



School of Health and Human Performance

Position: Post Doctoral Researcher in Childrens Physical Activity for Health

Commencement Date: Immediately

Duration: 11 Months

Minimum Qualification Required: PhD

Salary: Point 1 of the IUA post Doctoral Researcher Salary Scale

Major Duties:

- Contribute to the workings of the Childrens Physical Activity Research Group at Dublin City University under Principal Investigator Dr. Sarahjane Belton, on studies including the Y-PATH (Youth-Physical Activity Towards Health) research programme.
- Perform basic and applied research in line with the objectives and workplan of funded research projects, under direction from the project Principal Investigator, including;
 - Collect and analyse physical data including fitness testing, accelerometry, and fundamental movement skills
 - Collect and analyse questionnaire data
 - Collect and analyse qualitative data, including open ended questionnaires, semi structured interviews and focus groups
- Contribute to the writing of research articles, research reports, and updates for funding agencies.
- Contribute to the dissemination of research results via publication in scientific conferences and journals
- Participate in the supervisory team of undergraduate and postgraduate research students
- Contribute to the development of research funding proposals
- Contribute to research dissemination, knowledge sharing and training activities
- Gain teaching assistant experience on relevant undergraduate programmes
- Perform other tasks as set by the Principal Investigator in order to progress the development of the childrens physical activity research area at DCU

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Academic Qualifications

PhD essential

Experience, Skills and Qualities

Essential: Previous role as a researcher working with children in the area of health, physical activity, or physical education; Quantitative data analysis skills using SPSS; Access to car and full drivers licence

Desirable: PE teaching qualification; Qualitative research experience and skills; Leadership, team work, presentation skills,

Closing Date for Applications: 16.00 on Monday 22nd January 2018

Application Procedure: Applicants must submit a loose leaf CV and cover letter outlining why they are a suitable candidate for this post **via email** to sarahjane.belton@dcu.ie . Any documents in excess of this requirement will be deleted. **Please mark your e.mail clearly with ‘Post Doctoral Application’ in the subject line.**

At a minimum candidates must demonstrate in their application that they possess all of the essential elements applicable in the person specification. The PI will then decide to interview only those applicants who appear from the information available, to be the most suitable, in terms of experience, qualifications and other requirements of the post.

This post is subject to Garda Vetting.

Informal enquiries to Dr. Sarahjane Belton, sarahjane.belton@dcu.ie