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RESEARCH UK** **FOR A
CURE**



WELCOME TO ARUK

If nothing changes, one in two of us will be directly affected by dementia – either by caring for someone with the condition, developing it ourselves, or both. Alzheimer's Research UK exists to change that.

As the UK's leading dementia research charity, we're working to revolutionise the way we treat, diagnose, and prevent dementia. But we won't stop there. We will keep going until we find a cure.

Working for Alzheimer's Research UK, you can be part of a team that is:

- Funding world-leading research into dementia across the UK and beyond. Our Research Network brings together nearly 3,000 dementia researchers, to share ideas, collaborate and accelerate our search for a cure.
- Providing information about dementia to people affected and their families.
- Helping to improve understanding about dementia and the potential for research to cure the diseases that cause it.
- Campaigning to keep dementia research on the political agenda and working to ensure government funding for research is a priority.
- Building a social movement behind our cause, inspiring thousands of people to stand with us to find a cure.
- Providing operational support to enable the charitable objectives to be met.

Alzheimer's Research UK is a fantastic place to work. Our pioneering spirit is reflected in the energy and drive of our employees. As CEO, I am extremely privileged to lead exceptionally talented and passionate teams who have the ambitions and determination to create a world free from dementia. We exist for a cure and, together, we will change lives.

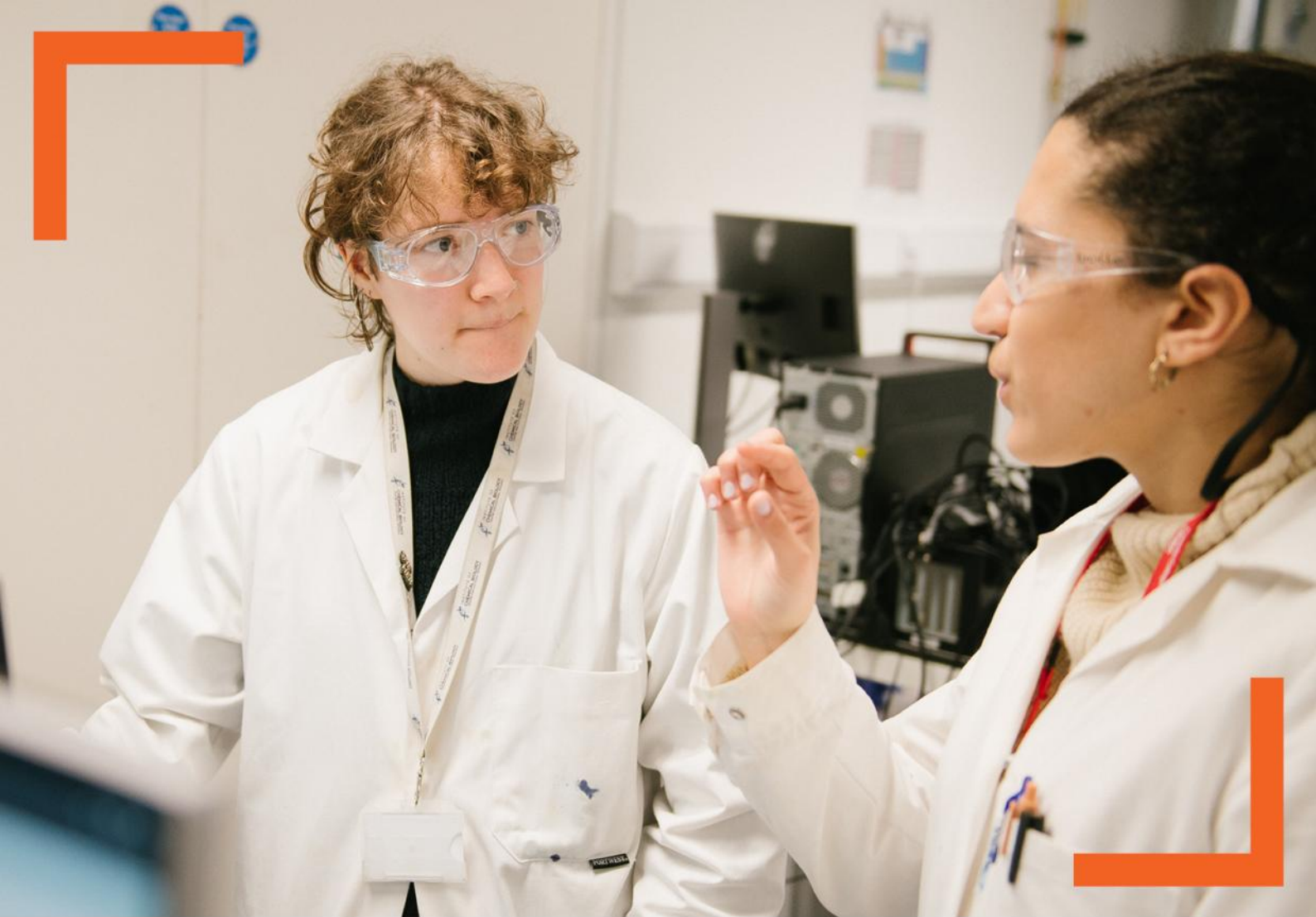
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COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER, RESEARCH

JOB DESCRIPTION

Main Purpose of the Role

The Communications team is responsible for informing, inspiring and engaging the public by showcasing Alzheimer's Research UK's work, impact and mission across all channels. We lead the charity's media and strategic communications activity—ensuring consistent, accurate and compelling storytelling that supports research, fundraising and organisational priorities.

