

# Scottish Council on Human Bioethics

## *Part-time Senior Researcher in Biomedical Ethics Needed*

**Length of Contract: One Year (may be extended)**

**Salary: £ 12,000 per annum (2 days/week) + Pension**

**Trial Period: 3 Months**

The Scottish Council on Human Bioethics was formed in 1997 to provide a Scottish perspective on issues related to biomedical ethics. It is an independent, non-partisan, and non-sectarian organisation composed of doctors, lawyers, ethicists, and other professionals from disciplines associated with medical ethics.

The principles to which the Scottish Council on Human Bioethics subscribe are set out in the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights which was adopted and proclaimed by the UN General Assembly by resolution 217A (III) on 10 December 1948.

### **Job Description:**

**Self-motivated individual, based in Scotland, and educated to at least a Master's Degree level or with equivalent experience of research, willing to undertake research as directed by the SCHB.**

**Candidates will be expected to:**

- Agree with the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights as expressed by the SCHB positions presented on its website.
- Have a strong life-vocation for medical ethics;
- Undertake research in biomedical ethics independently and without supervision;
- Seek further research funding through the writing of grant applications. It is expected that about half the time (one day/week) of the researcher will be taken-up in this way;
- Undertake and coordinate the writing of reports and articles;
- Build links with academics;

- Respond to media enquiries in the Press, Radio, and TV by giving the SCHB positions or passing these to members as appropriate;
- Present SCHB positions at national and international conferences as well as parliaments;
- Teach biomedical ethics modules nationally and internationally (1-2 days/year);
- Organise events such as meetings or conferences (1-2 events/year);
- Deal with administrative questions;
- Work to the very best of his or her ability while never procrastinating and leaving things to the last minute (which would result in the work being substandard);
- Take seriously what other SCHB members may be suggesting and implement their valid proposals.
- Able to work in the SCHB Office in Edinburgh at least one day/week.
- Report and coordinate on a weekly basis with the Director of Research in order to discuss the progress of the work, define new research topics, and establish priorities as well as deadlines.
- Attend most of the five evening SCHB Ethics Committee meetings which take place every year.

Requested qualities of the candidate: taking initiative, autonomy, able to work as a team, able to work hard and keep deadline, able to speak in public, meticulous.

**Please send by mail (to: Scottish Council on Human Bioethics, 15 North Bank Street, Edinburgh EH1 2LS) or email (to: [mail@schb.org.uk](mailto:mail@schb.org.uk)) a CV, a Letter of Motivation, an Example of Writing and the Names and Contact Details of two References before the 29<sup>th</sup> of February 2024.**

**For any further information please contact:**

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