



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive



National Suicide
Research Foundation

**National DBT Office,
HSE Dialectical Behaviour Therapy (DBT) Training Team,
National Suicide Research Foundation/
Mental Health Services, Health Service Executive
RESEARCH AND EVALUATION COORDINATOR**

Applications are invited for the post of Research and Evaluation Coordinator, employed by the National Suicide Research Foundation (NSRF), working on a collaborative project with the National DBT Office as part of a newly established HSE DBT Training team.

The NSRF was founded in 1994 and its mission 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 suicide and the management of patients presenting with self-harm.

The HSE DBT Training team will provide training in DBT to mental health professionals working in HSE services nationally. This training team will advance on work completed by the National DBT Project Ireland which coordinated the implementation of DBT programmes in Community Mental Health settings across Ireland.

The NSRF and HSE have come together as two organisations to collaborate in implementing and evaluating DBT training across Ireland. The HSE DBT Training team is supported by a team who have a critical role in facilitating and evaluating this initiative. The Research and Evaluation Coordinator will have an important role in this team with responsibility for coordinating the research evaluation associated with the national roll-out of this new training model in Ireland.

Role Summary

The Research and Evaluation Coordinator will have a background in Psychology or an associated health related discipline. The post holder will be responsible for overall co-ordination of the research evaluation, working in conjunction with the team in designing and planning the evaluation of this training model. This is a unique opportunity for a researcher to apply his/her skills to a 'real world' clinical research project where creative thinking and initiative is required.

Key Duties and Responsibilities

The Research and Evaluation Coordinator will work closely with the Clinical Psychologists leading this project, and the Research Advisor affiliated with the team, and will assume the following responsibilities:

- Contribute to study design
- Oversee and contribute to the preparation of ethics applications
- Create databases and prepare files for analyses
- Score clinical measures
- Review and carry out quantitative and qualitative analyses on various datasets
- Prepare and finalise interim and annual reports for various stakeholders
- Coordinate, draft and contribute to peer-reviewed articles and reports for publication
- Prepare and deliver presentations regarding the results of the evaluation to various stakeholders (including at conferences)
- Schedule team and interim review meetings
- Oversee the work of the research officer on the project

Essential Skills/Criteria:

- A PhD qualification (or equivalent experience) in a mental health/public health discipline e.g. Psychology or an associated health related discipline
- Proficiency with Qualtrics/ online systems for data collection
- Experience in managing large databases (e.g. Microsoft Excel, SPSS, Stata) and applying statistical analyses
- Research writing skills with the ability to write research reports for various audiences including peers, service managers, funding providers and policy makers.
- Experience of working as part of a team, with strong organisational and time management skills to support a team in working to deadlines
- Capacity to work closely with the clinical leads and research advisor who are leading the research evaluation of this project
- Capacity to work on one's own initiative and to multi-task
- Experience in disseminating information from clinical research or related mental health topics, in particular, writing reports and articles for peer review publication
- Experience in translating research evidence, in particular, preparing briefs for stakeholders in self-harm research, intervention, prevention, policy development or related mental health areas at national and international levels
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills

Desirable Skills/Criteria:

- Experience in the design, set-up, and evaluation of clinical/ applied research
- Experience of working with staff in multidisciplinary community mental health teams
- Familiarity with mental health services/systems
- Experience of working on a controlled study/RCT

Salary

Salary will be in accordance with the IUA Researcher Salary Guidelines, Post-Doctoral Researcher Level 1 (€38,632 - €44,657) per annum. The appointment will initially be for a period of 12 months with the prospect of prolongation of the term of employment subject to review and funding availability.

For informal enquiries on the post, candidates should contact:

Dr Mary Kells, HSE DBT Training team, Inniscarraig House, Western Road, Cork.

Email: mary.kells@hse.ie; Tel: 00 353 86 7871311.

To Apply:

Applicants are requested to send a cover letter detailing relevant experience, skills and motivation for applying together with a full CV along with the names of two referees to Ms Eileen Williamson, NSRF Chief Executive Officer by email at ewilliamson@ucc.ie. Closing date for applications is July 29th 2021.

Shortlisting will apply and suitable candidates will be notified of interview date and time as soon as possible. Interviews for this position are expected to take place the week of August 16th 2021.