

Vacancy: Postdoctoral Researcher (National Self-Harm Registry Ireland)

Applications are invited for the post of Postdoctoral Researcher at the National Suicide Research Foundation (NSRF).

The NSRF is a research unit, founded in 1994, the mission of which is to provide a nationally and internationally recognised body of reliable knowledge from a multidisciplinary perspective on the risk and protective factors associated with suicidal behaviour, with the aim of providing a solid evidence base for policy development and intervention in the prevention of self-harm, suicide and related mental health and social problems.

The NSRF consists of a research team drawn from a broad range of disciplines, including epidemiology, psychology, psychiatry, public health, sociology and biostatistics. The NSRF is linked with the School of Public Health at University College Cork and is located in the Western Gateway Building as part of the National Health Services Research Institute. The NSRF employs thirty five people and has an average turnover of €1.4 million annually.

Overview of National Self-Harm Registry Ireland

The National Self-Harm Registry Ireland (NSHRI) is a national system of population monitoring for the occurrence of hospital-treated self-harm, funded by the Health Service Executive's National Office for Suicide Prevention. Since 2006, all general hospital and paediatric hospital emergency departments in the Republic of Ireland have contributed data to the NSHRI.

Summary of position

The successful candidate will join a multidisciplinary team with responsibility for monitoring and reporting on the incidence of self-harm in Ireland, as well as producing high-quality research on this topic. The essential elements of this role will include providing research support to the National Self-Harm Registry Ireland and the Northern Ireland Self-Harm Registry; producing timely data reports; and contributing to peer-review publications. The Postdoctoral Researcher will report to the Manager of the NSHRI and/or the Head of Research.

Key duties and responsibilities:

- Contribute to local, hospital and national reports arising from the NSHRI.
- Prepare and respond to information and data requests.
- Create and maintain NSHRI master files and regularly update syntax files.
- Identify, analyse and interpret trends or patterns in datasets.
- Prepare and present papers or presentations at meetings or conferences as required.
- Undertake analysis and contribute to preparation of reports for the Northern Ireland Self-Harm Registry.
- Monitor data collated by the NSHRI and perform ongoing quality checks.
- Contribute to best practice guidelines and procedures for managing data from the NSHRI.
- Collaborate with other members of staff to produce peer-reviewed publications and reports.
- Carry out additional duties as may reasonably be required within the general scope and level of the post.



Essential Skills/Criteria:

- A PhD qualification (or equivalent experience) in a related discipline (e.g. public health, epidemiology, psychology).
- Experience in managing and analysing large databases and applying statistical analyses.
- Proficiency in using statistical software such as Stata and SPSS, including experience of working with syntax files.
- Ability to report and disseminate findings in a wide range of formats.
- A publication record, including peer-reviewed publications.
- Strong analytical and reporting skills.
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills.
- Experience of working as part of a team, with strong organisational skills to support a team in working to deadlines.
- Capacity to work on one's own initiative and to multi-task.

Desirable

- At least two years' research experience.
- Experience of working in a health or mental health research setting.

Salary

Salary will be in accordance with the IUA Researcher Salary Guidelines, Post Doctorate Scale (€37,873-€49,048 per annum). Level on scale will be determined by funding availability and experience of the successful candidate. The appointment will initially be for 12 months with the prospect of prolongation of the term of employment, following review at six months and 12 months.

Application Process

For informal enquiries on the post, candidates should contact:

Dr Paul Corcoran, Head of Research.
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To Apply:

Applicants are requested to send a cover letter detailing relevant experience, skills and motivation for applying together with their curriculum vitae, including the names of two referees, to Ms Clodagh Kiely, Research Support Officer, by e-mail at clodagh.kiely@ucc.ie

Closing date for applications is **Friday November 15th 2019**.

Shortlisting will apply and suitable candidates will be notified by e-mail of interview date and time as applicable.

The National Suicide Research Foundation is an equal opportunities employer.

