

Job Title

Research Communications Officer

Key focus of the role

The Officer's focus will be on engaging the research community with Diabetes UK's funding schemes, including the Steve Morgan Foundation (SMF) Type 1 Diabetes Grand Challenge, and communicating the impact of Diabetes UK- and SMF-funded research to specialist and non-specialist audiences.

Key deliverables

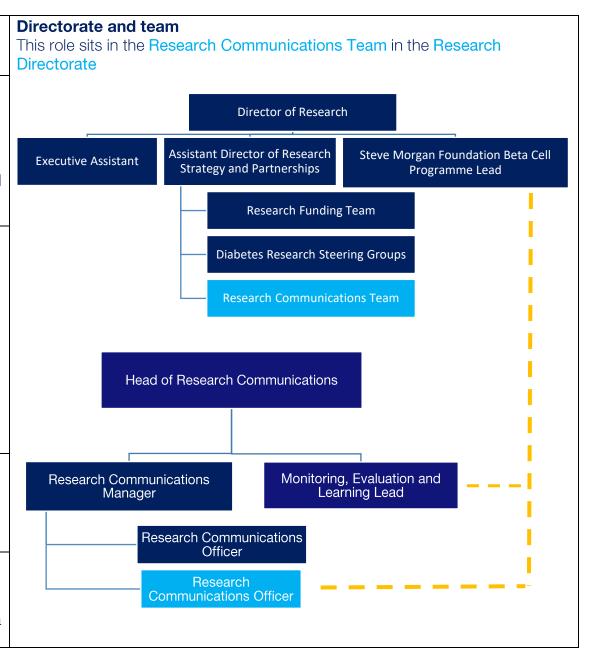
- Work collaboratively with colleagues in the Research
 Directorate and wider charity to plan and deliver events and
 digital content to engage the research community with
 Diabetes UK's funding schemes, including the SMF Type 1
 Diabetes Grand Challenge.
- Plan and produce high quality, engaging and scientifically accurate content about the impact of the Diabetes UK- and SMF-funded research.
- Provide advice and support to teams across Diabetes UK to ensure all our communications about research are clear, accurate and effective.

Contractual information

- Contract type: Permanent
- Hours: 35 (full-time)
- Band: 6

Key working relationships internal

Research Communications Manager, Research Funding Team, Marketing and Communications Teams, Engagement and Fundraising Directorate, Regional Diabetes UK Offices, SMF Beta Cell Programme Lead





Key working relationships external People living with diabetes, Diabetes UK-funded researchers, wider research community, JDRF	



All jobs at Diabetes UK are based on our competency framework called the What-How Framework. In the following sections we've listed:

- the key activities you'll undertake (the What) and
- the skills, knowledge, experience and behaviours you need to be successful in this role (the How).

When applying, focus on the bullet points that are **bold and marked with (S)** only. We will use these elements for shortlisting purposes.

Key activities - What you need to do

Communicating with others	Collaborating with colleagues	Building external relationships	Making change happen
 Plan and deliver events and digital content to engage the research community with Diabetes UK's research funding schemes, including the SMF Type 1 Diabetes Grand Challenge. (S) Plan and produce high quality, engaging and scientifically accurate content about the impact of Diabetes UK-and SMF-funded research for for our publications (Balance and Update magazines), 	 4. Work with the Diabetes UK Research Funding Team and to plan and deliver engagement activities for the research community. (S) 5. Work with media, marketing, and communication teams to develop and disseminate creative, engaging and accessible content about the impact of Diabetes UK- and SMF_funded research and amplify messaging. (S) 	8. Build and manage relationships with Diabetes UK- and SMF-funded researchers through interviews, lab visits, conference attendance and other engagement activities, ensuring that useful and engaging content is gathered throughout. (S)	9. Seek out new opportunities to communicate about Diabetes UK funding schemes and research impact.
proposals, website, social media channels, events and mailings. (S)	 Provide communications support for the SMF Type Diabetes Grand Challenge team as needed. 		



Develop and deliver internal communications	7. Support the fundraising team with research	
(e.g., intranet content, presentations,	funding bids and reports.	
workshops) to ensure that the Diabetes UK's		
research, including the SMF Type 1 Diabetes Grand Challenge, has a		
high profile across the charity and is well		
understood.		



Skills, knowledge, experience and behaviours – <u>How</u> you need to do it

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Delive object	ering strategy and tives	Collaborating with colleagues	Co	ommunicating with others	Ma	anaging and developing self
ond plai ens det	ility to work independently ce objectives and work- ns have been agreed, suring a high attention to tail and accuracy in all work.	5. Skilled at building excellent working relationships and collaborating effectively within a team and across multiple organisations, taking into account others' work	6.	Experienced at communicating complex scientific topics and messages in understandable and engaging ways to various audiences. (S)	8.	Committed to maintaining and developing science communication skills and diabetes research knowledge.
res and	search funding landscape d the needs of the research mmunity. (S)	schedules, priorities and needs. (S)	7.	Experienced at developing research content in different formats (e.g., print, presentations, social posts,		
me crit an	ood knowledge of research ethods, with an ability to tique scientific papers, and understanding of the abetes research field. (S)			videos) tailored to the needs and motivations of the target audience. (S)		
ma wo	illed at planning and anaging multiple streams of ork, prioritising and working deadlines. (S)					

Qualifications – Qualifications you need to carry out this role

A first- or second-class degree in a relevant science discipline is **essential**. A post graduate qualification in a relevant science discipline or science communication is **desirable**.