

Vacancy: Research Officer (9 months full-time; 2 posts available)

Applications are invited for the post of Research Officer (2 full-time, fixed term, positions available).

The National Suicide Research Foundation (NSRF) is a research unit, founded in 1994, and produces research and evidence 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. We employ approximately 35 staff and have an annual turnover of approximately €1.5m. More information about the organisation can be found here: www.nsrp.ie.

Summary of positions

These posts provide an exciting opportunity to join the interdisciplinary team at the National Suicide Research Foundation. The successful candidates will work with this interdisciplinary team and with key stakeholders from the HSE National Office for Suicide Prevention, on tasks relating to the implementation and evaluation of [Connecting for Life](#) (CfL), Ireland's National Strategy to Reduce Suicide, 2015-2024. The successful candidates will gain unique experience in working alongside researchers, policy makers, service providers, community workers and those with lived experience.

The ideal candidates should have excellent communication and writing skills and enjoy working as part of a team. Candidates should have experience of qualitative and/or mixed methods methodologies. Experience of working in a related research field is desirable.

The successful candidates will report to Dr Paul Corcoran, Head of Research.

Key duties and responsibilities

- Working under the direction of the Head of Research.
- Providing assistance in conducting research activities, including planning, organising, conducting and communicating research studies within the overall scope of a research project.
- Assisting with project management and lived experience consultation activities.
- Developing study documentation and data collection tools.
- Conducting literature reviews.
- Presenting information on research progress and outcomes to others responsible for the research project.
- Assisting with data analysis and data interpretation from interviews and surveys.
- Gaining experience with both quantitative and qualitative research methodologies.
- Ideally to contribute to the publication of findings.
- Undertaking additional duties as may reasonably be required within the general scope and level of the post.

Criteria

- A graduate qualification in a field of relevant discipline (BSc/BA or MSc/MA).
- Some research experience is desirable.
- Excellent report writing and presentation skills.
- Good analytical skills and computer skills.
- A capability of working within a project team to achieve results.
- To work independently to a tight schedule.
- Excellent communication, organisation and interpersonal skills.
- A commitment to gaining practical experience working on a research project.

Location

The National Suicide Research Foundation offices are based in Western Gateway Building, University College Cork. There is a possibility for blended working with these positions, with a requirement to be present in the office at least two days per week.

Post duration and salary

The appointments will initially be for nine months full-time, until 31st December 2024, with the prospect of prolongation of the term of employment, subject to funding.

Salary will be in accordance with the IUA Salary Scale Level 1 Research Officer (€30,025-39,908 p.a.). Placement on the scale will be commensurate with experience.

Application Process

For informal enquiries, please contact Dr Paul Corcoran, Head of Research (pcorcoran@ucc.ie)

Applicants are requested to send a cover letter detailing relevant experience, skills and motivation for applying together with their Curriculum Vitae to Eileen.hegarty@ucc.ie

Closing date for applications is Tuesday 19th March 2024 @ 12pm.

Shortlisting will apply and suitable candidates will be notified by e-mail of interview date and time as applicable. It is anticipated that interviews will be held remotely on the **week of 2nd April 2024.**

The National Suicide Research Foundation is an equal opportunities employer.