



## **JOB DESCRIPTION**

<b>Research Centre</b>	Anti-Bullying Centre & UNESCO Chair on Bullying and Cyberbullying Institute of Education
<b>Post Title</b>	Research Assistant
<b>Post Duration</b>	6 Months Fixed Term Contract

### **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.

DCU has over 20,000 students in five faculties spread across three academic campuses in the Glasnevin-Drumcondra area of North Dublin. Thanks to its innovative approach to teaching and learning, the University offers a 'transformative student experience' that helps to develop highly sought-after graduates. DCU is currently No. 1 in Ireland for Graduate Employment Rate, and for graduate income (CSO).

DCU is a research-intensive University and is home to a number of SFI-funded Research Centres. The University participates in a range of European and international research partnerships. DCU is also the leading Irish university in the area of technology transfer as reflected by licensing of intellectual property.

As a 'People First' institution, DCU is committed to Equality, Diversity and Inclusion - a University that helps staff and students to thrive. The University is a leader in terms of its work to increase access to education, and is placed in the world's Top 10 for reducing inequalities in the Times Higher Education Impact Rankings.

## **Background & Role**

DCU Anti-Bullying Centre (ABC) is a University Designated Research Centre located within DCU's Institute of Education. It hosts the prestigious **UNESCO Chair on Bullying Cyberbullying** and **International Journal on Bullying Prevention**. ABC leads the field of research, resource development and training in tackling bullying and online safety in Ireland and is an internationally recognised centre of excellence in bullying research. The Centre is dedicated to the study of bullying behaviour/online safety in schools, organisations, and workplaces and to the development of education and training to support employers, employees, schools, teachers, students, and parents to prevent and intervene in bullying situations and to promote online safety.

## **Principal Duties and Responsibilities**

This post is subject to continuing external funding. The successful candidate will work with Principal Investigators on a number of externally funded projects assisting in planning, implementing and analysing qualitative and quantitative data sets. The post-holder will support the PIs in the day-to-day running of projects, communication with relevant parties as required, and meeting the deliverables of the project including drafting reports and academic papers.

The main tasks of the post-holder include the following:

- Undertaking a specified programme of research on bullying and related issues in a variety of organisational settings (e.g., reviewing the literature in this field; selecting validated instruments).
- Developing and delivering an online survey aimed to assess bullying among target groups in different settings.
- Contributing to appropriate dissemination material and results of the research (i.e., producing high quality scientific publications, reports) in which the post-holder will engage under the mentorship of the Principal Investigator.
- Delivering research outputs and providing input into the final report as required.
- Liaising with the funder institutions and attending and presenting the project results at project progress meetings.
- Contributing to all aspects of the research programme under the supervision and direction of the PI.
- Carrying out administrative work associated with the programme of research as necessary.

## **Qualifications, Skills and Experience Required**

### **Essential Criteria**

- Primary Degree (NFQ Level 7) in relevant discipline
- Laboratory experience in social science research methods.
- Experience working on SPSS running descriptive, correlations, reliability, hierarchical regression, logistic regression anova, t-test, chi square test, and factor analysis on large datasets.)
- Recent Experience in drafting European grant applications.
- Experience in scientific databases search - PubMed Scopus PsycINFO Google Scholar Google Docs
- Experience writing academic reports and papers.
- A demonstrated strong work ethic, as well as an independent and creative mind set and a deep commitment to problem-solving.
- Excellent interpersonal skills as well as verbal and written communication skills.
- Very good organisational skills with an ability to prioritise workloads and to work successfully on their own initiative.

### **Desirable Criteria**

- A Master degree in Psychology or a very closely related area.
- Recent experience working collaboratively with researchers on transnational projects
- Experience working on zoom
- Experience managing social media accounts
- Familiarity with recent research in social sciences on organizational and online bullying
- A track record of publishing in Quartile 1 (High Impact) journals