



Job Description

Comp ID:	038148
Job Title:	Assistant Professor in Health Economics
School/Department:	Tallaght University Hospital/Centre for Health Policy and Management, School of Medicine, 3-4 Foster Place, Trinity College Dublin, College Green, Dublin 2
Job category & level:	Academic; Assistant Professor

The Purpose of the Role:

The primary purpose of this role is to contribute to health economics teaching, research and administrative activities of the Centre for Health Policy and Management and the School of Medicine. A key component of the role is supporting health economics research and education for Tallaght University Hospital and its associated Integrated Health Areas. The successful applicant will have begun to establish themselves as a health economist and will contribute to teaching and research.

This is a specific purpose contract to enhance health economics education and research in Tallaght University Hospital, its associated Integrated Health Areas, in the Centre for Health Policy and Management and the School of Medicine. The post will be a resource to Tallaght University Hospital, its associated Integrated Health Areas providing health economics evaluation and support. The candidate will contribute to health economics teaching in post-graduate courses run by the Centre particularly the MSc in Health Policy and Management.

Context:

Tallaght University Hospital, its associated Integrated Health Areas and the Centre for Health Policy and Management require a candidate to support and lead cutting edge health economics research, to teach health economics to students and healthcare professionals and support relationships with new and existing services

provider partners. We prioritise research collaboration with health system and policy leaders, clinicians and professionals, national and international academic colleagues, to identify research questions of local, national and global significance. The successful candidate will work closely with the CEO of Tallaght University Hospital and the Centre Director. The role includes teaching and supervision of post-graduate students and can allow supervision at doctoral level if appropriate. They will be expected to both lead and collaborate on research projects with Tallaght Hospital, the Integrated Health Areas and in the Centre for Health Policy and Management. They will contribute to strategic developments within the Schools of Medicine and the broader health system and policy spheres.

Applicants will have a PhD in health economics or equivalent, experience in health systems research, teaching at postgraduate level using traditional, e-learning and/or blended approaches; experience supervising students at postgraduate level; experience leading on health economics research; experience or knowledge of working in the Irish health system knowledge; a strong publication record; and a record of developing research proposals and attracting research funding. Candidates must also demonstrate excellent administration and communication skills.

Further Information

Informal enquiries about this post should be made to Dr Sara Burke (burkes17@tcd.ie)

Main responsibilities

Education

- Contribute to and provide academic leadership in all health economics teaching and related activities in the School and College at undergraduate and postgraduate level and to staff in Tallaght University Hospital and associated Integrated Health Areas
- Supervising MSc dissertations as well as supervising and attracting PhD students.

Research

- Producing research and scholarship in health economics in Tallaght University Hospital, its associated Integrated Health Areas, nationally and internationally, including the publication of articles in peer-reviewed international journals and an active research agenda with impact/knowledge exchange activities;

- Sustaining nationally/internationally recognised research activity within the field of health economics and health systems research, while contributing to and leading on applications for external research funding in support of the long-term growth of this activity;
- Developing new and maintaining existing networks of external collaborators with the aim of conducting national and international research with significant health systems impact;
- Working autonomously to develop and maintain innovative and impactful research programmes.

Administration

- Liaising with students on queries, monitoring their progress throughout health economics courses and, where relevant, ensuring that students have the opportunity to access the support and resources of the College when required;
- Contributing to relevant committees within the Schools of Medicine;
- Contributing to the strategic development of the Centre for Health Policy and Management's postgraduate offerings, in collaboration with the MSc Health Policy and Management Course Director;
- Contributing to the strategic development of the Centre for Health Policy and Management in collaboration with the Centre team;
- Contributing to College and to the discipline of health economics in Public Health and Primary Care, as appropriate.

Person Requirements

The person will require the following knowledge, skills and attributes for successful performance in the role:

Qualifications:

- Candidates should possess a PhD in health economics, **or equivalent**, preferably related to the health systems, and established track record (demonstrated through international peer-reviewed publications) in one or more areas relevant to health systems and policy research

The post-holder's responsibilities will involve a programme of education and research including:

Knowledge & Experience (Essential)

- Proven ability or evidence of potential to continue a strong record of research and publication in health economics
- Experience of working as a health systems/services researcher
- Experience of teaching in health economics at university level

- Experience of developing new modules and teaching material
- Experience of supervising research postgraduate students
- Experience or knowledge of working in the Irish health system

Skills & Competencies

- Ability to supervise academic and non-academic staff members and assume administrative responsibilities
- Excellent communication skills
- Good organisational skills
- Ability to work effectively as a member of a team and independently
- Ability to provide support to students and learners
- A commitment to own professional development.

Administration Essential

- Administrative and project management competencies required to direct research and education programmes
- An ability to use relevant tools to analyse, assess and evaluate the effectiveness of the programme and to write reports as required
- Excellent organisational and administrative skills
- An ability to establish targets and goals to support School and College strategies
- Advance planning and capacity to organise and manage a diverse portfolio of work within agreed timeframes.

Desirable

- Experience of working collaboratively and effectively in a multidisciplinary environment
- Knowledge and experience in curriculum design and development eg short courses in health economics
- Experience of working with e-learning modalities
- Experience of organising research seminars and other knowledge-transfer activities.

Application Information

In order to assist the selection process, candidates should submit the following:

- Cover letter (1 x A4 page)
- Full curriculum vitae including a list of publications and the names and contact details of 3 referees (e-mail addresses if possible)
- Teaching statement (summarising teaching experience and approach – 2 pages maximum)
- Research plan (summarising areas of research interest – 2 pages maximum).