



<b>Job title</b>	Research Fellow in Housing, Health and Lived Experience (title will be Research Associate where an appointment is made before PhD is completed)	<b>Job family and level</b>	Research Level 4 (appointment will be Level 4 career training grade when an appointment is made before PhD has been completed)
<b>School/ Department</b>	Department of Architecture and Built Environment	<b>Location</b>	University Park Campus

## Purpose of role

You will contribute to a short-term interdisciplinary research project examining the lived experiences of cold, damp and poorly heated homes in Nottingham's post-war housing. Working with an interdisciplinary team, you will plan and conduct research activities within an agreed programme of research, generating insights into the relationship between housing conditions, health and everyday life.

Responsibilities include recruiting participants, conducting and recording semi-structured interviews, supporting transcription and qualitative analysis, and developing case profiles linking lived experience with housing data. Outputs will contribute to a digital archive and stakeholder engagement activities linked to the University's City as Lab initiative.

	<b>Main responsibilities</b> (Primary accountabilities and responsibilities expected to fulfil the role)	<b>% time per year</b>
1	<b>Plan and conduct qualitative research with community participants</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Recruit participants through community organisations and project networks</li> <li>▪ Conduct and record semi-structured interviews with older residents in accordance with approved research protocols</li> <li>▪ Ensure ethical, respectful and inclusive engagement with research participants</li> </ul>	35%
2	<b>Prepare and analyse qualitative research data</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Organise, verify, and prepare interview transcripts and associated research data</li> <li>▪ Undertake qualitative coding and thematic analysis using appropriate research methodologies</li> <li>▪ Contribute to the development of structured case profiles linking lived experiences with housing and neighbourhood contexts.</li> </ul>	30%
3	<b>Integrate research evidence and contribute to the development of project outputs and project deliverables</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Integrate interview findings with historical, housing, epidemiological and policy evidence</li> </ul>	20%

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Contribute to research reports, policy briefings and materials supporting future funding applications</li> <li>▪ Contribute to preparing materials for the digital archive and City as Lab platform</li> </ul>	
4	<p><b>Project coordination and engagement activities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Liaise with community partners, stakeholders, and research collaborators</li> <li>▪ Support organisation of project workshops and dissemination activities</li> <li>▪ Contribute to collaborative project discussions and progress reporting</li> </ul>	15%

## Person specification

	Essential	Desirable
<b>Skills</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ability to conduct qualitative research, including interviews or other forms of community-based research</li> <li>▪ Experience organizing and managing research data</li> <li>▪ Ability to analyse and interpret qualitative data</li> <li>▪ Strong written and verbal communication skills</li> <li>▪ Ability to organise and manage research tasks independently</li> <li>▪ Ability to work collaboratively within an interdisciplinary team</li> </ul>	
<b>Knowledge and experience</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Experience applying qualitative research methods in a research or professional setting</li> <li>▪ Experience organising and managing research data</li> <li>▪ Experience contributing to research reports, publications or dissemination activities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Experience using qualitative data analysis software (e.g. NVivo or similar)</li> <li>▪ Experience conducting community-based or participatory research in Nottingham</li> <li>▪ Knowledge of housing, health, environmental or social policy issues</li> </ul>
<b>Qualifications, certification and training (relevant to role)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ PhD (or near completion) in a relevant discipline such as social science, geography, planning, architecture, public health or a related field, or equivalent research experience</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Training or experience in qualitative research software or digital research archives</li> </ul>
<b>Statutory, legal or special requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ability to travel locally within Nottingham for interviews and engagement activities</li> <li>• Ability to commence work immediately to support the delivery of a fixed-term project ending 15<sup>th</sup> July 2026</li> </ul>	



## Expectations and behaviours

The University has developed a clear set of core expectations and behaviours that our people should be demonstrating in their work, and as ambassadors of the University's strategy, vision and values. The following are essential to the role:

- Valuing people** Is always equitable and fair and works with integrity. Proactively looks for ways to develop the team and is comfortable providing clarity by explaining the rationale behind decisions.
- Taking ownership** Is highly self-aware, looking for ways to improve, both taking on board and offering constructive feedback. Inspires others to take accountability for their own areas.
- Forward thinking** Driven to question the status quo and explore new ideas, supporting the team to "lead the way" in terms of know-how and learning.
- Professional pride** Sets the bar high with quality systems and control measures in place. Demands high standards of others identifying and addressing any gaps to enhance the overall performance
- Always inclusive** Ensures accessibility to the wider community, actively encouraging inclusion and seeking to involve others. Ensures others always consider the wider context when sharing information making full use of networks and connections.

## Key relationships with others

