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Research Assistant or Postdoctoral Researcher

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for the following position:

Department: School of Nursing, Psychotherapy and Community Health
Post Title: Research Assistant or Postdoctoral Researcher
Post duration: Fixed Term Contract 6 Months 0.4 FTE

Dublin City University

Dublin City University (DCU) is a leading innovative European University. It is proud to be one of the world's leading Young Universities and is among the world's top 2% globally. DCU is known as Ireland's University of Impact, with a mission to 'transform lives and societies' and focuses on addressing global challenges in collaboration with key national and international partners and stakeholders.

DCU has over 20,000 students in five faculties spread across three academic campuses in the Glasnevin-Drumcondra area of North Dublin. Thanks to its innovative approach to teaching and learning, the University offers a 'transformative student experience' that helps to develop highly sought-after graduates. DCU is currently No. 1 in Ireland for Graduate Employment Rate, and for graduate income (CSO).

As a 'People First' institution, DCU is committed to Equality, Diversity and Inclusion - a University that helps staff and students to thrive. The University is a leader in terms of its work to increase access to education and is placed in the world's Top 10 for reducing inequalities in the Times Higher Education Impact Rankings.

Background and Role:

The DCU School of Nursing, Psychotherapy and Community Health is seeking to appoint a Research Assistant or Postdoctoral Researcher to work on the Irish Research Council-Funded project, Exploring the Unmet Needs of Older Adults Living with and after Haematological Malignancies (OAHM-Needs).

People living after cancer and haematological malignancies experience complex physical and psychosocial issues requiring multidisciplinary support. As adults age, issues of multi-morbidity and social support increase the complexity of healthcare provision for this population, meaning older adults may be disenfranchised within specialist care services, compared to younger people. Older adults may also experience shortcomings in continuity of care and unmet needs which undermine access to services addressing cancer- and treatment-related effects.

In partnership with multiple collaborators throughout Ireland, the successful candidate will work as part of the team conducting this research. The successful candidate will work under the supervision and direction of the principal investigator, Dr Amanda Drury. The post will be offered for a period of up to 6 months on a part-time basis (0.4 full time equivalent). The Research Assistant will be based at the DCU School of Nursing, Psychotherapy and Community Health.

Principal Duties and Responsibilities:

Reporting to the project's Principal Investigator, the Researcher will perform research to explore the unmet needs of older adults living with and after haematological malignancies.

The main duties and responsibilities include:

- Assist and contribute to predetermined research objectives under supervision of the PI and in accordance with the project deliverables.
- Prepare research ethics committee applications and data protection impact assessments related to the study.
- Manage activities related to data collection, management and analysis.
- Engage actively with clinical/community areas and clinical/community collaborators involved in the project throughout the project.
- Ensure all personal and research data collected or generated as part of the project are maintained in accordance with Data Protection Regulations.
- Document research output, maintain records and databases, and draft technical/progress reports and papers as appropriate.
- Support administrative tasks related to the activities of the project, including convening and minuting project team meetings as needed by Project Manager.
- Contribute to the preparation, dissemination and presentation of the work.

Qualifications, Skills and Experience Required:

Mandatory:

- Applicants should hold a primary degree (NFQ Level 7) in an appropriate discipline
- For appointment at the grade of postdoctoral researcher, applicants must hold a PhD.
- An understanding of the operational requirements for a successful research project
- Excellent IT skills
- Excellent communication skills (oral, written, presentation)
- Excellent organisational and administrative skills, including project management skills and a proven ability to work to deadlines
- Ability to work on one's own initiative and as part of a team.

Desirable:

- Master's degree (or equivalent). A masters by research degree or a degree in social research methods will be an advantage
- Previous research experience in health sciences, or social sciences
- Experience in the collection and analysis of quantitative and/or qualitative data.

Informal enquiries in relation to this role should be directed to:

Dr Amanda Drury, School of Nursing, Psychotherapy and Community Health, Dublin City University.
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Application Procedure:

Applications (CV and cover letter) should be submitted by email to amanda.drury@dcu.ie.

Closing date: 15th February 2024.