



JOB DESCRIPTION

Research Assistant GERONTE project School of Nursing, Psychotherapy and Community Health Thirty-four months Fixed Term Contract

Dublin City University

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The University is based on three academic campuses in the Glasnevin-Drumcondra region of north Dublin. It currently has more than 18,000 students 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 creating a transformative student experience, and its positive social and economic impact. This exceptional commitment on the part of its staff and students has led to DCU's ranking among the top 2% of universities globally. It also consistently features in the world's Top 100 Young Universities (currently in QS Top 70 Under 50, Times Higher Top 150 Under 100).

DCU is placed 84th in the world, in the Times Higher Education University Impact Rankings – measuring higher education institutions' contributions towards the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Over the past decade, DCU has also been the leading Irish university in the area of technology transfer, as reflected by licensing of intellectual property.

Overview of the department

The Centre for e-Integrated Care (CeIC) is an active research centre in the School of Nursing, Psychotherapy and Community Health. CeIC focuses on supporting the health of people, and on health and social care delivery. We have created a research intensive environment which offers a safe space for exploration and testing, and adds value in any setting where health and social care services are needed. Working in partnership through our established networks we concentrate on service improvement through an evolving digital healthcare ecosystem.

Contributing to the development of new modes of technical and societal innovation, we underpin our research with health informatics standards. This will assist in progressing access to and use of shared data and information.

In the midst of global and national transition, CeIC researchers are working towards sustainability seeking to combine societal pull and technology push. We are partnering with organisations and considering how we can improve service delivery, create sustainable integrated, interconnected and

digitalised software and tools to bring about quality safety and effectiveness. Embracing pHealth (technologies for personal health) our intent is to contribute to solutions which are personalised participative and preventive, which support patients, clients, carers and care delivery staff, including nurses, doctors, care workers and others, and which can provide health services to people anywhere and anytime.

Role Profile

GERONTE is a major new clinical trial launching in 2021, looking at the use of state-of-the-art technology to support elderly people with cancer outside hospital. CeIC are leading the internal evaluation of the trial. A number of field workers in Belgium and France will carry out much of the on-the-ground data collection. This post, based in Dublin, is to coordinate, deliver and report on the trial evaluation. Reporting to Professor Anthony Staines, you will develop detailed plans for a robust evaluation, and effective exploitation, deliver these into our partners, and report and present on the findings. The successful candidate will be a key part of the whole project team, with many opportunities for further career development.

Duties and Responsibilities

The duties and responsibilities of the position include, but are not restricted to, the following:

- Working with project partners across Europe to develop and implement the evaluation and exploitation process for GERONTE
- Undertaking research related to gathering of primary or secondary data e.g. literature reviews, questionnaires and interviews;
- Supporting and carrying out data collection;
- Coordinating fieldworkers in France, Belgium and other project sites;
- Writing reports for project use;
- Writing articles for publication in peer reviewed journals in collaboration with other GERONTE staff;
- Analysing qualitative and quantitative data;
- Holding seminars;
- Providing support for research students within the wider group;

Qualifications and Experience

- The successful candidates must hold a minimum of a postgraduate degree (Masters) in a cognate area.
- A good grasp of the principles of implementation and evaluation, particularly in health and/or social care is necessary.
- Previous experience in the area of project evaluation, or health care delivery will be particularly beneficial.
- Experience of working in a multidisciplinary team, research management, and authoring/co-authoring reports and peer reviewed publications will be important considerations.
- A self-starting attitude and excellent social skills are essential.