



Recruitment - ILC-UK are recruiting for a Research Fellow

About ILC-UK

The International Longevity Centre – UK (ILC-UK) is the specialist think-tank on the impact of ageing on society.

We ask difficult questions and present new solutions to the challenges and opportunities of ageing. We undertake research and policy analysis and create a forum for debate and action.

We are intergenerational and solutions focused in our approach, our work is evidence based and all our reports include targeted recommendations for future action.

Over the last year, we have enjoyed great success both in terms of our impact and reach:

- Producing over 35 reports.
- Holding over 50 high level events, including our sell out “Future of Ageing” annual conference.
- Featuring in every UK national newspaper, in international publications, contributing to national TV and radio debates, and reaching an international Twitter audience of more than 5 million.

In the last month alone, we’ve been on BBC Breakfast, Sky News and in the Guardian as well as influencing more residential care homes to use music based interventions in dementia care.

Candidate Specification

This role will be focusing on some of the UK’s key societal and economic challenges. You will become an integral member of the team, working closely with the Director and Assistant Director of Researcher, our Head of External Affairs and our Research Fellows. You will contribute to policy research and advisory projects, engage with policy-makers in research and advisory processes and disseminate results.

We need a Research Fellow with excellent analytical and written skills and a strong passion and understanding for UK public policy. You must be able to work at a rapid pace, conducting secondary analysis of literature and evidence including data. Alongside this, you will need to be able develop your own narrative including drawing together interesting and salient conclusions.

This role would suit an individual with some experience in a public policy or research environment who wants to influence UK public policy.

Key Responsibilities

Research and funding	Developing policy relevant research, including the production of outputs (e.g. research reports, journal articles, policy briefings and blogs). This includes attracting funds through the identification of funding opportunities, development of bids, and pro-active promotion of ILC-UK’s work.
Policy advice, public affairs, and dissemination	Maximising the potential influence of our research and expertise through the dissemination of research, engagement with key stakeholders and other activities, such a media engagement.
Contributing to ILC-UK’s broader community life	Contributing to ILC-UK internal and external meetings and events, and more broadly the intellectual and social capital of the organisation.

Key Skills

Essential

Experience in a public policy or research environment.

Ability to interpret and use complex data to develop a strong narrative and produce impactful policy solutions.

A track record of drafting and publishing high level reports or articles of publishable standard with demonstrable impact, at speed.

Understanding and experience of analysing key UK health, social or economic public policy.

Ability to write engaging articles, briefs and reports for different audiences.

Ability to work independently in a highly-pressured environment and to tight deadlines.

Ability to work independently but offer support and guidance to more junior members of the team.

Ability to work under pressure, managing multiple tasks with competing deadlines.

Good IT skills.

Desirable

A Masters or higher degree in Social Sciences with research methods component including quantitative analysis.

Experience of producing funding proposals/undertaking fundraising.

Experience of undertaking media interviews.

Experience or interest in the dissemination of research and the presentation of results in an academic, public or policy setting.

Demonstrable interest or experience of working on ageing related issues and a knowledge or interest of public policy environment in this field including policy development and the political process.

Benefits of Working at ILC-UK

In return, ILC-UK offers a flexible working environment with many opportunities for learning and development. We are a small organisation and every team member shapes and influences our work and ethos.

You will receive:

- 25 days annual leave plus Bank Holidays
- Your birthday as a day off
- A 5% contributory pension scheme

We also offer season ticket loans, childcare vouchers and a cycle to work scheme.

You will be joining ILC-UK at a poignant and exciting time as we are going through a branding review which will enhance our position as the leading think-tank in the context of demographic change.

“No day is ever quite the same at the ILC-UK, and I was given responsibility and opportunities from my first day when I was asked to represent the organisation a high-profile reception in Parliament. As researchers, we are given freedom to explore our own research streams and the rest of the team are always happy to listen to new ideas. As our policy remit is broad, there are great opportunities to work on a varied and exciting portfolio of research projects, from health and social care, to housing, to the economics of an ageing society.

A day might involve meeting with high-level stakeholders from the business world, speaking with a leading academic to test your research findings against their expertise, scanning policy developments with our public affairs team to ensure your research can make the biggest policy impact, before fielding a call from a journalist who wants to write a story based on ILC-UK research. The job is rewarding, intellectually stimulating and you get to work with a team that are dedicated, supportive and sociable!”

George Holley Moore, Research & Policy Manager (George joined ILC-UK as an Intern in 2014).
Post Information

The ILC-UK envisages this post to be a full-time position but is happy to consider part-time arrangements, secondments or permanent placements for the right candidate.

Location	Normal place of work will be at the International Longevity Centre-UK (ILC-UK) in Westminster, London.
Hours	5 days a week, 35 hours (flexible for the right candidate)
Salary	£30,000-£35,000 (depending on experience)
Start Date	ASAP

How to Apply

Send a (maximum) two-page CV and (maximum) one page covering letter to the Director of Research and Strategy at recruitment@ilcuk.org.uk, ensuring that the name of the position appears in the email subject field. Your covering letter should encompass why you want to work for ILC-UK, your expertise and experience for the post as well as your enthusiasm for impacting public policy change.

We look forward to hearing from you!

If selected for interview you will may asked to produce a short sample of your written work.

Application Deadline 5pm on Tuesday 20 February 2018

Interview Date Tuesday 27 February 2018