

Health Research Board (HRB) Research Leader Award PhD Scholarship in Implementation Science University College Cork

The HRB Research Leader Award in Implementation Science, led by Dr Sheena McHugh, is recruiting a PhD candidate to join the team at the School of Public Health, University College Cork.

There are constant calls for change and improvement in how healthcare is delivered. This PhD scholarship will support a candidate to learn about and develop the field of implementation science, preparing the candidate for future opportunities in academia or in policy or practice settings. Our research programme is focused on the process and impact of tailoring implementation strategies to support evidence-based interventions for a range of clinical conditions and health service settings including diabetes services and services for older people.

The research programme is supported by strategic partnerships across the health service including the National Clinical Programme for Diabetes and HSE Services for Older People, as well as the Sláintecare Programme Implementation Office and HSE Office for Research and Development. The candidate will work closely the programme steering group comprising clinicians, researchers and high-level policy and practice partners. Throughout the PhD, the candidate will have the opportunity to avail of interdisciplinary partnerships and a network of international experts in implementation science.

The full-time PhD scholarship will commence in September 2021. The candidate will participate in the HRB SPHeRE Programme, with parallel training and professional development supported by the HRB Research Leader Award. There will be opportunities to engage in a national and an international placement, to gain exposure to relevant national health care settings and international best practice in service delivery and research. The trainee will be remunerated in the form of a PhD stipend (€18,000 per annum) or in accordance with an appropriate health and care practitioner/clinical salary scale (subject to budget availability). Student fees, a laptop, project running costs, training and research dissemination costs will be covered by the programme.

Applications are welcome from candidates with:

- An excellent academic track record from a range of academic and clinical disciplines, including public health, health psychology, health economics, health policy, general practice, biostatistics, health geography and social science among others.
- A strong interest in implementation science and/or knowledge translation more broadly

The deadline for applications is **Monday 19th April 2021, 12 noon**.
Incomplete applications or late applications will not be considered.

Brief description

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PhD Project: Investigating the process and impact of tailoring implementation strategies to support evidence-based interventions in healthcare (registering in University College Cork).

Primary supervisor: Dr Sheena McHugh (UCC)

Interviews for the scholarship will take place on Monday, 31st May 2021.