERIENCE

Knowledge
Understanding of the link between funding research and subsequent impact
Skills
Ability to read/analyse data and interpret research reports for a range of audiences
Well-developed interpersonal skills for liaising with internal and external communities, including senior academics, and committed to delivering an excellent, consistent and professional service
A positive attitude to technology, insight and data, including an enthusiasm to use new technologies and ways of working to deliver against objectives
Experience
Experience of working in either the charity or research sector
Efficient, flexible, well organised self-starter with ability to manage multiple projects

COMPETENCIES

Core Competency	Level required for role
Collaborative working	Practicing
Being innovative	Practicing
Being high performing and accountable	Practicing
Stakeholder and blood cancer community led	Practicing
Leadership skills	Developing
Professional and technical expertise	Practicing