



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

<b>School:</b>	School of Nursing, Psychotherapy and Community Health
<b>Post title</b>	Postdoctoral Researcher The all-island CO-DECIDE Study: Co-production of a decision-making framework for planning the place of end-of-life care for children, young people and their families on the island of Ireland
<b>Level on Framework</b>	Level 1
<b>Post duration</b>	2 year Fixed Term Contract (0.5FTE)

### **Dublin City University**

Dublin City University (DCU) is a young, ambitious and vibrant university, with a mission 'to transform lives and societies through education, research, innovation and engagement'. Known as Ireland's 'University of Enterprise', DCU is a values-based institution, committed to the delivery of impact for the public good. DCU was named Sunday Times Irish University of the Year 2021.

DCU is based on three academic campuses in the Glasnevin-Drumcondra region of north Dublin. More than 18,000 students are enrolled across five faculties – Science and Health, DCU Business School, Computing and Engineering, Humanities and Social Sciences and DCU Institute of Education.

DCU is committed to excellence across all its activities. This is demonstrated by its world-class research initiatives, its cutting-edge approach to teaching and learning, its focus on delivering a transformative student experience, and its positive social and economic impact. The university continues to develop innovative programmes in collaboration with industry, such as the DCU Futures suite of degrees, which are designed to equip graduates with the skills and knowledge required in a rapidly evolving economy.

DCU's pursuit of excellence has led to its current ranking among the top 2% of universities globally. It is also one of the world's Top Young Universities (QS Top 100 Under 50, Times Higher Top 150 Under 100). In the Times Higher Education University Impact Rankings 2021, DCU ranked 23rd in the world for its approach to widening participation in higher education and its ongoing

commitment to eradicating poverty, while it ranks 38th globally for its work in reducing inequality and 89th globally for gender equality.

The university is ranked 23rd in the world and first in Ireland for its graduate employment rate, according to the 2020 QS Graduate Employability Rankings. Over the past decade, DCU has been the leading Irish university in the area of technology transfer, as reflected by licensing of intellectual property.

As part of this role the researcher will be required to participate in the DCU Research Career Framework. This framework is designed to provide significant professional development opportunities to Researchers and offer the best opportunities in terms of a wider career path.

### **Background & Role**

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for this 0.5FTE 2-year fixed term position (0.5 FTE) as a postdoctoral researcher at Dublin City University. This position is funded by the HEA North South Research Programme and is available from September 2022. The post offers an exciting opportunity to join an interdisciplinary and inter-institution collaboration between Dublin City University and Queen's University Belfast to deliver an all-island approach to research and education capacity building, and to influence policy and governance to identify best practices and deliver better outcomes for children and their families. Specifically, the research aims to co-produce, with parents and health and social care professionals, a decision-making framework for planning the place of end-of-life care for children and young people with life-limiting, life-threatening and terminal conditions, and their families, on the island of Ireland. The successful individual will be based in the School of Nursing, Psychotherapy and Community Health at Dublin City University and will be required to engage in cross-border mobility working closely with our partner institution at Queen's University Belfast.

### **Principal Duties and Responsibilities**

Please refer to the job description for a list of duties and responsibilities associated with this role.

### **Minimum Criteria**

Applicants should hold a PhD in a health or other relevant discipline (e.g., social science, psychology, allied health, health services research). In addition, it is desirable that the candidate has:

- experience in effective networking and building strong working relationships within and across organisations, disciplines and professions;
- excellent communication, interpersonal and organisational skills, be able to take initiative and work under pressure to tight deadlines, and have the ability to work effectively as part of an interdisciplinary team;
- well-developed qualitative and quantitative research skills and a publication track record;
- an awareness of the ethos of palliative care and an ability to undertake research with appropriate sensitivity in the area of end-of-life palliative care;
- strong leadership and influencing skills with expertise in project management and experience of working with communities and health service users.

**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 undergraduate students

### **Essential Training**

The postholder will be required to undertake the following essential compliance training: Orientation, Health & Safety and Data Protection (GDPR). Other training may need to be undertaken when required.

### **Salary Scale:**

IUA Postdoctoral Researcher Salary Scale – point 1 €39,523 pro rata

Appointment will be commensurate with qualifications and experience and in line with current Government pay policy

**Closing date: Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022**

It is anticipated that interviews will take place on August 19<sup>th</sup> 2022.

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**Informal Enquiries in relation to this role should be directed to:**

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Please do not send applications to this email address, instead apply as described below.

**Application Procedure:**

Application forms are available from the DCU Current Vacancies website at  
<https://www.dcu.ie/hr/vacancies-current-vacancies-external-applicants>

Applications should be submitted by e-mail with your completed application form to  
[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 Ref #RF1697 Post-doctoral Researcher All-island CO-DECIDE Study**

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