



PhD scholarships in the School of Health and Human Performance

Dublin City University

The School of Health and Human Performance in DCU has a number of postgraduate scholarships in 'youth physical activity and physical education'. One scholarship is particular to physical education, and the others are general to all areas. As part of the Physical Activity, Physical Education and Health research cluster you will be given the opportunity to work alongside a dynamic research team. The scholarships will focus on children and youth and cover a number of areas examining the psycho-social determinants of physical activity, and physical activity measurement, intervention design, and evaluation. You will be working as part of the Y-PATH project (Youth Physical Activity Towards Health) and with the CSPPA team (see <http://www4.dcu.ie/shhp/research.shtml>).

Your role would be to conduct a research programme, including managing teams of undergraduate students from B.Sc. Sport Science and Health and B.Sc. Physical Education with Biology. You would be expected to recruit schools, students, Principals, Local Sports Providers or parents as appropriate to research design. The research methods you would be expected to undertake may include conducting interviews, and gathering data through the use of questionnaire, accelerometry and fundamental motor skill assessment. You will also be expected to contribute to the teaching of undergraduate modules in physical education or health promotion (depending on your strengths). This will be agreed with your supervisor and managed to ensure that it provides necessary continuing professional development alongside the opportunity to meet your research requirements. At the School of Health and Human Performance, you will have access to excellent facilities, and as a School we are committed to the all round academic and professional development of our students. The Scholarship will cover annual fees (€5,500) and a modest stipend (€10-12,000) per annum for three years.

Successful applicants will normally have a postgraduate qualification or an Upper Second Class Honours Degree in physical education, sport science and health or a cognate area. For the physical education postgraduate scholarship experience of teaching in schools is preferential. Additional professional qualifications, particularly coaching or applied health and fitness experience, would also be an advantage. You would need to be able to demonstrate your ability to work independently with support of a research supervisor and the enthusiasm to contribute to a stimulating research environment. Experience of project management and report writing would be an advantage. Informal enquiries (email only) and applications (full curriculum vitae with referee details and personal statement) should be directed in the first instance to:

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For further information on the School, visit our website at:

<http://www.sportscienceandhealth.dcu.ie>

Please send a CV with a personal statement outlining your research aims, objectives and indicating why you would like to pursue this opportunity to Dr. Catherine Woods (via email or by post to address above). Closing date for receipt of application is 14th August 2012.

Short-listed applicants will be required to attend an interview in DCU (August 30th, 2012).