



<b>College   Management Unit:</b>	UCD College of Health and Agricultural Sciences
<b>School   Unit:</b>	UCD School of Agriculture and Food Science
<b>Post Title &amp; Subject Area: (if relevant)</b>	<b>UCD Post-doctoral Research Fellow Level 1</b>
<b>Project:</b>	National Children Food Survey II (NCFSIII)
<b>Post Duration:</b>	30 <sup>th</sup> November 2029
<b>Salary Scale:</b>	€46,805 Per Annum
<b>Line Manager:</b>	Associate Professor Breige McNulty
<b>Competition Ref. N<sup>o</sup>:</b>	019636
<b>HR Administrator:</b>	Arianna Eady
<b>Relocation Expenses:</b>	No
<b>Garda Vetting:</b>	Yes
<b>For Applications and Closing Date:</b>	<a href="https://www.ucd.ie/workatucd/jobs/">https://www.ucd.ie/workatucd/jobs/</a>
<b>Eligible for Work Permit:</b>	Yes

### Position Summary:

The UCD Institute of Food and Health is a major campus-wide initiative at University College Dublin to develop and conduct world class, multidisciplinary research into food and health. The Institute is unique in bringing together leading academics from all areas of food and health research. The National Dietary Survey research team, which is a part of UCD Institute of Food and Health is seeking to recruit an ambitious and motivated post-doctoral researcher to support research activities within the team.

The National Dietary Survey research team investigates the dietary intake of the Irish population and its potential impact on nutrition and health in collaboration with other Irish Universities through the Irish Universities Nutrition Alliance (IUNA) ([www.iuna.net](http://www.iuna.net)). Since 1996, national databases of dietary intake and health status have been developed through national nutrition surveys of the Irish population. These databases are used widely for research related to nutrition and public health. Research topics include obesity prevention, healthy eating guidelines, benefits and safety of food fortification and food supplements, and safety of intakes of food additives and contaminants. The research funded by the Irish Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine also support the work of agencies that are responsible for food and nutrition policy and regulation in Ireland and the EU.

This is a research focused role, where you will conduct a specified programme of research supported by research training and development under the supervision and direction of a Principal Investigator.

The primary purpose of the role is to further develop your research skills and competences, including the processes of publication in peer-reviewed academic publications, the development of funding proposals, the mentorship of graduate students along with the opportunity to develop your skills in research led teaching.

In addition to the Principal Duties and Responsibilities listed below, the successful candidate will also carry out the following duties specific to this project:

- Manage and conduct all administrative and management tasks associated with the research programme
- To lead and help in conducting research activities, including planning, organising and analysis within the overall scope of a research project.

- Disseminate the outcomes of the research, including peer-reviewed academic publications of international standing
- To be involved in the supervision and mentorship of PhD students and research assistants.
- To aid in the development of new or advanced research skills and competences, on the processes of publication in peer-reviewed academic publications and scholarly dissemination, the development of funding proposals, along with the opportunity to develop skills in research led teaching.

#### **Principal Duties and Responsibilities:**

- Conduct a specified programme of research and scholarship under the supervision and direction of your Principal Investigator.
- Engage in appropriate training and professional development opportunities as required by your Principal Investigator, your School or Institute, or the University.
- Engage in the dissemination of the results of the research in which you are engaged as directed by and with the support of and under the supervision of your Principal Investigator.
- Engage in the wider research and scholarly activities of your research group, School and Institute.
- Mentor and assist, as appropriate and as directed, the research graduate students in your group, School and Institute.
- Carry out administrative work associated with your programme of research.

#### **Fixed Salary: €46,805 Per Annum**

Details on eligibility to compete and pension information is available at <https://www.ucd.ie/hr/resourcing/eligibilitytocompete/>

#### **About University College Dublin**

University College Dublin (UCD) is one of Europe's leading research-intensive universities and Ireland's largest universities, with a vibrant community of over 39,000 students and 4,000 staff from more than 152 countries. UCD combines a rich academic heritage with a global outlook, fostering innovation, creativity, and excellence across teaching, research, and public engagement.

Situated on a beautiful, parkland campus at Belfield, UCD offers a dynamic and inclusive environment where ideas flourish and collaboration thrive. As a world top 1% university, UCD is recognised for its impact on society - from groundbreaking research and sustainable innovation to nurturing future leaders across all disciplines.

