



JOB DESCRIPTION

School:	School of Nursing, Psychotherapy and Community Health
Post title	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
Level on Framework	Level 1
Post duration	2 year Fixed Term Contract (0.5FTE)

Dublin City University

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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

The post-doctoral researcher will play a critical role in developing, leading and supporting the CO-DECIDE programme of research and will work closely with the North-South Executive Management Team and Project Steering Committee to plan and implement five work packages. Reporting to the Principal Investigator the Postdoctoral Researcher will:

- Conduct a specified programme of research on planning place of end-of-life care for children under the supervision and direction of the Principal Investigator/s. This will include:
 - Conducting an integrative review
 - Recruiting parent and health professional participants
 - Organising and conducting interviews and focus groups
 - Developing and managing an online Delphi survey
 - Coordinating and facilitating co-production workshops
 - Analysing qualitative and quantitative data
 - Developing a decision-making framework
 - Targeted knowledge translation initiatives
- Liaise with both internal and external stakeholders including clinical, research, PPI contributors, community partners and academic partners/collaborators
- Assist and oversee project management coordination under supervision of the research team
- Assist with the publication and dissemination of research outputs in peer-reviewed journals under the supervision of the Principal Investigator
- 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

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