



**Traumatic Brain Injury project**  
**School of Nursing and Human Sciences**  
**Research Assistant**  
**Fixed Term Contract up to Two Years**

**Background:**

Dublin City University ([www.dcu.ie](http://www.dcu.ie)) is a research-intensive, globally-engaged, dynamic institution that is distinguished by both the quality and impact of its graduates, and its focus on the translation of knowledge into societal and economic benefit. DCU prepares its students well for success in life, and in the workplace, by providing a high-quality rounded education appropriate to the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century. Excellence in its education and research activities has led to DCU's consistent presence in the rankings of the world's top young universities.

DCU has a strong track record in attracting both Irish and European Union funding under FP7, Horizon 2020, Marie Curie Actions and Erasmus. We offer a dynamic and internationally focused environment in which to advance your academic career.

**Overview:**

The School of Nursing and Human Sciences at DCU is a leader in its field with expertise in the provision of psychology, nursing, psychotherapy, sexuality studies, health & society and other health and social care multidisciplinary educational and research programmes.

The TBI project is a two year piece of work, funded by the HRB and being done in partnership with the major head injury charities in Ireland, Headway and ABI Ireland. The goal is to recruit a cohort of patients at various stages following moderate or severe head injury, and to follow them up over a year, looking at short and medium term impacts, and access to and use of health and social care services.

Variation of these duties and any other relevant duties as assigned by the Principal Investigator.

**The Role**

The candidate will engage in aspects of research such as recruitment, literature review, qualitative and quantitative data collection and analysis, writing and editing, and more generally assist in the preparation of academic manuscripts/publications and dissemination to lay audiences.

**Principal duties and responsibilities:**

Reporting to the Principal Investigator, the research assistant will:

- Conduct with a high degree of competence a specified programme of research under the supervision and direction of the Principle investigator.

This will include:

- Preparation of the ethical approval documentation;
- Recruiting participants and their carers;
- Carrying out interviews and follow-up contacts, in person, over the telephone, or by electronic means.
- Literature reviews to support the project deliverables;
- Delivery of project outputs and reports as required by the project schedule;
- Administrative work associated with the programme of research as necessary.
- Liaise with knowledge users and clinical partners the TBI network, and with stakeholders such health and social care professionals, participants and collaborators.
- Engage in dissemination of results at network and project events, and national and international conferences, and support the publication of research outputs in high impact international journals and to a lay audience.
- Support as required, the development of proposals for further research funding.
- Engage in appropriate training and development opportunities as required by the Principal Investigator, the School or the University.

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**Experience and Qualifications:**

- Applicants should have a primary degree in a relevant discipline, and strong written and verbal communication and interpersonal skills. Previous, demonstrable experience of health or social care research is essential. Experience in working with people affected by brain injuries would be an advantage.
- Excellent written and oral proficiency in English.
- Evidence of empirical research skills.
- Skills in the design, management and conduct of research.
- Demonstrable ability to work independently and as a team member within a multidisciplinary team.
- Proven ability to prioritise workload and work to strict deadlines.
- Good attention to detail.

In addition, it is desirable that applicants have:

- Quantitative methods and Qualitative data collection and analysis skills.

- Academic article writing skills.
- Presentation skills.
- Knowledge of some of the relevant academic literature in the general area of brain injuries and health research.

**Salary Scale: \* €22,835 to €25,259pa - IUA RA Scale points 2 to 5**

\*Appointment will be commensurate with qualifications and experience, and will be made on the appropriate point of the IUA Research Assistant salary scale in line with current Government pay policy.

**Closing date:** 8<sup>th</sup> November 2018

**Informal enquiries to:**

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**Application procedure:**

Application forms are available from the DCU Current Vacancies (Open Competitions) website at <http://www4.dcu.ie/hr/vacancies/current.shtml> and also from the Human Resources Department, Dublin City University, Dublin 9. Tel: +353 (0)1 700 5149; Fax +353 (0)1 700 5500 Email: [hr.applications@dcu.ie](mailto:hr.applications@dcu.ie).

**Please clearly state the role that you are applying for in your application and email subject line:**  
**Job Reference #1029 Research Assistant – DCU Traumatic Brain Injury Project, School of Nursing and Human Science**

Application form along with CV's and cover letters should be submitted by e-mail to [hr.applications@dcu.ie](mailto:hr.applications@dcu.ie) or by Fax: +353 (0)1 700 5500 or by post to the Human Resources Department, Dublin City University, DCU Glasnevin Campus, Dublin 9, D09W6Y4.

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