We are seeking a Communications Manager, Research to join our Communications Team and line manage the Research Communications team. The Communications Manager, Research, leads the development and delivery of communications that promote and explain the charity's research strategy, programmes and scientific impact. They act as the primary communications partner to the Research Directorate, shaping research narratives and overseeing high-quality content that brings our science to life for diverse audiences.

Key Responsibilities

Strategic Leadership & Planning

- Lead the development of communications strategies and plans for major research programmes, including: Blood Biomarker Challenge, Dementia Frontiers Fund, Clinical Accelerator, GRB, DDA, and research partnerships.
- Act as the senior communications partner to the Research Directorate, advising on messaging, positioning, risks and opportunities.
- Shape and maintain the overarching research narrative and storyline, feeding into organisational messaging, master slide decks and presentations.
- Ensure research communications plans align with organisational strategy and cross-team communications activity.

Delivery & Oversight

- Oversee the creation of key research communications materials: Communication plans, FAQs, messaging documents, web content, reports and updates.
- Ensure content is scientifically accurate, engaging and accessible for a range of audiences, including supporters, partners, researchers and policymakers.
- Oversee communications planning around scientific conferences (e.g., AAIC, AD/PD), ensuring identification of key research outputs and coordinating content production.
- Work with the Content Team to deliver researcher-friendly content and impact stories that articulate the charity's scientific contribution.

Cross-Team Collaboration

- Collaborate with Press, Content, Corporate Comms and Digital teams to ensure consistent messaging on research across all channels.
- Act as a research communications expert internally, supporting colleagues who need scientific context, messaging or guidance.
- Lead the planning and delivery of research-specific social media content in partnership with digital colleagues.

Team Leadership & Management

- Line manage, coach and develop members of the Research Comms team, ensuring high performance, prioritisation and skills development.
- Translate broader departmental strategy into clear objectives and work plans for the team.
- Provide guidance and support on complex communication tasks and ensure quality assurance across all team outputs.
- Encourage continuous improvement in processes, systems and ways of working.

Governance, Risk & Resource Management

- Provide input into setting budgets for research communications activity and work within allocated resources.
- Identify comms risks around research announcements or projects and advise on mitigation strategies.
- Ensure compliance with organisational policies and regulatory requirements.
- Work with Metrics & Insights colleagues to set KPIs and evaluate performance of research communications activity.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Knowledge, skills and experience needed:

Essential:

- Significant experience in communications, science communication or research engagement
- Scientific background or qualification
- Experience developing comms strategies
- Strong track record translating scientific information
- Experience managing staff or projects
- Experience advising senior stakeholders.
- Excellent written and verbal communication
- Strategic thinking
- Project management
- Ability to influence and build relationships
- Sound judgement
- Proactive, solution-focused approach.

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Alzheimer's Research UK would not be able to achieve its vision or accelerate progress towards a cure without the talent and dedication of its employees. It is therefore important to offer a range of benefits which are designed to meet both the organisational and individual needs, are market competitive and designed to attract and retain employees.



Holiday Entitlement

Employees receive 29 days holiday per annum, plus the Statutory Public Holidays. For every 3, 6 and 9 years worked, employees will receive 1 additional day's leave. There is also the option to buy up to 5 additional days holiday per year buy via salary sacrifice arrangement or carry over 5 days holiday to the following year. This holiday entitlement is pro-rated for new starters and part-time employees.



Healthcare

Employees are offered **Private Medical Insurance**, a **Health Cash Plan**, **Life Insurance** and **Income Protection**. Our **Employee Assistance Programme** provides employees and their family members additional support on problems which may be impacting their work/home life, health and wellbeing and is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.



Sick Pay

We offer enhanced Company Sick Pay, where employees receive their normal pay for up to 13 weeks (65 days) of absence through illness in any rolling 12-month period. This is pro-rated for part-time employees.



Pension

Subject to the eligibility criteria, employees are enrolled in our pension scheme but can opt out if they so wish. The charity contributes 5% and employees contribute a minimum of 4%. Salary sacrifice option also available.



Cycle to Work Scheme

Employees can purchase a commuter bike, clothing and accessories, whilst spreading the cost over a 12-month period and making savings through a tax break.



