



## Vacancy: Postdoctoral / Senior Postdoctoral Researcher (9 months; 1.0 FTE)

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Applications are invited for the post of Postdoctoral/ Senior Postdoctoral Researcher.

The National Suicide Research Foundation (NSRF) is a research unit, founded in 1994, that produces research and evidence for policy development and intervention in the prevention of self-harm, suicide and related mental health and social problems. The NSRF has been designated as a WHO Collaborating Centre in Surveillance and Research in Suicide Prevention. We employ approximately 35 staff and have an annual turnover of approximately €1.5m. More information about the organisation can be found here: [www.nsrp.ie](http://www.nsrp.ie).

### Summary of position

This post provides an exciting opportunity to join the interdisciplinary team at the National Suicide Research Foundation. The successful candidate will work with the team and with key stakeholders from the HSE National Office for Suicide Prevention to develop a programme of research related to service evaluation, as part of [Connecting for Life](#) (CfL), Ireland's National Strategy to Reduce Suicide, 2015-2024.

The successful candidate will gain unique experience in working alongside researchers, policy makers, service providers, community workers and those with lived experience. The ideal candidate should have a background in mental health research and experience of mixed methods research and/ or implementation science methodologies. The successful candidate will report to Dr Eve Griffin, Chief Executive Officer.

### Key duties and responsibilities:

- Preparing study documents, including ethical approval, study protocols and recruitment material.
- Conducting literature reviews.
- Co-ordinating the development of data collection tools, including surveys and semi-structured interview schedules.
- Liaising with service providers in data collection.
- Data collection of both quantitative and qualitative data.
- Data cleaning and analysis of both quantitative and qualitative data.
- Contributing to reports and briefings for services and stakeholders.
- Preparing conference abstracts and peer-review publications.
- Contributing to seminars and dissemination activities.
- Co-ordinating lived experience activities related to the programme of research.
- Undertaking administrative work to support the programme of research.
- Undertaking additional duties as may reasonably be required within the general scope and level of the post.

## Criteria

- PhD (or equivalent experience) in a health-related topic.
- Appropriate research experience.
- Experience of quantitative/qualitative/mixed-methods research.
- Experience of working with data analysis and data management software (e.g. SPSS, Stata, NVivo).
- A capability of working within a project team to achieve results.
- Excellent communication, organisation and interpersonal skills.
- A publication record, including peer-reviewed publications.
- Strong analytical and reporting skills.
- Capacity to work on one's own initiative and to multi-task.
- A commitment to gaining practical experience working on a research project.

## Desirable criteria

- Experience of working in the field of self-harm/ suicide research or a mental health-related topic.
- Experience of implementation science methodologies.

## Post duration and salary:

The appointment will initially be for nine months, full-time, with the prospect of prolongation of the term of employment, subject to funding. Salary will be in accordance with the IUA Salary Scale Postdoctoral Researcher (€44,347-€50,805 per annum) / Senior Postdoctoral Researcher (€52,193-€56,764 per annum). Placement on either scale will be commensurate with experience.

## Application Process

### For informal enquiries on the post, candidates should contact:

Dr Eve Griffin, Chief Executive Officer, NSRF ([evegriffin@ucc.ie](mailto:evegriffin@ucc.ie)).

### To Apply:

Applicants are requested to send a cover letter detailing relevant experience, skills and motivation for applying together with their curriculum vitae, including the names of two referees to [niall.mcternan@ucc.ie](mailto:niall.mcternan@ucc.ie).

Closing date for applications is **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June @ 12pm.**

**Shortlisting will apply and suitable candidates will be notified by e-mail of interview date and time as applicable.**

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