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UNIVERSITY OF GALWAY



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## **Research Assistant - Mental Health Promotion (0.65 FTE)**

### **Health Promotion Research Centre**

### **College of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences**

**Ref. No.011322**

#### **JOB ADVERTISEMENT**

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for a part-time (0.65 FTE), fixed term (2 months) position as Research Assistant in Mental Health Promotion with the [Health Promotion Research Centre](#) at the University of Galway.

This position is funded by the Health Service Executive (HSE) and is available from November 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025. There is the possibility of extension of the post after this date subject to further funding.

The [Health Promotion Research Centre](#) was established in 1990 with support from the Department of Health. The Centre produces high quality research, of national and international significance, that supports the development of best practice and policy in the promotion of health. As the only designated research centre in Ireland dedicated to Health Promotion, the Centre collaborates with regional, national, and international agencies, including the EU and WHO, on the development and evaluation of health promotion initiatives. The Centre has an active multidisciplinary research programme and has been designated as a World Health Organization Collaborating Centre since 2009.

**Salary:** Research Assistant salary scale €33,291 - €43,372 (subject to the project's funding limitations), and pro rata for shorter and/or part-time contracts.

The default position for all new public sector appointments is the 1st point of the salary scale. This may be reviewed, and consideration afforded to appointment at a higher point on the payscale (subject to the project's funding limitations), where evidence of prior years' equivalent experience is accepted in determining placement on the scale above point 1, subject to the maximum of the scale.

[\(Research Salary Scales - University of Galway\)](#)

**Employment permit restrictions may apply for this category of post.**

**Gárda vetting is not a requirement for this post.**

**Closing date for receipt of applications is 17:00 (Irish Time) on 15th September 2025. It will not be possible to consider applications received after the closing date.**



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## JOB DESCRIPTION

### Job Description:

This research study concerns an evaluation of the Act Belong Commit mental health promotion initiative in Irish community settings, which is conducted in partnership with the HSE.

The postholder will be based at the HPRC working with Professor Margaret Barry on this mental health promotion research project.

### Job Description:

- Identify, review and synthesise the literature and research evidence in mental health promotion.
- Consult with key policy, practice and community stakeholders on the implementation of the Act Belong Commit community mental health promotion initiative.
- Undertake data collection with community partners and key stakeholders on the Act Belong Commit initiative.
- Contribute to the co-production of evidence-based resources and materials for training.
- Draft and edit text for online materials, reports, scientific papers and contribute to other dissemination activities.
- Other project related duties as required.

### Duties:

- Undertake reviews and appraise research evidence in the area of effective approaches to promoting mental health and wellbeing.
- Identify and review existing measures on the implementation and evaluation of the Act Belong Commit initiative.
- Co-develop materials for implementing the Act Belong Initiative in partnership with community partners and key stakeholders
- Undertake consultations with community partners and key stakeholder groups
- Participate in data collection and data analysis.
- Write and edit material on mental health promotion.
- Write reports and briefs for policy and practice audiences.
- Any other duties assigned commensurate to this level of post

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

### Essential Requirements:

- A master's level qualification in Health Promotion or a cognate discipline (Social Science, Psychology etc.).
- Knowledge and understanding of mental health promotion and its application in practice and policy settings.
- Experience of conducting research on mental health promotion.
- Excellent communication and writing skills with experience of writing for different audiences.
- Evidence of self-management, interpersonal skills and effective team working in a research context.



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#### **Desirable Requirements:**

- Previous experience in writing reports and developing materials for promoting mental health and wellbeing from a national and international perspective.
- Evidence of collaborating with key stakeholders in mental health promotion.
- Demonstrated ability to manage and deliver on research projects.
- Evidence of publication in mental health promotion.

## **CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

#### **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. University of Galway provides continuing professional development supports for all researchers seeking to build their own career pathways either within or beyond academia. Researchers are encouraged to engage with our Researcher Development Centre (RDC) upon commencing employment - see [HERE](#) for further information.

#### **Further Information/Links**

- **To apply:** [Search Current University of Galway vacancies](#). Applications must be submitted online.
  - o [How to apply guide](#)
- For informal enquiries, please contact Professor Margaret Barry, Email [margaret.barry@universityofgalway.ie](mailto:margaret.barry@universityofgalway.ie)
- [University's Strategic Plan](#)
- [Working in Research at University of Galway](#)
- [Moving to Ireland \(Euraxess\)](#)
- [Applicant Information](#)
- We reserve the right to re-advertise or extend the closing date for this post.
- University of Galway is an equal opportunities employer.
- All positions are recruited in line with Open, Transparent, Merit (OTM) and Competency based recruitment.



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