



Applications are invited from suitably qualified staff for the following position:

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| Research Centre | School of Psychology The PANO Trial: Physical Activity and Nutrition Optimisation Prehabilitation in Cancer Patients |
| Post Title | Postdoctoral Researcher |
| Level on Framework | Level 1 |
| Post Duration | Up to 21 months fixed term contract |

Dublin City University

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As part of this role the researcher will be required to participate in the DCU Research Career Framework. This framework is designed to provide significant professional development opportunities to Researchers and offer the best opportunities in terms of a wider career path.

Background & Role

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for this full-time fixed-term position as a postdoctoral researcher at Dublin City University. This position is funded by the Irish Research Council Coalesce grant and is available from December 2021. The post offers an opportunity to join an interdisciplinary and inter-institutional collaboration between Dublin City University (DCU), Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI), the Mater Misericordiae University **Hospital** Dublin and ExWell Medical Ltd. This research will involve a feasibility trial on cancer prehabilitation (exercise and nutrition optimisation based) programme in Cancer Patients with Peritoneal Malignancy. Primary physical fitness outcomes as well as secondary psychological, health-related quality of life and other serology markers will be captured pre and post intervention. The overall aim is to identify the impacts of prehabilitation on outcomes of interest.

The successful individual will be based in the School of Psychology, DCU. Fieldwork will be undertaken at participating site.

Principal Duties and Responsibilities

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

Minimum Criteria

- Applicants will have a PhD in a relevant area such as health psychology or psycho-oncology, clinical exercise, sport science and health, or related disciplines relevant to the research topic.
- Applicants for this position will have experience in both quantitative and qualitative methods and analysis. Experience in intervention studies is desirable.
- Excellent communication, interpersonal and organisational skills.
- Being able to take initiative and work under pressure to tight deadlines
- The ability to work effectively as part of an interdisciplinary, multi-centre team are also required.
- In addition, the candidate will have a publication track record.

Candidates will be assessed on the following competencies:

1. **Discipline knowledge and Research skills** – Demonstrates knowledge of a research discipline and the ability to conduct a specific programme of research within that discipline.
2. **Understanding the Research Environment** – Demonstrates an awareness of the research environment (for example funding bodies) and the ability to contribute to grant applications.
3. **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.

- 4. Managing & Leadership skills** - Demonstrates the potential to manage a research project including the supervision of research assistants and undergraduate/postgraduate students.

Essential Training

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

Salary: POST DOC RESEARCHER IUA LEVEL 2 - €39,132 (1st point of the salary scale)

**Appointment will be commensurate with qualifications and experience and will be made on the appropriate point of the IUA Researcher salary scale, in line with current Government pay policy.*

Closing date: Monday 15th November 2021

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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>

Applications should be submitted by e-mail with your completed application form to hr.applications@dcu.ie

Please clearly state the role that you are applying for in your application and email subject line:

Job Reference #RF1589: Post-Doctoral Researcher – PANO Study.

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