**Post Specification (031935)**

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<th>Post Title:</th>
<th>Research Assistant (Physical Activity Research Group)</th>
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| Research Group /Department/School: | Physical Activity Research Group  
Public Health & Primary Care  
Trinity College Dublin, the University of Dublin |
| Location: | Institute of Population Health, School of Medicine  
Trinity College Dublin, the University of Dublin  
College Green, Dublin 2,  
Ireland  
Russell Centre, Tallaght Cross, D24 DH 74 |
| Reports to: | Dr Catherine Darker (Principal Investigator) |
| Salary: | Level 1, Point 13 of the Research Assistant Salary Scale of the IUA Researcher Salary Scales – (€29,635 - non new entrant) |
| Closing Date and Time: | 12 Noon on Monday 21st November 2016 |

**Post Summary**

- Funding has been awarded from the Health Service Executive for a physical activity project in the following area: “an evaluation of a physical activity pilot intervention in the workplace and a community based physical activity initiative – in line with the World Health Organization’s Healthy Cities & Counties Programme”. A team from Trinity College Dublin and the Health Service Executive, Health Promotion will manage the study. The Research Assistant will join the team and work full time on the study. This is an exciting opportunity for the successful candidate to develop strong research skills and expertise and to contribute to research in an applied community setting.
• The successful candidate will join the Institute of Population Health, Physical Activity Research Group.

**Standard duties and Responsibilities of the Post**

• The Research Assistant will be responsible for the day-to-day running of the study.
• The Research Assistant will be required to consult and engage with key stakeholders in the South Dublin Area to develop a comprehensive picture of policy and practice in the promoting of active lifestyles in the County. This will be presented in report format.
• There are commitments in the National Physical Activity Plan to develop a cycling and walking strategy for the county and the Research Assistant will support this work.
• A workplace project involving smarter travel and a pilot physical activity programme for staff is planned in 8-10 sites and the Research Assistant will coordinate and support this project.

**Funding Information**

• This post is funded by the Health Service Executive, Health Promotion

**Person Specification**

**Qualifications**

• A primary degree is essential and a Masters degree in a relevant discipline, such as, health or social science, is desirable.
Knowledge & Experience

- Experience in physical activity research.
- Ideally the candidate will have previous community based health research experience, preferably in the Irish context.

Skills & Competencies

- Competence in data management and reporting
- Competence in analysis (qualitative and quantitative)
- Ability to demonstrate project management skills and a track record of delivering on objectives
- Evidence of the ability to work independently and collaboratively
- Evidence of excellent oral and written communication skills
- Excellent organisational skills
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Previous publications will be a distinct advantage

The successful candidate will start in post in January 2017.

Further Information for Candidates

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Trinity College Dublin, the University of Dublin

Founded in 1592, Trinity is at the nexus of tradition and innovation, offering undergraduate and postgraduate programmes across 24 schools and three faculties: arts, humanities, and social sciences; engineering, maths and science; and health sciences. Spread across 47 acres in Dublin’s city centre, Trinity’s 17,000-strong student body comes from all 32 counties of Ireland, and 16% of students come from outside the country. Of those, 40% are from outside the European Union, making Trinity’s campus cosmopolitan and bustling, with a focus on diversity.

As Ireland’s leading university, the pursuit of academic excellence through research and scholarship is at the heart of the Trinity education. Trinity is known for intellectual rigour, excellence, interdisciplinarity, and research-led teaching. Home to Nobel prize-winners such as scientist Ernest Walton and writer Samuel Beckett, Trinity draws visitors from across the world to its historic campus each year, including to the Book of Kells and Science Gallery which capture the university’s connection to both old and new.

Trinity accounts for one-fifth of all spin-out companies from Irish higher education institutions, helping to turn Ireland into an innovation-intensive, high-productivity economy. That culture of innovation and entrepreneurship is a defining characteristic of our campus as we help shape the next generation of job creators.

Trinity has developed significant strength in a broad range of research areas, including the 19 broadly based multi-disciplinary thematic research areas.
Ireland’s first purpose-built nanoscience research institute, CRANN, houses 150 scientists, technicians and graduate students in specialised laboratory facilities. Meanwhile, the state-of-the-art Biomedical Sciences Institute is carrying out breakthrough research in areas such as immunology, cancer and medical devices.

The Old Library, which houses the Long Room, in Trinity is the largest research library in Ireland, with a collection of six million printed items, 500,000 maps, 80,000 electronic journals, and 350,000 electronic books. Some of the world’s most famous scholars are graduates of Trinity, including writer Jonathan Swift, dramatist Oscar Wilde, philosopher George Berkeley, and political philosopher, and political theorist Edmund Burke. Three Trinity graduates have become Presidents of Ireland - Douglas Hyde, Mary Robinson and Mary McAleese.
Trinity is the highest ranked university in Ireland, and among the world’s leading higher education institutions.

Trinity College Dublin World University Rankings

Overall

- Trinity is Ireland’s No.1 University in the QS World University Ranking, THE World University Ranking and the Academic Ranking of World Universities (Shanghai).
- Trinity is ranked 71st in the World and 21st in Europe in the 2013/2014 QS World University Ranking across all indicators.

