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**ALZHEIMER'S
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.

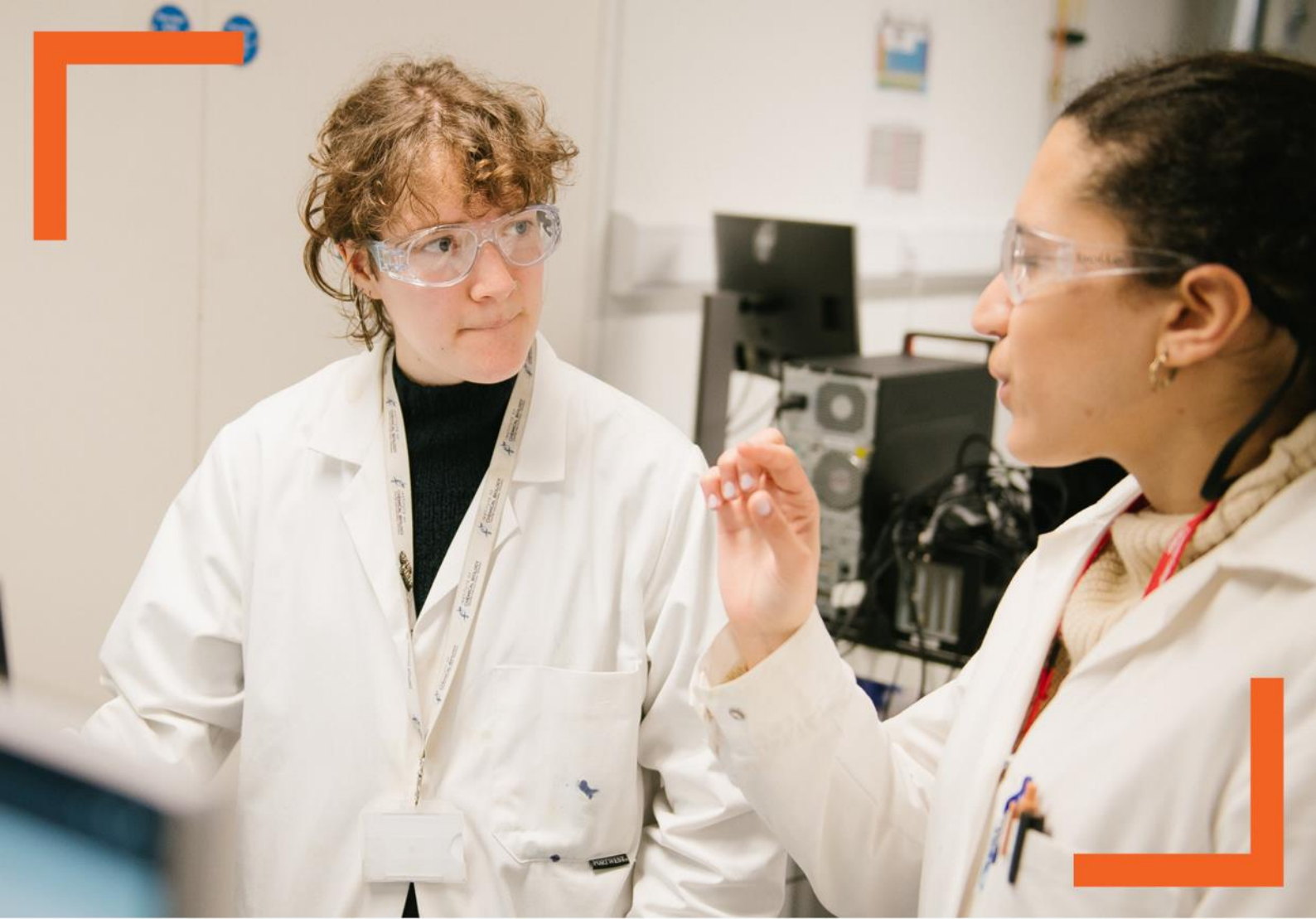
Working for Alzheimer's Research UK, you can be part of a team that is:

- 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.

Hilary Evans-Newton.

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Chief Executive



RESEARCH ENGAGEMENT MANAGER

JOB DESCRIPTION

Main Purpose of the Role

Alzheimer's Research UK (ARUK) is the UK's leading dementia research charity dedicated to diagnosis, prevention, treatment and cure. Backed by our passionate scientists and supporters, we're challenging the way people think about dementia, bringing together the people and organisations who can speed up progress, and investing in research to strive for a cure.

We're looking for someone with strong communication skills who is excited by the opportunity to engage with dementia researchers and raise the profile of our research programmes, funding opportunities and events within the research community. This role sits within the Research Directorate, an ambitious, supportive and friendly team, working closely with the Science Communications team and across the wider organisation, to ensure that we are communicating how we are transforming the lives of people affected by all forms of dementia.

Key Responsibilities

Research engagement strategy

- Develop and implement a comprehensive research communications and engagement strategy to build our relationship and position with the UK dementia research community.
- Lead cross-functional projects to build our reach and engagement, developing communication plans to engage our research partners to increase our reach to research focussed audiences.
- Oversee the project management of the strategy, including setting objectives, monitoring progress, and evaluating outcomes.
- Identify key opportunities to enhance the visibility and impact of our research through strategic partnerships and digital platforms.
- Track and analyse the effectiveness of communications strategies, using metrics to inform continuous improvement.
- With the Senior Research Manager, identify new opportunities to engage with and support our funded researchers.

