



Vacancy: Research Officer (12 months full-time)

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 the HSE DBT Training team. This is a full-time post (1.0 WTE).

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.

The HSE DBT Training team provides training in DBT to mental health professionals working in HSE services across Ireland. This training team are advancing 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 as part of an established research team who have responsibility for coordinating the research evaluation associated with the national roll-out of this new training model in Ireland.

Summary of position

The Research Officer will have a background in Psychology or an associated health related discipline. The post holder will be responsible for contributing to 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.

The successful candidates will report to Dr Mary Joyce, Research Supervisor.

Key duties and responsibilities

The Research Officer will work closely with other members of the research 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
- Conduct data collection with HSE staff and service users

- Assist in the creation of databases and preparation of data for analyses
- Score clinical measures
- Input data and manage datafiles under guidance of senior members of the research team
- Support the preparation of interim and annual report for various stakeholders
- Contribute to research team meetings
- 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 senior members of the research team
- 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
- Full, clean driver's licence with access to a car

Post duration and salary

Salary will be in accordance with the IUA Researcher Salary Guidelines, Research Officer (€30,025 - €39,908) per annum. The appointment will be for a period of 12 months, subject to review and funding availability.

Application Process

For informal enquiries, please contact Dr Mary Joyce, Research Supervisor/ Advisor, HSE DBT Training team. Email: m.joyce@ucc.ie; Tel: 00 353 87 0972899.

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.