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HR EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH

Clinical Research Nurse

Critical Care and Clinical Research Nurse panel

HRB-Clinical Research Facility Galway

School of Medicine

Ref. No. 011440

JOB ADVERTISEMENT

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for a full-time or part-time fixed-term position as a Clinical Research Nurse for the Critical Care Cluster and for a Clinical Research Nurse working across various therapeutic areas with the HRB-Clinical Research Facility Galway (HRB-CRFG) at the University of Galway, Ireland.

These positions are funded by clinical research studies with the Critical Care post available immediately for 1 year initially, with the potential to extend subject to research funding availability. The panel posts are for Clinical Research Nurse posts in various therapeutic areas both immediately and those that may arise during the next 12 months.

Since 2008, the HRB-CRFG has been involved in clinical research studies (including observational research, clinical trials and clinical investigations) across many clinical areas (including but not limited to cardiovascular disease, diabetes, kidney disease, stroke, cancer, gastroenterology, psychiatry, obstetrics, etc.). The HRB-CRFG is based in a purpose-built, state of the art unit dedicated to the conduct of clinical research and undertakes research on behalf of a thriving research community both nationally and internationally. The Unit houses our research teams and research support personnel and has the capacity to conduct in-person, on-site visits with participants in research studies in a safe and regulatory compliant manner. In tandem, HRB-CRFG has developed and refined key skills to support our local researchers and international collaborators in the inception, design and execution of research projects, particularly in the area of clinical trials of novel interventions. See https://www.universityofgalway.ie/hrb_HRB-CRFG/ for more details.

The University is committed to embracing opportunities for hybrid working, to build a more dynamic, agile and responsive University, while sustaining strong standards of teaching, learning, research and high levels of productivity. The University will continue to be the primary workplace for all staff, however individual hybrid arrangement requests can be reviewed with the Line Manager in conjunction with the University Hybrid Working Policy.

Salary: Research Associate/Postdoctoral Researcher salary scale €46,305 - €59,063 per annum, (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.

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(Research Salary Scales - University of Galway)
A panel will be formed at interview for future similar posts within 12 months.

Employment permit restrictions apply for this category of post

NB: Gárda vetting is a requirement for this post (as appropriate to Child Protection Policy)

Closing date for receipt of applications is 17:00 (Irish Time) on the 19th November 2025. It will not be possible to consider applications received after the closing date.

***Please review full job description for further details and essential requirement**

JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Description:
The successful candidates will be part of a multi-disciplinary team in (a) The areas of critical care and respiratory health, and (b) Various therapeutic areas including renal, infectious disease, dermatology and pediatric respiratory health, assisting with the planning, implementation and coordination of clinical research studies.

The Research Nurses will work under the direction of Principal Investigators (PI) and in collaboration with a highly qualified team to initiate, screen, recruit, adhere to study and institutional protocols, undertake clinical assessments, manage research data and documentation and support the close out of clinical studies. Training will be provided by the PI and other team members.

Duties:

Research responsibilities to include:

- Study Coordination and management of multiple research projects.
- Adhere to HRB-CRFG SOPs and associated processes for clinical research projects.
- Support the setup of clinical research studies in line with HRB-CRFG and institutional processes
- Plan and conduct clinical research activities to ensure the smooth operation of each study in compliance with the study protocol, ICH-GCP and applicable regulations.
- Screening of participants to identify potential study candidates, evaluation, supporting informed consent process and enrolment of suitable participants in clinical research trials/investigations under the direction and supervision of the Principal Investigator (PI).
- Help to meet study specific target recruitment projections as agreed by sponsor and PI.
- Contribute to the collation of metrics for activities undertaken.
- Ensuring research data is accurate and verifiable and collected, stored, and handled at site in compliance with the protocol and data protection requirements.
- Upkeep of the individual research documentation including site files, case report forms, monitoring arrangements, data correction documentation etc. as they pertain to the HRB-CRFG and Study.
- Contribution to research participant database for future opportunities in research.
- Any other duties assigned commensurate to this level of post

Clinical Practice responsibilities to include:

- Adhere to nursing procedures within the HRB-CRFG and affiliated hospitals.
- Provide nursing knowledge, expertise, and care to participants participating in study protocols and to nursing and other health care professional colleagues.
- Work within a multi-disciplinary team to evaluate and treat clinical issues in line with research protocols.
- Perform study procedures (e.g., Phlebotomy, obtain and process biological specimen samples, obtain ECG recordings, vital signs, safety assessments) as required by study protocol under the supervision of the PI.
- Facilitate the ongoing education of multi-disciplinary teams with respect to ICH-GCP, specific study Protocol, and research requirements.
- Participate in the education process of research participants about their disease, clinical research participation plans, gold standard treatment options and outcomes. Ensure participants are informed of all details pertaining to the clinical study/research project prior to their recruitment.
- Ensure continuity of participant and patient care by liaising with outside health professionals and those who are involved with patient clinical care.
- Ensure participant confidentiality and dignity is maintained at all times during all study related activities.
- Utilize agreed protocols to deal with referrals and enquiries from other departments/ hospitals/ CRFs.
- Promote a safe clinical environment for research participants, patients, visitors and staff of the HRB-CRFG.

Professional Development to include:

- Maintain professional registration.
- Take responsibility for own professional development and skills updating including maintaining a record of training activities and experience gained.
- Attend investigator meetings (national and international) and educational conferences where applicable

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Essential Requirements:

- Successfully completed degree level or equivalent nursing education
- Current registration with an appropriate division of An Bord Altranais
- Have a minimum of 4 years working as a qualified nurse
- Excellent communication skills
- Good problem solving and organizational skills
- Proven ability to work as part of a multi-disciplinary team.
- Strong IT skills, including MS Office applications
- Competence (or willingness to train) in phlebotomy procedures

Desirable Requirements:

- Completed the RCSI level 9 module for clinical research nurses (or equivalent)
- Experience in the field of clinical or translational research and/or other academic studies
- Experience in Intensive Care (or similar) setting for the Critical Care assigned nursing position.

- Certified ICH-Good Clinical Practice training

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**: Jobs - University of Galway. Applications must be submitted online.
  - Internal Applicant - How to apply guide
  - External Applicant - How to apply guide
- For informal enquiries, please contact Prof. Fidelma Dunne, Director, Institute for Clinical Trials, Email Fidelma.dunne@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.