



Vacancy: Post-doctoral Researcher

Applications are invited for the post of Post-doctoral Researcher.

The National Suicide Research Foundation (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 has been designated as a WHO Collaborating Centre in Surveillance and Research in Suicide Prevention and has collaborative links with the HSE's National Office for Suicide Prevention and the School of Public Health, University College Cork.

The NSRF consists of a research team drawn from a broad range of disciplines, including epidemiology, psychology, psychiatry, public health, applied social studies and biostatistics. The NSRF employs thirty five people and has an average turnover of €1.6 million annually.

Summary of position

The successful candidate will join a multidisciplinary research team undertaking a programme of work in the area of suicide bereavement. Funded by the Health Service Executive and the Irish Research Council, this research programme seeks to examine the experiences of supports and services received by those bereaved by suicide, to examine psychosocial outcomes following suicide bereavement and to explore the delivery of specialised services – including peer support groups and psychological therapies. This post-doctoral role will involve co-ordinating a national bereavement survey, the first of its kind in Ireland. The role will also involve analysing existing data from specialised services, as well as conducting a series of semi-structured interviews with individuals who have been bereaved by suicide. The successful candidate will gain unique experience in working alongside researchers, service providers, those with lived experience, community workers and those involved in policy to provide an evidence base for the co-ordination and delivery of suicide bereavement supports in Ireland.

The ideal candidate will have a background in mental health research and should have experience of quantitative methodologies, particularly survey-related research. As this project will also involve qualitative methodologies, experience of conducting semi-structured interviews, along with qualitative data analysis techniques is desirable.

The successful candidate will report to Dr Eve Griffin, Research Fellow, National Suicide Research Foundation/ School of Public Health, University College Cork.



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Key duties and responsibilities:

- Preparing study documents, including ethical approval, study protocols and recruitment material.
- Conducting a review of relevant literature.
- Developing data collection tools, including surveys and semi-structured interview schedules.
- Liaising with service providers in data collection.
- Data collection of both quantitative and qualitative data.
- Data cleaning and analysis of both quantitative and qualitative data.
- Preparing reports and briefings for service and stakeholders.
- Preparing conference abstracts and peer-review publications.
- Contributing to seminars and dissemination activities.
- Co-ordinating Public and Patient Involvement (PPI) activities related to the programme of research.
- Undertaking administrative work to support the programme of research.
- Undertaking additional duties as may reasonably be required within the general scope and level of the post.

Essential criteria

- PhD (or equivalent experience) in a health-related topic.
- Appropriate research experience.
- Experience of quantitative methodologies, particularly survey research.
- Experience of working with data analysis software (e.g. SPSS, Stata, NVivo).
- A capability of working within a project team to achieve results.
- Excellent communication, organisation and interpersonal skills.
- A publication record, including peer-reviewed publications.
- Strong analytical and reporting skills.
- Capacity to work on one's own initiative and to multi-task.
- A commitment to gaining practical experience working on a research project.

Desirable criteria

- Experience of working in the field of self-harm/ suicide research or a mental health-related topic.
- A working knowledge of the Irish Health Care System, as it applies to suicide prevention.
- Experience of conducting qualitative interviews.
- Experience of qualitative data analysis.
- Experience of mixed-methods research.



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Post duration and salary:

The appointment will initially be for eight months, full-time, with the prospect of prolongation of the term of employment to 12 months, subject to funding.

Salary will be in accordance with the first point on the IUA Salary Scale Post-Doctoral Researcher PD1 (rates applicable 1st October 2020) €38,632 per annum.

Application Process

For informal enquiries on the post, candidates should contact:

Dr Eve Griffin, Research Fellow, National Suicide Research Foundation/ School of Public Health, University College Cork evegriffin@ucc.ie

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 Eileen Hegarty, Operations Manager at the following email address Eileen.Hegarty@ucc.ie

Closing date for applications is **Friday 23rd April @ 5pm.**

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

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