



<b>Post Title:</b>	<b>The School of Social Work and Social Policy.</b> Research Assistant Studentship – Early Medical Abortion Data Collection Project
<b>Post Duration &amp; Start date:</b>	July 2025 – August 2026
<b>Project Description:</b>	<p>Legal early medical abortion (EMA) was established in Ireland with the repeal of the Eighth Amendment and passage of the Health (Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy) Act. A grassroots effort of General Practitioners (GPs) and the School of Social Work and Social Policy has worked together to develop an EMA data monitoring system for abortions delivered by GPs in the Republic of Ireland.</p> <p>This project aims to capture abortion service delivery data in Ireland in a systematic and standardized way. The main outcome of this study is to provide continuous monitoring of safety, efficacy, and quality of the community-based early medical abortion service.</p> <p>This studentship will play a critical role in collecting, monitoring, cleaning, and fielding queries about the data. The position will require working with faculty and staff at Trinity College as well as GP stakeholders.</p> <p>This studentship requires that the successful applicant complete their dissertation using data collected from this project. Therefore, the directions in the student handbook re: selection of dissertation topic do not apply to this studentship position.</p>
<b>Principle duties and responsibilities:</b>	<p>Monitor Early Medical Abortion data system:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Send reminder emails about monthly data submission</li><li>• Monthly, move data into data repository</li><li>• Clean data and enquire about any irregularities</li></ul> <p>Manage new GP study participants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ensure consent has been submitted</li><li>• Onboard new study participants per study protocol</li><li>• Answer queries from participants and potential participants</li><li>• Monitor study email account</li></ul> <p>Manage data reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• With the PI and PhD Researcher, develop data reporting systems</li><li>• Prepare annual reports for funders</li></ul> <p>Stakeholder Meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Attend and minute ad hoc stakeholder meetings</li></ul>



<b>Skills &amp; Experience Required:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Applicants must fulfill the <a href="#">eligibility criteria</a> for the MSc Applied Social Research</li><li>• Quantitative research skills in Excel,</li><li>• Experience using Microsoft 365, Microsoft Forms,</li><li>• Understanding of Research Ethics</li><li>• Excellent interpersonal skills for communicating with study participant GPs, study Advisory Group and the Research team colleagues</li><li>• Strong written communication skills</li><li>• Attention to detail and organization</li></ul>
<b>Pay rate:</b>	The studentship pays the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Full-time study fees to the value of €11,820</li><li>- A stipend set at the same value to that paid by Taighde Eireann (Research Ireland) of €25000 pa.</li></ul>
<b>Time commitment:</b>	Work pattern will vary over 14 month duration from 1.5-2 days per week from July 25 to Mar 26, followed by 5 days per week from Apr to May 2026, returning to 1.5-2 days per week in Jun-Aug 2026.
<b>Application Procedure:</b>	<p>Candidates must submit the following to PI Dr Catherine Conlon at <a href="mailto:conlonce@tcd.ie">conlonce@tcd.ie</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A CV and cover letter stating why they are the best candidate for the position</li><li>• The official transcript of their social science degree, demonstrating a minimum 2.1 grade or equivalent. Candidates who recently complete their degree, should submit their annual results to date. Final degree results must be available by end of July.</li><li>• Where applicable, English Language Certification at Band C. Please see <a href="#">here</a> for further details.</li><li>• Two references (either academic or professional)</li></ul> <p>Applicants must provide the above documentation but are not required to submit an application to the MSc Applied Social Research in order to apply for the studentship. The successful applicant <u>will</u> be required to make a formal application to the MSc Applied Social Research following selection.</p>
<b>Closing Date:</b>	<i>Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> June 2025 @ 12:00</i>