



National Anti-Bullying Research and Resource Centre

Research Assistant

(Fixed Term, Part-time contract up to 31st December 2018)

Introduction

Dublin City University (www.dcu.ie) is a research-intensive, globally-engaged, dynamic institution that is distinguished by both the quality and impact of its graduates and its focus on the translation of knowledge into societal and economic benefit. DCU prepares its students well for success in life, and in the workplace, by providing a high-quality, rounded education appropriate to the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century. Through its mission to transform lives and societies through education, research and innovation, DCU acts as an agent of social, cultural and economic progress. DCU acts as an agent of social, cultural and economic progress. As Ireland's University of Enterprise, it is characterized by a focus on innovation and entrepreneurship and a track-record of effective engagement with the enterprise sector. Excellence in its education and research activities has led to its consistent ranking in the top 50 of the world's young universities (QS Top 50 under 50).

DCU has a strong track record in attracting both Irish and European Union research funding under Horizon 2020 (and all previous Framework Programmes), Marie Curie Actions and Erasmus. We offer a dynamic and internationally-focused environment in which to advance your academic career.

ABC – National Anti-Bullying Research and Resource Centre is a University Designated Research Centre within DCU's Institute of Education. The Centre is dedicated to the study of bullying behaviour in the schools and workplaces and to the development of resources and training to support employers, employees, schools, teachers and parents to prevent and intervene in bullying situations. Researchers at ABC were the first in Ireland to undertake research on school bullying, workplace bullying, homophobic bullying and cyberbullying. ABC leads the field of research, resource development and training in bullying in Ireland and is an internationally recognised centre of excellence in bullying research. The Centre's activities are funded by the Department of Education & Skills under the National Action Plan on Bullying (2013), the Irish Research Council, the European Commission, the Fulbright Commission and DCU Research and Innovation Unit.

Background and Role

In 2015 the Centre sought and achieved recognition as one of 16 University Dedicated Research Centres. We are seeking to appoint a research assistant on a part-time (10 hours per week), fixed term contract to 31st December 2018. The working pattern will be as agreed by the Centre Director.

Reporting to the Director of the Anti-Bullying Research Centre, the successful candidate will assist in analysing Irish and international legislation as it applies to bullying prevention and intervention and in preparing commentary on legal aspects of cases of bullying. The position is funded through a grant from the Department of Education & Skills. The person appointed will work in partnership with other researchers in the Centre.

Principal Duties and Responsibilities

The Research Assistant's main duties will include, but are not limited to:

- Conducting research analysis and providing feedback on cases of bullying that may arise at the Centre
- Assisting the Centre Director in developing and writing academic papers on how legislation should be interpreted, in relation to bullying prevention and intervention
- Responding to requests from other researchers in the Centre for advice on legal and ethical aspects of their research projects
- Ensuring prompt response to enquiries from members of the public in relation to cases of bullying
- Maintaining a database of research theses on bullying
- Prioritizing projects to keep multiple projects moving in a timely manner, meeting deadlines and managing supplemental material required for research projects
- Providing writing support to the Director in relation to grants, academic papers and other related outputs from the Centre

Qualifications and Experience

- Applicants should have a primary degree in Law, ideally a qualified Barrister-at-Law, and should have at least one year's relevant work experience
- Experience of working in the field of bullying prevention and intervention, with evidence of strong empirical research skills
- S/he will ideally have a good knowledge of the research field of law and bullying as it relates to educational and other settings including workplaces and community organisations
- Candidates should have skills in the design, management and conduct of projects
- Candidates will have a high level of interpersonal skills, good communication skills, team working skills, report writing, time management skills and ability to work to deadlines
- The applicant must have a proven track record or working independently, but should also demonstrate their ability to work as part of a team

The successful candidate will be able to communicate accurate legal advice in a clear and efficient manner. Excellent writing, analytical, and research skills are essential. Candidates must be self-motivated, detail oriented, and highly-organized, and have experience using online databases and other sources to locate legal and educational research materials. A high level of computer literacy required, an ability to work well under pressure and the ability to seek and synthesize information and communicate in a compelling and succinct form. A solid understanding of Irish, EU and international law as it applies to bullying is essential.

Please note this appointment will be subject to the candidate successfully completing the Garda Vetting and Foreign Police Certification Processes.

Salary Scale: * €21,459 - €33,930 per annum pro-rata

**Appointment will be commensurate with qualifications and experience and will be made on the appropriate point of the salary scale*

Closing Date: 2nd February 2018

Application Procedure

Application forms are available from the DCU Current Vacancies (open Competitions) website at <http://www.dcu.ie/vacancies/current.shtml> and also from the Human Resources Department, Dublin City University, Dublin 9. Tel: +353 (0) 1 7005149.

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

line: Job # 767 Research Assistant, National Anti-Bullying Research and Resource Centre

Applications should be submitted by email to hr.applications@dcu.ie or by Fax: +353 (0)1 7005500 or by post to the Human Resources Department, Dublin City University, Dublin 9. Human Resources Department, Dublin City University, Dublin 9. Tel: +353 1 700 5149; Fax: +353 1 700 5500 Email: hr.applications@dcu.ie

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