

Candidate Information

Position:	Research Fellow
School/Department:	School of Law
Reference:	22/110408
Closing Date:	Monday 28 November 2022
Salary:	£35,333 per annum
Anticipated Interview Date:	Friday 15 December 2022
Duration:	Temporary 12 months – Full time

JOB PURPOSE:

To be an active member of the team on the 'Developing an Infant and Young Child Feeding in Emergencies Preparedness Plan for the Island of Ireland' project. To assist the research team in the delivery of the key outputs and objectives from the project within the 12-month fellowship period. The position holder will work under the grant holder, Dr Clare Patton is based in the School of Law (Queen's University Belfast) and along with the project partners who are based in the School of Biological, Health and Sports Sciences at TU Dublin (Drs Elizabeth O Sullivan and Aileen Kennedy). Posts at this grade will normally have or be about to obtain a relevant PhD and/or in some Schools/Units have an appropriate professional qualification or expertise. In this case, a PhD in Law is essential.

MAJOR DUTIES:

1. Undertake research under the supervision of the grant holder, Dr Clare Patton, specifically relating to 'stress-testing' Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) laws and policies on the island of Ireland to inform the research team on the design of a draft legal framework for an all-island IYCF in emergencies preparedness plan.
2. Carry out analyses, critical evaluations, and interpretations using methodologies and other appropriate techniques to test the robustness of legislation in the North and South of Ireland to protect access for infants and young children to human milk.
3. Develop and design a methodology to obtain reliable data on the language used in both hard- and soft-law IYCF plans.
4. Develop an area of personal research within the parameters of the field of Business and Human Rights or Commercial Determinants of Health under the mentorship of Dr Patton.
5. Present regular progress reports on research to all research group members and external audiences to disseminate and publicise research findings.
6. Work with Dr Patton to build a website to disseminate and publicise research findings.
7. Prepare, in consultation with Dr Patton, material for publication in national and international journals and presentations at one national conference.
8. Carry out routine administrative tasks associated with the research project/s to ensure that the work packages are completed on time and within budget. These might include the organisation of project meetings and documentation, risk assessment of research activities, and organising participants, interviews and data collection.
9. Read academic papers, journals, and textbooks to keep abreast of developments in Business & Human Rights, Corporate Social Responsibility, and Commercial Determinants of Health.

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:

1. PhD in Law (or about to obtain a PhD in Law)
2. Research in Business & Human Rights; Health and Human Rights; Public Health; Corporate Social Responsibility.
3. At least 3 years of relevant research experience (including PhD studies).
4. Ability to contribute to broader management and administrative processes of the project.
5. Sufficient breadth and depth of specialist knowledge in the Business & Human Rights/Corporate Social Responsibility fields and of research methods and techniques to work within established research programmes.
6. Ability to communicate complex information.
7. Ability to build contacts and participate in internal and external networks.

8. Demonstrable intellectual ability.
9. Ability to assess and organise resources.
10. Nvivo software (or similar) experience.

DESIRABLE CRITERIA:

1. Specialising in the analysis of the language used in law/policy/reports for Business & Human Rights or Corporate Social Responsibility.
2. Experience relating to research in commercial determinants of health.
3. Experience or knowledge of law and regulation regarding online safety (particularly regarding consent, autonomy, and algorithmic marketing).
4. Working as part of an international/national research team.
5. Knowledge of Critical Discourse Analysis.
6. Experience in collaborating with non-academic stakeholders.
7. Experience in running project social media/websites for information dissemination.
8. Experience using discourse analysis to build a theoretical framework.