

Job Description: Senior Research Officer

Faculty:	Faculty of Medicine, Health and Life Science
Department/Subject:	Medical School
Salary:	Grade 9: £46,735 to £55,755 per annum together with USS pension benefits
Hours of work:	Full time – 35 hours per week
Number of positions:	1
Contract:	Fixed term position till 31/05/2028
Location:	This position will be based at the Singleton

Main Purpose of Post	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Project management for lipidomics and metabolomics for rare disease diagnosis node. 2. Mass spectrometry analysis of biological samples collected from patients and controls. 3. Data analysis. 4. Contribute to LC-MS instrument maintenance. 5. Contribute to laboratory running and maintenance.
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Drive forward and pro-actively conduct research, including gather, prepare and analyse data and present results, exhibiting a degree of independence in terms of specifying the focus and direction of that research. 7. Prepare reports, draft patents and papers describing the results of the research, both confidential and for publication. The writing and publishing of research papers, particularly those intended for publication in refereed (eg international) journals or comparable is an integral part of the role. At this grade you will be required to develop an extensive track record of publications as the principle author. 8. Identify and pursue sources of external funding to support own work and that of others within the Faculty. As an integral part of the work be applying independently for external research funding, where this is allowed, or to be leading the bid-writing process, if not. 9. Be self-motivated, apply and use initiative and problem solving skills to determine research programmes and methodologies, in collaboration with colleagues or the Head of Faculty and others inside and beyond the University. 10. Participate in and develop internal and external networks to build a personal reputation, to identify sources of funding, generate income, obtain consultancy projects or build professional relationships. 11. Contribute to Faculty organisational matters in order to help it run smoothly and to help raise its external profile in the discipline. 12. Manage, direct, or supervise the work of others, for example in research teams or projects. 13. Contribute to the teaching and learning programmes in the Faculty and to supervise postgraduate or project research students if required. 14. Keep informed of developments in the discipline in specific terms and the wider applications of these developments. 15. When requested act as a representative or member of committees, using the opportunity to extend their own professional experience and standing. 16. Demonstrate and evidence own professional development, identifying development needs with reference to the Vitae Researcher Development Framework, particularly with regard to probation, appraisal, and performance reviews, and participation in training events. 17. Observe best-practice protocols in maintenance and retention of research records as indicated by HEI and Research Councils records management guidance. This includes ensuring project log-book records are deposited with the University/Principal Investigator on completion of the work. 18. Participate in and undertake other research or administrative activities appropriate to their experience and skill, and as directed by the Head of the Faculty / Institute or such other person delegated to act with their authority.
General Duties	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 19. To promote equality and diversity in working practices and maintain positive working relationships.

	<p>20. To conduct the job role and all activities in accordance with safety, health and sustainability policies and management systems, in order to reduce risks and impacts arising from the work activity.</p> <p>21. To ensure that risk management is an integral part of any decision making process, by ensuring compliance with the University's Risk Management Policy.</p> <p>22. Any other duties as agreed by the Faculty / Directorate / Service Area.</p>
Person Specification	<p>Essential criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A PhD in Biochemistry/ Biomedicine/ Chemistry or a related subject or equivalent 2. Experience of applying high resolution mass spectrometry in the study of rare diseases 3. Experience of sterol and bile acid analysis of rare disease samples 4. Experience of shotgun lipidomic analysis of rare disease samples 5. Experience of synthetic methods to prepare derivatisation reagents 6. The ability to exhibit a degree of independence in terms of specifying the focus and direction of the research. 7. Project management skills and experience of managing a research project <p>Desirable Criteria</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Experience of supervising undergraduate or postgraduate student projects 9. Evidence of commitment to Continuing Professional Development
Welsh Language Level	<p>Level 1 – 'a little' - pronounce Welsh words. Able to answer the phone in Welsh (good morning / afternoon). Able to use very basic every-day words and phrases (thank you, please etc.). Level 1 can be reached by completing a one-hour training course.</p> <p>For more information about the Welsh Language Levels please refer to the Welsh Language Skills Assessment web page, which is available here.</p>
Additional Information	<p>Informal enquiries: w.j.griffiths@swansea.ac.uk ; y.wang@swansea.ac.uk</p>

