**Optometry in the Centre for Rural Health Science**

**Do you have a background in science or healthcare and are looking for a flexible, rewarding opportunity?**

We’re looking for someone with some availability and a passion for education to help support our optometry students through case-based learning sessions. This role offers flexibility and can be a great fit for those looking to stay engaged in the field in a supportive, part-time capacity.

No specific knowledge of optometry is required — instead, we’re seeking individuals with the skills to facilitate group discussions, encourage critical thinking, and help students make the most of the learning resources available to them as they work through clinical scenarios.

If you enjoy mentoring and want to contribute to the development of future healthcare professionals in a flexible and meaningful way, we’d love to hear from you.

This is a very exciting time in Optometry with the great expansion of roles and opportunities being developed to deliver eye care across the UK. This role is an opportunity to provide support to the delivery of the optometry programme at UHI and contribute to the education of the eyecare professionals of the future.

**Optometry Facilitator**

The post holder will provide facilitator support and assist the delivery of the problem-based learning modules within the optometry curriculum. The demonstrator/facilitator introduces the students to the problem (case) providing them with information which allows them to define their topics for research, understand the problem that the case is representing and set learning goals. The students undertake the research in teams of 5-7 people, with team members each having different allocated roles. The facilitator is responsible for the delivery of 2 facilitated sessions per week. Detailed facilitator notes enable the facilitator to guide the students research to answer the questions, without actually teaching them, which is the aim of this type of learning.

A detailed job description and person specification for the post are attached.

Applicants with informal questions are encouraged to contact Alison MacPherson, Head of Optometry by email to alison.macpherson@uhi.ac.uk

**Pay and Benefits**

The role will be an hourly rate, based on the UHI grade 5 pay scale.

This post is part time with the requirement to lead 2 facilitated sessions per week with a commitment to the delivery of a minimum of 2 sessions per semester. The time commitment will be 0.2FTE (7 hours per week) for 2 weeks minimum per semester, on a working pattern as agreed with your line manager. Current delivery of this role is split over Mondays and Fridays but may be subject to change.

This post is subject to a Disclosure Scotland Protection of Vulnerable Groups (PVG) Scheme check, so please let us know if you are currently a PVG scheme member.

The workplace pension scheme provided to workers at grade five and below is the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS). This is a qualifying pension scheme, which means it meets or exceeds the government’s standards. Full information about the scheme can be found on the Highland Council’s Pension Fund website <http://www.highlandpensionfund.org/>

Full-time posts carry a total of 39 days leave per annum (pro rata for part-time posts). It is practice that, with the exception of a Christmas and New Year closure, leave must be taken subject to the requirements of the post and department and with the permission of your line manager.

**Recruitment Process**

When completing the application form please ensure that you clearly evidence how you meet the selection criteria identified on the relevant person specification.

**The deadline for submitting your application is Sunday 27th July 2025**

**Shortlisting will take place w/c 28th July 2025**

**Interviews will be held by videoconferencing w/c 04th August 2025**

If you have any queries regarding our recruitment and selection process, or if you would like to request any reasonable adjustments to either the recruitment process or the prospective job, please do make contact with the HR team as soon as possible by email to [HR@uhi.ac.uk](mailto:HR@uhi.ac.uk).