Family Friendly Policies

Our Family Friendly Policies have been designed to support employees by offering different types of leave that may be taken. Subject to the eligibility criteria, we also offer enhanced pay.



Learning and Development

My Learning, Our Breakthroughs programme has been designed to enable employees to develop their skills, knowledge and behaviours, add value and drive organisational success.



Electric Vehicle Scheme

Employees can lease an electric vehicle via a Salary Sacrifice Scheme. This includes 4,000 free miles of charge, charger, insurance, servicing, tyres, maintenance and breakdown all in one monthly payment.



TERMS OF APPOINTMENT

Contract Type: Fulltime, Permanent
Salary: Circa £45,000 per annum

Working Hours: 35 hours per week

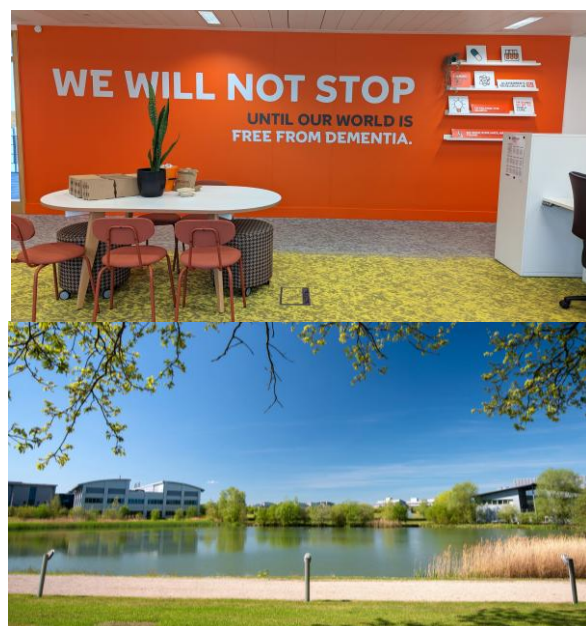
Ways of working: As part of our Agile ways of working, you will be required to work approximately 2 days a week from the office, which is subject to the requirements of the role and the business needs. Flexibility on where you work can be split between working from home and our office. Roles that are classed as part of the Agile ways of working are not able to claim any costs for Mileage/Travel on Public Transport, Accommodation and/or Meals. This includes when attending the office for various meetings/events.

OUR OFFICE

Our office is at 3 Riverside, Granta Park, Great Abington, Cambridge, CB21 6AD.

Granta Park sits next to the River Granta and has its own lake and three woodland walks. It is home to a variety of wildlife and has a range of amenities to provide a convenient work-life balance, including Nuffield Health Fitness & Wellbeing Centre and a restaurant.

There is a good public transport system with a frequent bus and train service from the city centre and surrounding areas, along with a commuter bus service which picks up from both Cambridge Train Station and Whittlesford Parkway Station. The park also offers a free car sharing scheme and free parking.





HOW TO APPLY

We value diversity and are committed to creating an inclusive culture where everyone can be themselves and reach their full potential. We actively encourage applications from people of all backgrounds and cultures, particularly from those in the global majority, those with disabilities, men and those from the LGBTQIA+ community. Any offer of employment is however subject to you having the right to work in the UK.

As part of our commitment to being an inclusive employer and ensuring fairness and consistency in our selection process, we will handle your CV and application with the utmost confidentiality. Should you require any adjustments at either the application or interview stage, please contact us at recruitment@alzheimersresearchuk.org.

To be considered for this role, please create an online account using our Online Recruitment Platform, via your desktop or mobile device, which can be accessed through our INTERNAL [Recruitment](#)

Once you have created your online account, you will be able to apply for this role, and can attach your CV. You will also be able to track your application, view other vacancies and sign up for future job alerts.

Your supporting statement should summarise the following:

- Why you are interested in applying for the role.
- How your skills, knowledge and experience meet the requirements of the person specification

The closing date for applications is 31st August 2026, with interviews being arranged once shortlisting has been completed. We would encourage you to submit your application at the earliest opportunity, as on occasion we may have to bring forward the interview date and/or the closing date based on the needs of the business. Although a possibility, this will only happen in exceptional circumstances. Please indicate in your covering letter if you are unable to attend an interview on a certain date.

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS (GDPR)

CVs will be kept by Alzheimer's Research UK in line with the General Data Protection Regulations. Although we will endeavor to consider previous or speculative applications where possible, due to the number we receive, we encourage you to regularly view our website for upcoming opportunities and sign up for future job alerts.

TESTING POLICY

[Animal Testing Information - Alzheimer's Research UK \(alzheimersresearchuk.org\)](#) – Please see the link above regarding our animal testing policy at ARUK.

[Stem Cell Testing Information - Alzheimer's Research UK \(alzheimersresearchuk.org\)](#) – Please see the link above regarding our Stem Cell testing policy at ARUK.