Researcher-facing communications

- Manage and deliver the production of high-quality communication and engagement material to our research audiences to engage the wider research community and disseminate information about our funding opportunities, conference and other key programmes such as ECR and research culture pieces.
- Lead on the redevelopment of the researcher-facing website structure, pages and content, to ensure that information about ARUK, funding opportunities, and our strategic programmes are communicated in an engaging way to the dementia research community
- Work with the Senior Science Communications Officer to ensure all researcher-facing materials meet comms best-practice and wider comms plans are developed and supported for launch
- Support the Senior Science Communications officer to deliver research-related public-facing web pages and trade press

Conference and key research programmes

- Lead on the cross-organisational researcher-facing communications activities for the ARUK Conference, supporting the Senior Science Communications Officer to develop and deliver a media and PR plan.
- Support the Senior Research Manager to develop an engaging scientific programme for the conference, using insights and knowledge from the dementia community
- Support the cross-organisational Conference steering group to deliver and communicate development plans and related events.

Additional Responsibilities:

- Champion the principles equity, diversity and inclusion in all aspects of the role.
- Continuously develop professional knowledge and skills by on-the-job learning, attending relevant network groups, meetings, and conferences.
- Undertake any other duties, initiatives, and projects in line with the responsibilities of the role.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Knowledge and Experience:

Essential:

- A degree in relevant biomedical science or equivalent experience
- Experience of working in a research environment and an excellent understanding of the experiences and needs of researchers.
- Strong communication skills with the ability to communicate effectively and influence a wide range of stakeholders
- Strong project management skills, with experience managing multiple priorities, overseeing budgets and identifying risks
- A team player who can collaborate effectively with a range of stakeholders internally and externally to deliver

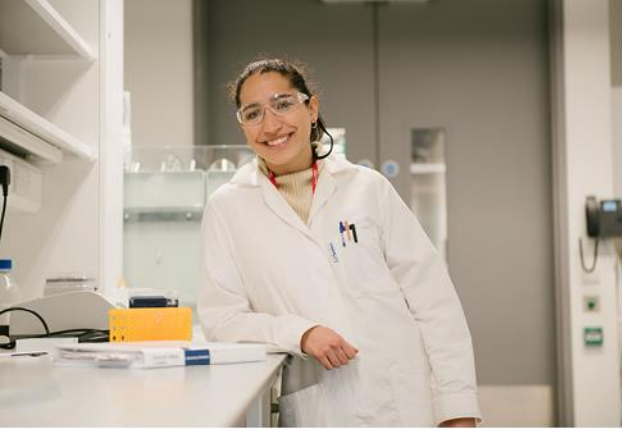
Desirable:

- Post graduate research experience
- Knowledge of dementia science and relevant communication channels.
- Experience of delivering cross-organisational projects

Skills and Personal Attributes:

Essential:

- Commitment to ARUK's vision, mission and values
- Excellent presentation, written and verbal communication skills.
- Excellent eye for detail with a focus on continuous improvement
- Willingness to embrace and drive change to maximise impact
- Excellent time management skills and ability to prioritise competing demands
- Ability to work independently
- Willingness to travel, including occasional overnight travel



WORKING AT ARUK

In 2022, we were incredibly proud to be awarded a 3-star accreditation by Best Companies which recognises 'World Class' levels of workplace engagement and were also listed in the prestigious Best Companies lists:

- 48th in the 100 Best Large Companies to Work For in the UK.
- 19th in the 100 Best Companies to Work For in the East of England.
- 3rd in the 50 Best Companies to Work For in the Charity Sector.

In addition, we were also shortlisted for a special award recognising the work undertaken on reducing our environmental impact.

In 2021, we were awarded the HR Management award by The Charity Times for our Wellbeing initiatives throughout the pandemic.

In 2020, we demonstrated our commitment to changing the way we think and act about mental health in the workplace and signed the Time to Change Employer Pledge.

ARUK really does look after its people, where you will be able to add value and make a difference.

In return, you will be recognised and rewarded for your contribution, and be given the opportunity to develop your skills, knowledge and experience.

You will also work in a supportive environment where our culture is built around our Leadership Attributes, where we are all expected to:

- Act with **integrity**
- Be **inspirational**
- Be **empowering**
- Be **aware** of our impact
- Work in a **collaborative** way
- Be **accountable**



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 25 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 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%.



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 & 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.



TERMS OF APPOINTMENT

- Contract Type:** Permanent
- Salary:** Circa £43,000 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, in particular those from ethnic minority backgrounds who are currently under-represented. 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. While we strive to anonymise your CV where possible, there are certain sections, such as the application question, that cannot be fully anonymised. We kindly ask that you remove any personal information, including your name, when answering the application question. The hiring panel will not have access to your personal details, such as your name and address, until you are invited for an interview. 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 [Job Vacancies page](#). 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 **1st December 2024**, with interviews likely to be held on the **10th & 11th December 2024**. 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.