Internationalisation

- Trinity is ranked 44th in the World in the Times Higher Education Top 100 Most International Universities.
- Trinity is 46th in the World in the QS World University Ranking 2013/2014 in terms of International Faculty.

Research Performance

- Trinity is ranked in the top 70 universities in the world in the Times Higher Education Ranking of World Universities in terms of overall research and in the top 75 universities in the world in terms of citations (research impact).
- Trinity ranks in the top 1% of research institutions in the world in the following 17 Essential Science Indicators fields (an increase of over 150% from 2004): Physics, Chemistry, Engineering, Social Sciences (General), Immunology, Neurosciences, Nanosciences, Materials Science, Pharmacy and Toxicology, Molecular Biology and Genetics, Biology and Biochemistry, Microbiology, Plant and Animal Science, Clinical Medicine, Agriculture, Psychiatry/Psychology, Environment/Ecology.
In the QS Faculty Rankings 2015*:

- Trinity is ranked 63rd in the world in Arts and Humanities.
- Trinity is ranked 69th in the world in Life Sciences and Medicine.
- Trinity is ranked 89th in the world in Social Sciences and Management.

In the QS Subject Rankings 2015**:

Trinity College Dublin features in the world’s elite (Top 200) institutions in 25 of the 28 subjects in which it was evaluated by the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2015. Of these, Trinity ranks in the top 100 in the world in 14 subjects and in the top 5 in the world in 5 subjects.

Top 50

- Trinity is ranked 32nd in the world in English Language and Literature.
- Trinity is ranked 33rd in the world in Politics and International Studies.
- Trinity is ranked 39th in the world in History.
- Trinity is ranked 48th in the world in Biological Sciences.
- Trinity is ranked 49th in the world in Modern Languages.

Top 100

- Trinity is in the top 100 in the world in Chemistry.
- Trinity is in the top 100 in the world in Computer Science and Information Systems.
- Trinity is in the top 100 in the world in Education.
- Trinity is in the top 100 in the world in Geography.
- Trinity is in the top 100 in the world in Law.
- Trinity is in the top 100 in the world in Medicine.
- Trinity is in the top 100 in the world in Pharmacy and Pharmacology.
- Trinity is in the top 100 in the world in Philosophy.
Trinity is in the top 100 in the world in Psychology.

**Trinity subjects ranked in the world top 101-200 (QS Subject Ranking 2015)**

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* QS ‘Faculty’ Rankings 2015: [www.topuniversities.com/faculty-rankings](http://www.topuniversities.com/faculty-rankings)
** QS Subject Rankings 2015: [www.topuniversities.com/subject-rankings](http://www.topuniversities.com/subject-rankings)

**Pension Entitlements**

This is a pensionable position and the provisions of the Public Service Superannuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2004 will apply in relation to retirement age for pension purposes. Details of the relevant Pension Scheme will be provided to the successful applicant.

Applicants should note that they will be required to complete a Pre-Employment Declaration to confirm whether or not they have previously availed of an Irish Public Service Scheme of incentivised early retirement or enhanced redundancy payment.
Applicants will also be required to declare any entitlements to a Public Service pension benefit (in payment or preserved) from any other Irish Public Service employment.

Applicants formerly employed by the Irish Public Service that may previously have availed of an Irish Public Service Scheme of Incentivised early retirement or enhanced redundancy payment should ensure that they are not precluded from re-engagement in the Irish Public Service under the terms of such Schemes. Such queries should be directed to an applicant’s former Irish Public Service Employer in the first instance.

**Employment Permit Eligibility Criteria**

Applications from non-EEA citizens are welcomed. However, eligibility is determined under the relevant regulations of the Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation. Trinity, as an accredited research organisation, can form Hosting Agreements with third country nationals (Non-EEA nationals) for the purposes of conducting research in the University. Non-EEA candidates should note that the onus is on them to secure a visa to travel to Ireland prior to interview. Non-EEA candidates should also be aware that even if successful at interview, an appointment to the post is contingent on the securing of a Hosting Agreement or Employment Permit as appropriate. See [https://www.djei.ie/en/What-We-Do/Research-Innovation/Hosting-Agreement-Scheme/](https://www.djei.ie/en/What-We-Do/Research-Innovation/Hosting-Agreement-Scheme/)

**Equal Opportunities Policy**

Trinity College is an equal opportunities employer and is committed to employment policies, procedures and practices which do not discriminate on
grounds such as gender, civil status, family status, age, disability, race, religious belief, sexual orientation or membership of the travelling community.

On that basis we encourage and welcome talented people from all backgrounds to join our staff community.

Trinity College’s Diversity Statement can be viewed in full at https://www.tcd.ie/diversity-inclusion/diversity-statement

Application Procedure

Candidates should submit a cover letter together with a full curriculum vitae to include the names and contact details of 3 referees (email addresses if possible) to:

Name: Aibhe Mealy
Title: Executive Officer
Email Address: amealy@tcd.ie
Contact Telephone Number: +353(0)1 8961087

Informal enquiries to the Principal Investigator by email to Dr Catherine Darker at catherine.darker@tcd.ie