
Title: Postdoctoral Researcher 1– NutRI Research Group

Department: Biological Sciences

Contract Type: 1 Year Fixed Term Contract

Location: Bishopstown Campus, Cork

Reporting to: Dr Janette Walton

Overview of the NutRI Research Group:

The National Dietary Survey research team which forms part of the NutRI research group at Munster Technological University (MTU) is seeking to recruit an ambitious and motivated researcher to support research activities within the team including co-ordination of tasks within the National Pre-School Nutrition Survey II (NPNS II) project.

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). 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 supports the work of agencies that are responsible for food and nutrition policy and regulation in Ireland and the EU.

The NPNS II project involves the establishment of a nationally representative database of food consumption in pre-school children for the Republic of Ireland (ROI) to update 2010-11 data for this population group. Data collection has now been completed for the project, and the purpose of this role will be to deliver specific research tasks including data analyses and dissemination of key findings.

Duties of the Post:

The purpose of this role will be to deliver a number of specific research tasks within the NPNS project. The successful applicant will coordinate the analysis and dissemination of MTU-led tasks within the NPNS and will liaise with other researchers in UCD and TU Dublin with regard to dissemination of key results.

The successful applicant will be an ambitious researcher with a minimum of a PhD in Human Nutrition or Dietetics. The successful candidate will have experience of working with dietary data and statistical software packages and will have evidence of research outputs appropriate for career stage. The appointed candidate will work under the supervision of Dr Janette Walton and will be based at Munster Technological University.

The successful applicants will be expected to:

- Carry out administrative and management tasks associated with the NPNS project
- Support research activities including analysis of dietary data
- Disseminate the outcomes of the research, including peer-reviewed academic publications of international standing
- Take a supporting role in the further development of the research programme and in seeking and pursuing appropriate external funding
- Engage in appropriate training and professional development opportunities as required by the Principal Investigator

Qualification Requirements and Selection Criteria for role:

The successful applicant will have:

Essential

- A PhD qualification in Human Nutrition or Dietetics
- Excellent communication, organisation and interpersonal skills.
- Experience of working well within a team to achieve results.
- Experience of collection and/or analysis of dietary data
- Experience of working with SPSS® statistical software (or similar)
- Fluent in spoken and written English

Desirable

- Project management experience
- Experience of working with large food consumption and food composition datasets
- Strong technical and/or scientific publication portfolio

NOTE: In addition to the minimum qualifications, it may be necessary to introduce further shortlisting criteria. Therefore, candidates may be shortlisted on the basis of qualifications and suitable experience based on details given in the application. Candidates should note that they may be called for more than one interview. Upon completion of interview, a panel will be formed from appointable candidates.

Remuneration, Benefits and Facilities:

Salary scale effective 1 June 2026

Remuneration will be €47,273 per annum (Point 1 of the Post Doctoral Research Salary Scale)

The rate of remuneration for all appointments may be adjusted from time to time with government policy.

Additional Benefits:

- Comprehensive Sick Leave Policy
- Employment Assistance Programme
- Staff Discount Scheme
- Gym Access (reduced membership cost)

On site Facilities:

- On site Car Parking
- On site dining facilities
- On site TFI Bike Sharing Station

Interview & Additional Information:

Interview Process:

If invited to interview, candidates are likely to be assessed at the interview under the following criteria. Additional criteria may be added for the interview as the need arises.

- Qualifications (Academic & Professional)
- Relevant Industry/Professional Experience
- Postgraduate Supervisory Experience
- Communications & Interpersonal Skills
- Research Knowledge and Experience
- Team Working and Organisational Skills

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend for interview.

Additional Information:

A successful candidate will be required to submit a passport, documentary evidence confirming academic qualifications, and to undergo a medical examination. Garda vetting and/or an international police clearance may also be required. References will be sought in relation to successful candidate.

MTU welcomes applications from non-EEA citizens. However, employee permit regulations set by the EURAXESS Ireland must be strictly adhered to. Any appointment offer to Non-EEA candidates is subject to the granting of a work permit by the EURAXESS Ireland or relevant Immigration permissions/stamp.

Candidates may be required to produce documentary evidence to support any statements made by them on their application form or any supporting documentation.

Candidates should note that any inaccurate information will invalidate their application.

Application Process:

Applications by MTU eRecruitment system only. Applications will not be accepted in any other format or through any other channel of communication. Please log on to www.mtu.ie/vacancies to apply for this position.

**Closing date for receipt of completed
applications is
1 p.m. on Tuesday 6th October 2026**

The information given in this document is of a general information nature only and should not be taken as contractual.

MTU is an equal opportunities employer.

Important Notes:

- Screening and short-listing only takes place on the basis of information submitted on the application. In addition to the minimum criteria, it may be necessary to introduce further shortlisting criteria. Candidates should note that they may be called for more than one interview.
- Please ensure that full information is given on qualifications and that the information is accurate and corresponds to the original transcript of qualifications.
- Please ensure that those you nominate as referees are contacted by you and will be able to supply a reference without delay if requested.
- The University regrets that it cannot pay expenses for candidates attending interviews for this post or for taking up the position, if appointed.
- Applications received after the closing date will not be accepted.
- Appointments will be subject to Garda vetting.