Joining UCD means becoming part of a community that values excellence, integrity, diversity, and collaboration. Staff enjoy exceptional professional development opportunities, a supportive and flexible working culture, and the chance to contribute to meaningful work that shapes the future locally and globally.

UCD is committed to creating an inclusive environment where diversity is celebrated and everyone is afforded equality of opportunity. We welcome applications from applicants from all backgrounds, including those who identify with any of the protected characteristics that are set out in our Equality, Diversity and Inclusion policy. Learn more about Diversity at <https://www.ucd.ie/workatucd/diversity/>

Reasonable accommodations will be provided to any applicant during the interview process who discloses they have a disability or are neurodiverse.



### Benefits of Working at University College Dublin

Working at University College Dublin offers a wide range of benefits designed to support staff wellbeing, professional growth, and work–life balance. Employees enjoy flexible and family-friendly working arrangements, including hybrid work options, job sharing, and generous leave policies. UCD provides a strong pension scheme, income protection, and travel-related savings such as tax-efficient commuter and cycle-to-work plans. Staff have access to professional development opportunities through LinkedIn Learning, study leave, and structured career progression frameworks. The university fosters an inclusive and supportive community, offering wellbeing programs and employee assistance services, while the Belfield campus provides excellent facilities, discounts, and sports amenities. Overall, UCD promotes a positive, balanced, and development-focused working environment.

More details can be found here: [Benefits - Work at UCD](#)

### Selection Criteria

Selection criteria outline the qualifications, skills, knowledge and/or experience that the successful candidate would need to demonstrate for successful discharge of the responsibilities of the post. Applications will be assessed on the basis of how well candidates satisfy these criteria.

#### Mandatory:

- PhD in Nutrition (or equivalent area).
- Experience in collection, interpretation and analysis of food consumption data.
- Experience in biological sample collection and analysis.
- Good understanding of database management and experience in using statistical software
- A demonstrated commitment to research and publications.
- An understanding of the operational requirements for a successful research project.
- Evidence of research activity (publications, conference presentations, awards) and future scholarly output (working papers, research proposals, and ability to outline a research project).
- Excellent Communication Skills (Oral, Written, Presentation etc).
- Excellent Organisational and Administrative skills including a proven ability to work to deadlines.
- Candidates must demonstrate an awareness of equality, diversity and inclusion agenda.

The PD1 position is intended for early-stage researchers, either just after completion of a PhD or for someone entering a new area for the first time. If you have already completed your PD1 stage in UCD or will soon complete a PD1, or you are an external applicant whose total Postdoctoral experience, inclusive of the duration of the advertised post, would exceed 4 years, you should not apply and should refer to PD2 posts instead.

#### Desirable:

- Experience in dietary surveys.
- Experience in supervision and research leadership in a research group or laboratory.
- Contribution to the writing of research proposals which are submitted to peer-reviewed funding processes.
- Experience working with Government agencies, nationally or internationally.
- Experience in setting own research agenda.

**Supplementary information:**

The University:	<a href="https://www.ucd.ie/">https://www.ucd.ie/</a>
UCD Strategy 2030: Breaking Boundaries	<a href="https://strategy.ucd.ie/">https://strategy.ucd.ie/</a>
The College/Management Unit:	<a href="https://www.ucd.ie/chas/">https://www.ucd.ie/chas/</a>
The School/Programme Office/Unit:	<a href="https://www.ucd.ie/agfood/">https://www.ucd.ie/agfood/</a>
Equality Diversity and Inclusion at UCD:	<a href="https://www.ucd.ie/workatucd/diversity/">https://www.ucd.ie/workatucd/diversity/</a>
Moving to Ireland Guidelines:	<a href="https://www.ucd.ie/workatucd/locationculture/movingtoireland/">https://www.ucd.ie/workatucd/locationculture/movingtoireland/</a>

UCD offers a comprehensive **Research Careers Framework** in line with the Advisory Science Council Report '*Towards a Framework for Researcher Careers*'. This model provides a structured and supportive **Career and Skills Development** system designed to ensure that Post-docs in UCD are able to plan their careers and prepare for future opportunities in academia, industry or the public sector. For more information, please [click here](#)

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