



Project:	EMP – H Research Project
Post Title	Research Assistant, School of Health & Human Performance
Duration:	Fixed Term Contract up to 12 months (half time)

Background

The EMP-H project is a Public Health project, funded by the European Commission under the 3rd Health Programme-Horizon 2020, aiming at providing hospital staff and managers with guidance on how to implement evidence-based health promoting activities in hospitals. As part of the EMP-H project DCU-CPM (Dr. Davide Susta, School of Health and Human Performance) will coordinate a Work Package to identify and to select evidence-based interventions to be evaluated by a randomised controlled trial to be conducted in two European Hospitals (one in Spain and one in Italy).

Duties and responsibilities

The Research Assistant will be asked to retrieve, analyse and summarise Systematic Reviews on individual and environmental interventions for empowering non-communicable chronic diseases patients, their relatives and healthcare professionals (hospital staff) with the aim of providing the Health Promoting Hospitals community with an implementation manual to promote healthy habits among these populations and to re-design the hospital environment to support people in their process of changing harmful habits (such as smoking, alcohol consumption, inactivity, overeating). The successful candidate will be expected to take up the post on 1st November 2015.

Reporting to his/her Principal Investigator, Dr. Davide Susta, School of Health and Human Performance (in collaboration with Dr. Mary Rose Sweeney, School of Nursing and Human Sciences) the Research Assistant will:

- Design a search strategy to retrieve relevant systematic reviews
- Evaluate systematic reviews quality and summarise findings
- Translate evidence-based interventions into guidelines
- Provide researchers involved in the RCT with teaching materials
- Contribute to define interventions details to implement promoting activities in hospitals
- Co-writing a summary of recommendations on what and how to implement to promote healthy choices in hospitals
- Liaise with other members of the Research Consortium (hospital managers, universities, stakeholders representatives)
- Present scientific works at internal meetings and international conferences
- Carry out minimal administrative work associated with this project

Applications are invited for the position of Research Assistant on the EMP-H research project in the School of Health and Human Performance, DCU.

Candidate profile

- Experience in conducting and interpreting systematic reviews (essential)
- Experience/Knowledge of working in hospital/clinical settings (desirable)
- Excellent scientific writing skills (essential)
- Good communication skills (essential)
- Knowledge of Italian and Spanish languages (desirable)
- Previous experience in organizing CPD/CME materials and events (desirable)

Experience and Qualifications

Candidates must have a primary degree in related area. The successful candidate should ideally have a postgraduate qualification in Public health, Medicine, Nursing, Psychology, Nutrition or related disciplinary area.

Closing Date: 20th October 2015

Salary €21,580 per annum (pro rata)

Informal enquiries to:

Dr. Davide Susta, phone: +353 01 7007379

Please submit a cover letter and CV to davide.susta@dcu.ie by October 9th 2015.

Application Procedure

In order to apply for this position, you are required to complete an application form. Application forms are available from the DCU Current Vacancies (open Competitions) website at <http://www.dcu.ie/vacancies/current.shtml> and also from the Human Resources Department, Dublin City University, Dublin 9. Tel: +353 (0) 1 7005149.

Applications should be submitted by email to hr.applications@dcu.ie or by Fax: +353 (0)1 7005500 or by post to the Human Resources Department, Dublin City University, Dublin 9. Human Resources Department, Dublin City University, Dublin 9. Tel: +353 1 700 5149; Fax: +353 1 700 5500 Email: hr.applications@dcu.ie

Please clearly state the role that you are applying for in your application and email subject line: Job Ref #199 Research Assistant – EMP – H Research Project

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