



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 Memory-making through therapeutic recreation for families of children with life-threatening conditions receiving palliative care at home: Adaptation of a digital storytelling legacy intervention.
<b>Level on Framework</b>	Level 1
<b>Post duration</b>	2-year Fixed Term Contract (FTE)

### **Dublin City University**

Dublin City University (DCU) is a leading innovative European University. It is proud to be one of the world's leading Young Universities and is among the world's top 2% globally. DCU is known as Ireland's University of Impact, with a mission to 'transform lives and societies' and focuses on addressing global challenges in collaboration with key national and international partners and stakeholders.

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### **Background & Role**

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for this 2-year fixed term FTE position as a postdoctoral researcher at Dublin City University. This position is funded by the Health Research Board Applied Partnership Awards and is available from May 2023. The post offers an

exciting opportunity to join an interdisciplinary and inter-institution partnership between academic-researchers at DCU and knowledge-users at Barretstown Children's Charity to co-produce knowledge that can have a real and sustainable positive impact on the lives of children and their families living with serious illness. Specifically, the research aims to systematically adapt a US digital storytelling legacy-making intervention integrating Barretstown's unique model of therapeutic recreation to tailor the intervention to the Irish context to achieve intervention-context fit, and to determine the feasibility and acceptability of the adapted intervention to families of children with life-threatening conditions receiving palliative care at home. The Postdoctoral Researcher will be based in the School of Nursing, Psychotherapy and Community Health at Dublin City University Glasnevin Campus and will be required to engage in mobility working closely with our knowledge user at Barretstown.

### **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 successful individual 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;
- experience and knowledge of psychosocial intervention mapping, design, and development is also desirable;
- an awareness of the ethos of palliative care and an ability to undertake research with appropriate sensitivity in the area of children's palliative care;
- interest in digital storytelling with some experience in Adobe suite desirable;
- experience of liaising with multi-stakeholders, and knowledge of engaged research and coproducing with public and patient involvement;
- 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 – PD 1 Point 1 €42,033

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

**Closing date: Wednesday 15th March 2023**

*Interview panel is scheduled for April 3<sup>rd</sup> 2023*

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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> (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: #RF1834 Postdoctoral Researcher Digital Storytelling Study**

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