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HR EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH

Postdoctoral Researcher

Health Promotion Research Centre

College of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences

Ref. No. University of Galway 290-22

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for a fifteen-month part time 0.8 FTE fixed term position as a post-doctoral researcher with the Health Promotion Research Centre at University of Galway.

This position is funded by *Safefood*; the food safety promotion board and is available from January 2023 to March 2024.

We are seeking to recruit a Post-doctoral Researcher. This is an exciting opportunity to join a cross-border interdisciplinary team on a research project investigating public perceptions and media discourses of food poverty on the Island of Ireland.

The project adopts a collaborative, interdisciplinary and integrated knowledge translation (iKT) approach; and will engage with diverse stakeholders, including members of the public, media professionals, and food poverty advocates/organisations.

Key project aims include:

- investigating how food poverty is discursively constructed across policy documents, print and broadcast media in the island of Ireland (Iol).
- examining key stakeholder views, perceptions and understandings of food poverty
- exploring public perceptions on how the issue of food poverty is framed and communicated
- using a co-creation collaborative approach, develop practice and policy recommendations targeted at key stakeholders

The post holder will work collaboratively with project staff with expertise in health promotion, media studies and food poverty from the University of Galway, University College Dublin and Ulster University respectively and offers opportunities to develop skills and knowledge within and across these three disciplines.

Information on the Health Promotion Research Centre can be accessed <https://www.universityofgalway.ie/hprc/>



Job Description:

Duties: The successful candidate will:

- Lead on a rapid review of the evidence on media representation of food poverty
- Establish and run stakeholder advisory panels (public, media professionals and food poverty advocates/organisations)
- Adapt research ethics applications and liaise with research ethics committees
- Collect and analyse data from local and national broadcast media (radio and television) in the Republic and Northern Ireland
- Collect and analyse data from local and national print media sources in the Republic and Northern Ireland
- Recruit and collect data from key stakeholder groups including policymakers, media organisations, community organisations and the public
- Engage in a co-creation process to develop relevant, useful and culturally appropriate Knowledge Translation products/outputs arising from the findings of the research
- Write reports, scientific papers and contribute to other dissemination activities
- Develop a strong working relationship with project researchers and leads, and communicate effectively with project team members and all research staff
- Other project related management duties as required.

Qualifications/Skills required:

Essential requirements:

A PhD: This should be in Health or Social Science, Psychology, Nutrition, Media Studies or a related discipline.

Experience of evidence synthesis

Experience of qualitative research design, data collection, and data analysis

Evidence of ability to work effectively as part of a team

Excellent communication, self-management, and interpersonal skills

Report writing and/or peer-reviewed publications in a topic or method(s) relevant to this project

Desirable requirements:

Understanding/Knowledge of critical discourse analysis methods

Experience gathering and analysing broadcast media data

Experience in Public and Patient Involvement or stakeholder engagement

Experience in conducting interviews and/or focus groups

Knowledge of NVivo or other qualitative data management and analysis software

Evidence of knowledge translation

Research project management experience

Advanced qualitative analysis skills



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Employment permit restrictions apply for this category of post

Salary: Postdoctoral researcher PD1 – PD6, €39,523 to €45,609 per annum pro rata for shorter and/or part time contracts (public sector pay policy rules pertaining to new entrants will apply).

Start date: Position is available from January 2023.

Continuing Professional Development/Training:

Researchers at University of Galway are encouraged to avail of a range of training and development opportunities designed to support their personal career development plans. The post offers opportunities for training and professional and personal development, and to develop technical research skills.

Further information on research and working at NUI Galway is available on [Research at University of Galway](#)

For information on moving to Ireland please see www.euraxess.ie

Further information about the research centre is available [here](#)

Informal enquiries concerning the post may be made to Prof Colette Kelly: colette.kelly@universityofgalway.ie

NB: Garda vetting will be a requirement for this post

To Apply:

Applications to include a covering letter, a CV, and the contact details of three referees should be sent, via e-mail (in word or PDF only) to hprc@universityofgalway.ie

Please put reference number **University of Galway 290-22** in subject line of e-mail application.

Closing date for receipt of applications is 5.00 pm 9th December 2022.

Interviews will be held week of December 19th 2022.

We reserve the right to re-advertise or extend the closing date for this post.



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