

Research Manager - Newcastle

(£28,283 - £38,385)



About us

Rocket Science is a specialist research and consultancy organisation working at the intersections between poverty and welfare, health and social care, and employability and skills. We are recruiting for a **NEW** role to join our growing organisation as **Research Manager (Senior Consultant)**.

Our Senior Consultants play a significant role in helping to manage projects and people and ensuring we deliver our projects on time and to budget. Whether you are currently in a consultancy role and looking for a move, or equally in a service delivery or research related role and looking for the next step up this could be the job for you.

Rocket Science celebrated its 20-year anniversary and moved to a female shared leadership model last year. We are committed to tackling inequalities and focused on making Rocket Science an inclusive and diverse workplace, you can find out more about our aspirations here.

Our values provide the foundation for our work

- Focusing on people's lives – We work to improve the systems and support that affect people's lives and ensure their lived experience informs change.
- Working with you – We work collaboratively with our clients, to tailor the support they need and bring our expertise, insights and networks so they can grow and achieve their vision.
- Developing realistic solutions – We bring practicality to our work, which is evidence-led, looks at the bigger picture, and provides relevant solutions that put policy into practice.
- Working at the intersections – We work at the intersections of issues and needs to remove boundaries and siloes to address systemic inequalities.
- Looking to the future – We always look ahead to identify emerging needs, anticipating future trends and support our clients and colleagues to be trailblazers.
- Being inclusive and empowering – We foster an inclusive working environment that empowers and inspires our colleagues, clients and partners.

We were one of the first companies to sign up to the Scottish Business Pledge and we are an accredited Living Wage employer and accredited with Investors in People Gold and Investors in Young People Gold. For more detail visit our website at www.rocketsciencelab.co.uk

About you

We are looking for people with between three to five years-experience in one or more of our areas of interest. Rocket Scientists are curious, can-do people with both an eye on detail and on the future. As **Research Manager (Senior Consultant)** you will be managing a range of projects often responsible to a Project Director – including the meeting of milestones, distributing work across company staff as needed and maintaining close working relationships with clients.

You will:

- Lead or contribute to a range of consultancy projects and tasks, including evidence reviews, evaluations, needs assessments, surveys/consultations, face-to-face interviewing, focus group facilitation and analysis.
- For our social statistics role you will help drive this area of work across the organisation and provide leadership on statistical analysis, quality and data visualisation.
- Produce proposals, reports and papers in appealing and appropriate forms which may include briefings, newsletters, articles, and blogs.
- Maintain an awareness of policy issues in the UK (and where appropriate internationally) and keep up to date with policy and legislative changes which will influence Rocket Science's areas of interest.
- Contribute to the development of ideas, products and services on behalf of Rocket Science and/or its clients.
- Supervise, manage, lead and develop others to make effective contributions to our organisation

Skills and Experience

We are looking for a good communicator with:

- Experience of managing complex projects within timescales and on budget.
- Ability to develop close and trusted working relationships with a wide range of current and potential clients.
- Ability to develop and sell ideas and solutions which respond to recognised client needs and produce and present winning proposals.
- Experience in one or more of the private, public and/or voluntary/community sectors.
- Ability to work independently and initiate, plan and prioritise complex workloads and meet individual deadlines.
- Ability in analysing, interpreting and responding to government policy.
- Ability to research, track, analyse and present information in ways that are appropriate to the task.
- For the social statistics role you will have a relevant degree or work experience in social sciences, economics or applied maths or similar.

- For the other relevant work experience and/or degree in one of our areas of work ideally skills, housing or criminal justice

The details:

We work around 37.5 hours week with some flexibility, offer a generous pension scheme and a range of other benefits and are currently working a hybrid model between the office and home. We are currently working 50% in the office, with base for this role considered in Newcastle.

To apply for the job:

Please submit a CV with covering letter describing how your experience makes you suitable for the role, and the contribution you could make to Rocket Science to recruitment@rocketsciencelab.co.uk

Please include the names of two referees, including, if applicable, your most recent or last employer. Please note that referees will not be approached without your prior knowledge, and only following a successful application and interview.

Closing date for applications **Monday 13th of June 2022 at 5pm**. We plan to hold virtual interviews for shortlisted candidates during the week commencing **20th of June 2022** (but are flexible in terms of the availability of shortlisted applicants). Please note this is a **two-stage interview process**. If you would like an informal discussion about the roles, please contact Caroline Masundire recruitment@rocketsciencelab.co.uk

Rocket Science operates an equal opportunities policy and will appoint solely on the basis of the applicant's ability to do the job in question. We do not discriminate with reference to age, gender, sexual orientation, race, colour, religion, marital status or disability, nor will such factors play any part in decisions on appointment or selection.