



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte  
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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 OFFICER (0.6 WTE)**

Applications are invited for the post of Research Officer, 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. This is a part-time post (0.6 WTE).

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 Officer will work closely with the Research and Evaluation Coordinator who will have responsibility for coordinating the research evaluation associated with the national roll-out of this new training model in Ireland.

**Role Summary**

The Research Officer will have a background in Psychology or an associated health related discipline. The post holder will be responsible for supporting the Research and Evaluation Coordinator in the day-to-day research evaluation tasks (including the preparation of ethics applications, creating databases, preparing files for analyses) for the research evaluation. The Research Officer will be required to work as part of a team to achieve the tasks associated with this national research evaluation.

### **Key Duties and Responsibilities**

The Research Officer will work closely with the Research and Evaluation Coordinator and other members of the team and will assume the following responsibilities:

- Conduct literature reviews and contribute to study design
- Prepare ethics applications for review by clinical research ethics committees
- Prepare materials for data collection including information leaflets, consent forms and relevant assessment measures
- Support the process of data collection
- Assist in the creation of databases and preparation of data for analyses
- Score clinical measures
- Input data and manage datafiles under guidance of the Research and Evaluation Coordinator
- Support the preparation of interim and annual report for various stakeholders
- Contribute to research team meetings as required
- Assist in the preparation of peer review reports and articles for publication
- Prepare training and evaluation materials
- Carry out additional duties as may reasonably be required within the general scope and level of the post

### **Essential Skills/Criteria:**

- A Masters level degree (or equivalent experience) in a mental health/public health related area e.g. Psychology or an associated health related discipline
- Experience of working as part of a research team/mental health team
- Experience with the preparation of ethics applications
- Experience in evaluating an intervention with participants
- Proficiency with Qualtrics/ online systems for data collection
- Knowledge of working with databases including Microsoft Excel and SPSS
- Research writing skills with the ability to contribute to writing interim and peer reviewed reports.
- Capacity to work effectively under the supervision of the Research and Evaluation Coordinator
- Strong organisational and time management skills to support a team in working to deadlines
- Excellent interpersonal and communications skills
- Flexibility and the ability to multi-task

### **Desirable Skills/Criteria:**

- Experience of working with staff in multidisciplinary community mental health teams
- Experience and familiarity with mental health services/systems

**Salary**

Salary will be in accordance with the IUA Researcher Salary Guidelines, Research Assistant (€26,609 - €35,922) per annum, pro rata. The appointment will be for a period of 12 months, 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](mailto: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](mailto:ewilliamson@ucc.ie). Closing date for applications is July 29<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 2021.