



**School:** School of Psychology

**Post Title:** Postdoctoral Researcher – Level 1 - Designing for Enhanced Participation through Technology in Higher Education: The DEPTH Study

**Term:** Up to 18-month Fixed Term Contact

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### **Role**

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for this full-time fixed-term position as a postdoctoral researcher at Dublin City University. This position is funded by the Irish Research Council and is available from September 2019. The post offers an opportunity to join an interdisciplinary and inter-institutional collaboration between Dublin City University (DCU), Maynooth University, and AHEAD. This research aims to identify key guiding principles and features of a technology-friendly inclusive university campus. It will examine the experience of students with disabilities and other stakeholders using or requiring technology in higher education in Ireland and the role of technology in promoting inclusive higher education.

The Postdoctoral Researcher will be based in the School of Psychology, DCU. Fieldwork will be undertaken at participating sites.

### **Duties & Responsibilities**

Reporting to the Principal Investigator, the postdoctoral researcher will:

- Conduct a specified programme of research on technology, disability and higher education under the supervision and direction of the Principal Investigator. This will include:
  - Recruiting participants and study participant administration
  - Organising and conducting interviews, focus groups and world-café style events

- Analysing qualitative data
- Key knowledge translation activities
- Liaise with both internal and external stakeholders;
- Support the publication and dissemination of research outputs through preparation of articles for peer-reviewed journals
- Assist the Principal Investigator in identifying and developing future research and funding initiatives;
- Engage in appropriate training and development opportunities as required by the Principal Investigator, the School or Research Centre, or the University;
- Carry out administrative work associated with the programme of research as necessary including regular funding agency reports and internal reports;
- Carry out additional duties as may reasonably be required within the general scope and level of the post.

### **Eligibility Criteria**

Applicants will have a PhD in a relevant area such as psychology, education, social science, disability studies, or related disciplines relevant to the research topic. Applicants for this position will have experience in qualitative methods and analysis. Experience in participatory methods is desirable. Excellent communication, interpersonal and organisational skills, being able to take initiative and work under pressure to tight deadlines, and the ability to work effectively as part of an interdisciplinary, multi-centre team are also required. In addition, the candidate will have a publication track record.

### **Candidates will be assessed on the following competencies:**

**Discipline knowledge and Research skills** – Demonstrates knowledge of a research discipline and the ability to conduct a specific programme of research within that discipline.

**Understanding the Research Environment** – Demonstrates an awareness of the research environment (for example funding bodies) and the ability to contribute to grant applications.

**Communicating Research** – Demonstrates the ability to communicate their research with their peers and the wider research community (for example presenting at conferences and publishing research in relevant journals) and the potential to teach and tutor students.

**Managing & Leadership skills** - Demonstrates the potential to manage a research project including the supervision of research assistants and undergraduate/postgraduate students.

**Salary:** Up to €37223

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

**Closing date: Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2019**

It is anticipated that interviews will take place on September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

**Informal enquiries to:**

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**Application procedure:**

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.

Please clearly state the role that you are applying for in your application and email subject line: Job Reference #RF1258 : Post-Doctoral Researcher – DEPTH Study.

Applications should be submitted by email to [hr.applications@dcu.ie](mailto:hr.applications@dcu.ie) or by Fax: +353 (0)1 7005500 or by post to the Human Resources Department, Dublin City University, Dublin 9.

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