

Summer Research Internship (Eight weeks; 2 posts available)

We are seeking two dedicated and enthusiastic students to join our research team for eight weeks between June-August 2024.

About the role

This is an excellent opportunity to get hands-on experience of working with a research team and to develop your professional and research skills. Students must, at the time of the post, be enrolled in an undergraduate or postgraduate degree programme in fields such as medicine, psychology, epidemiology, biostatistics, sociology, social science, applied social studies, public health and health services research and, if selected, must start the internship within one-year of graduation.

About the NSRF

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.

Key responsibilities and duties

The main duties that the interns will be expected to carry out are:

- Gain practical research experience and working as part of a research team;
- Provide research, writing and editing support on outputs related to the project;
- Provide administrative assistance during internal meetings (taking minutes, circulating meeting invitations etc.);
- Other relevant tasks as deemed necessary by the supervisor.

The interns will contribute to one of two ongoing projects:

1. Developing and evaluating an undergraduate suicide prevention training module

This project will involve the development of wellbeing content for an undergraduate module aimed at undergraduate health and social care students.

2. Understanding the needs of young people bereaved by suicide

This project will involve analysing and reporting on data gathered through focus groups and interviews on the needs of young people bereaved by suicide. It will also involve contributing to resources to support young people and their families.

Competencies

It is expected that successful candidates will have the following competencies:

Technical/Functional Competencies:

- Excellent writing skills, as well as strong analytical aptitude and strong communication skills;
- Ability to manage workload with minimum supervision and collaborate with a wide range of colleagues while meeting deadlines;
- Excellent interpersonal skills: being able to listen and collaborate with a wide range of players, being able to work independently, being pro-active and taking initiative;
- Be able to work both independently and as part of a team;
- Computer proficiency: MS Office.

Personal Competencies:

- Commitment to NSRF's mission, vision and values;
- Sensitivity to the topic of mental health, self-harm and suicide;
- Highest standards of integrity, discretion and loyalty.

Location

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

Terms and application process

This will be a full-time position (37.5 hours per week, Monday-Friday). The appointment will be for a fixed term and subject to a probationary period. The total stipend for this position will be €2,400 for the eight-week period.

For informal enquiries, please contact Dr Eve Griffin, Chief Executive Officer (evegriffin@ucc.ie).

To apply for this position, please submit your Curriculum Vitae and cover letter to Eileen Hegarty (eileen.hegarty@ucc.ie). In your cover letter please specify what project you are particularly interested in being considered for.

The closing date for applications is 12.00pm on Tuesday 19th March 2024.

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to interview on the **week of 2nd April 2024.**