

Candidate Information

Position:	Research Fellow in Nutrition - Research, Policy and Impact
School/Department:	School of Biological Sciences
Reference:	26/113689
Closing Date:	Monday 2 November 2026
Salary:	Starting salary £42,972 per annum
Anticipated Interview Date:	Thursday 12 November 2026
Duration:	24 months fixed term full time

JOB PURPOSE:

The Co-Centre for Sustainable Food Systems has an ambitious programme of work which aims to develop a robust, resilient and sustainable food system in the transition to healthy diets from sustainable sources. It encompasses a research programme from plant science to nutrition and public health across three jurisdictions – the Republic of Ireland (ROI), Northern Ireland (NI) and Great Britain (GB). The Co-Centre will foster research and innovation to accelerate radical transitions towards a more environmentally and economically sustainable and transparent agri food sector.

The post will incorporate co-ordinating and delivering human nutrition studies and developing and identifying policy and impact opportunities for the Co-Centre. The nutrition studies will include both an ongoing longitudinal household study and an intervention trial which will require the candidate to work with an established team of researchers. The post holder will also be part of the operations team where they will be responsible for developing and identifying policy and impact opportunities. The candidate will be responsible for co-ordinating and delivering research activities across both roles; therefore, excellent organisational and communication skills are essential.

MAJOR DUTIES:

Research:

1. Organising and coordinating nutrition research studies.
2. Data management and analysis of complex datasets.
3. Sustain a high-quality publication record.
4. Proactively identify policy and impact opportunities.
5. Develop an effective communication strategy and act as a key point of contact for research policy and impact opportunities and developments.
6. Network with a wide range of internal and external stakeholders including those in the Co Centre's and national/international key opinion formers.
7. Prioritise workload to meet demanding deadlines.
8. Any other duties as may be assigned by line manager.

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:

1. Qualified to PhD degree level in nutrition or other discipline relevant to the post.
2. Significant experience of conducting and co-ordinating human research studies (including population-based, nutrition interventions or clinical trials).
3. Track record of high-quality publications commensurate with stage of career.
4. Experience of communicating research to a wide range of stakeholders, for example, policy makers or industry partners.
5. Significant experience of data management and analysis of complex datasets.
6. Significant experience of working in a multi-disciplinary team and with participants in research projects.

DESIRABLE CRITERIA:

1. Excellent interpersonal communication skills and ability to present complex information including report writing.

2. Excellent organisational and administrative skills including a proven ability to work well under pressure and to work on their own initiative.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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