Applications are invited from suitable candidates for the following research position:

**Research Assistant in Bullying and Cyberbullying (2 Posts)**
**DCU Anti-Bullying Centre (ABC)**
**DCU Institute of Education**
**Fixed Term Contract up to 3 Years**

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**National Anti-Bullying Centre**

DCU’s Anti-Bullying Centre (ABC) is a University Designated Research Centre within DCU’s Institute of Education. It recently received the prestigious status of UNESCO Chair in Tackling Bullying in Schools and Cyberspace. The Centre is dedicated to the study of bullying behaviour/online safety in schools and workplaces and to the development of resources and training to support employers, employees, schools, teachers and parents to prevent and intervene in bullying situations and to promote online safety. 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.
Role Profile
We are seeking to recruit 2 research assistants on full-time fixed term contracts to support research about bullying and cyberbullying behaviours as part of the development of a cybersafety App for use by young people, parents, school staff, and youth leaders. The App will be developed in conjunction with an international foundation and will be rolled-out across a number of countries.

Working with the Senior Project Manager and Senior Research Fellow, the research assistants will undertake original research related to bullying and cybersafety and will ensure that data driven insights are transformed into content that will enhance the user experience of the App. The research assistants will contribute to planning and undertaking data collection on a large scale across several countries, and will also contribute to the wider aims and activities of the Centre.

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

Candidate Requirements
The successful candidate will have a primary degree in a related discipline and will demonstrate the following:

- Evidence of a strong writing ability
- Thoroughness, accuracy and attention to detail
- Strong team working abilities
- Interest in bullying and cybersafety, particularly among young people
- Time management skills, ability to work on own initiative and capacity to work to deadlines.

In addition, it is desirable that the candidate possess a subset of the following:

- Master’s degree in a related discipline
- Skills in the design, management and conduct of high-quality research, particularly quantitative
- Experience developing evidence based content and/or educational materials.

Please note this appointment will be subject to the candidate successfully completing the Garda Vetting and Foreign Police Certification processes, as applicable.

Mandatory Training
The post holder will be required to undertake the following mandatory compliance training: Orientation, Health and Safety and Intellectual Property and Data Protection training. Other training may need to be undertaken when required.

Salary Scale: IUA Research Assistant: €26,609 - €35,922
Appointment will be commensurate with qualifications and experience and will be made on the appropriate point of the salary scale in line with current Government pay policy.

Closing Date: 20th August 2021

Informal Enquiries to: Professor James O’Higgins-Norman; Tel: 01 700 9140; Email: james.ohigginsnormal@dcu.ie Please do not forward applications to this e-mail address. The
procedure outlined below should be followed:

**Application Procedure:** Application forms are available from the DCU Current Vacancies website at [http://www.dcu.ie/hr/vacancies/index.shtml](http://www.dcu.ie/hr/vacancies/index.shtml) Applications should be submitted by email to hr.applications@dcu.ie

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Please clearly state the role that you are applying for in your application and email subject line: #RF1542 Research Assistant in Bullying and Cyberbullying.

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