



Irish Centre for Social Gerontology

Applications are invited for the following 3-year fixed-term contract posts at the Irish Centre for Social Gerontology, NUI Galway. Successful candidates will work closely with the Director of ICSG and in close partnership with world-class clinicians, engineers and researchers in academic, public health and industry settings.

- **Senior Research Fellow**
- **Research Fellow x 2**

Senior Research Fellow

Salary: **€74,980** per annum

Applicants must possess a PhD in anthropology, sociology or a related discipline, with a preference for those with experience of working in health-care or ageing-related research areas. The successful candidate will have significant ethnographic/qualitative research accomplishments within an academic, industry, policy or health-care setting, including experience of running major projects and managing budgets. He/she will have experience working with interdisciplinary teams and knowledge of project planning methodologies. The successful candidate will have management experience and a strong record of publication in peer-reviewed journals. Excellent communication (written and verbal) and presentation skills and an ability to influence policy at the highest levels are essential for the job.

Research Fellow x 2

Salary: **58,754** per annum

Applicants should have a PhD in anthropology, sociology or a related discipline, or equivalent qualifications, with a preference for those with experience of working in health-care or ageing-related research areas. Experience in conducting ethnographic research and working with interdisciplinary teams is essential. A publications record in peer-reviewed journals is also required. So also are excellent communication and presentation skills (written and verbal), with high levels of initiative, commitment to deadlines and team interaction. A good knowledge of European social care systems for ageing is also necessary.

To Apply: (See also www.trilcentre.org and www.icsg.ie)

Candidates are requested to submit a covering letter, CV (in word or PDF format only) and the names and addresses of at least three and not more than five referees via e-mail to:

icsg@nuigalway.ie

or by post to: Irish Centre for Social Gerontology, Cairnes Building, NUI Galway, Galway, Ireland.

Informal enquiries about these posts may be made to: Professor Eamon O'Shea at:

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Closing date for receipt of applications is 5pm on Friday 9th March 2007

Job Description.

Senior Research Fellow

Your primary objective will be to establish an ethnographic and qualitative research programme that informs the work of a pioneering collaboration between gerontologists, psychiatrists and neurologists and a combined industry and academic engineering team. The research will shape the development of interventions designed to address critical issues confronting ageing populations and those that aim to serve them.

In this role you will:

- Design a 3-year qualitative and ethnographic research programme within Ireland that produces an intimate understanding of ageing populations, their health and social care needs and defines the scope of technology/design interventions
- Manage a research team responsible for delivering this research
- Lead long-term, multi-person, multi-disciplinary projects, working with software and hardware engineers, clinicians and policy researchers
- Use the ongoing research to shape interventions and assess their potential for beneficial impact on the lives of ageing individuals and communities
- Interact and collaborate closely with a world class team of academics and clinicians to influence their thinking and expectations regarding technology and design for ageing populations
- Create a communications and publications agenda that informs all the work of Technology Research and Independent Living (TRIL) and shapes the work of all collaborators on this multi-disciplinary project
- Manage the ethnographic project, including scope, resources and timeline to ensure quality delivery
- Transfer knowledge to the public and research communities through briefings, seminars and conferences
- Provide active and strategic leadership within ICSG
- Work to give ICSG a strong national & international profile, through publications, presentations and conferences

Qualifications:

The candidate must:

- Possess a PhD in anthropology, sociology or related discipline, with a preference for those with experience working in health-care or ageing-related research areas
- Have a history of ethnographic or qualitative research accomplishments within an academic, industry, policy or health setting, including experience of running major projects and budgets
- Demonstrate eclectic interests in ageing and in cognitive and social health, but most importantly an appreciation of, and passion for, the potential for innovative technology and design in the ageing/health arenas
- Have experience working with interdisciplinary teams and knowledge of project planning methodologies
- Be able to demonstrate significant research management experience
- Demonstrate a strong record of publication in peer-reviewed journals
- Have excellent communication (written and verbal) and presentation skills and an ability to influence policy at the highest levels
- Possess high levels of initiative, commitment to deadlines and team interaction

Job Description.

Research Fellow x 2

Your primary task will be to conduct a longitudinal ethnographic and qualitative research programme that informs the work of a pioneering collaboration between gerontologists, psychiatrists and neurologists and a combined industry and academic engineering team. The research will shape the development of interventions designed to address critical issues confronting ageing populations and those that aim to serve them.

In this role you will:

- Conduct a 3-year qualitative and ethnographic research programme within Ireland that produces an intimate understanding of ageing populations and their health and social care needs, particularly in relation to technology/design interventions
- Work within a multi-person, multi-disciplinary project involving software and hardware engineers, clinicians and policy researchers
- Use the ongoing research to shape technological interventions and assess their potential for beneficial impact on the lives of ageing individuals and communities
- Interact and collaborate closely with a world class team of academics and clinicians to influence their thinking and expectations regarding technology and design for ageing populations
- Actively communicate your findings and their implications to Technology Research for Independent Living (TRIL) collaborators
- Transfer knowledge to research communities, policy-makers and the general public
- Work to give ICSG a strong national & international profile through publications, presentations and conferences

Qualifications:

Candidates will have:

- A PhD in anthropology, sociology or related discipline, or an equivalent qualification, with a preference for those with experience working in health-care or ageing-related research areas
- Experience in conducting ethnographic research
- Experience of working with interdisciplinary teams
- A record of existing publication in peer-reviewed journals and a desire to publish and communicate research widely
- Excellent communication (written and verbal) and presentation skills
- High levels of initiative, commitment to deadlines and team interaction

National University of Ireland, Galway is an equal opportunities employer.