

Short-term Specific Duties Position with the Fluoride and Caring for Children's Teeth (FACCT) study

Position	Dental Nurse to carry out fieldwork for the Fluoride and Caring for Children's Teeth (FACCT) oral epidemiological study 2016/17 in Dublin.
When will applicants need to be available	Those interested in applying must be available to conduct the fieldwork (study) in the period November 2016 to the end of March 2017.
Closing Date	17th October 2016
Location of fieldwork	The fieldwork will be conducted in the greater Dublin Area. Selected dental nurses will be expected to travel with the study equipment and remove clinical waste from selected schools in the fieldwork areas. To maximise the time in the school day, dental nurses may need to commence travel to schools earlier than their normal start time.
Area	Dublin Area
Reporting Relationship	Reports directly to the Dentist and the Coordinator.
Background	<p>The aim of this 6-year research programme is to evaluate the impact and outcome of the change in policy on water fluoridation (2007) and on the use of fluoride toothpaste (2002) on dental caries and enamel fluorosis in Irish children.</p> <p>The study involves the examination of two age groups of children based on whether their permanent incisors were formed prior to (age 12, born 2001) or after (age 5, born 2008) the reduction in fluoride levels in water.</p> <p>The first part of this study was completed in 2013/14. It involved the clinical measurement of dental caries and enamel fluorosis using standard epidemiological criteria conducted on a representative sample of children in Junior infants (age 5, caries only) and 6th classes (age 12, caries and fluorosis) in fluoridated and non-fluoridated areas of Cork, Kerry and Dublin.</p> <p>The FACCT team are beginning preparations for the next stage of the study. The fieldwork that was conducted in 2013/14 will be repeated in 2016/17 for children in 2nd class (age 8) who participated in the study when they were aged 5 in 2013/4.</p>
Principal Duties and Responsibilities	<p>To work as part of a team with a dentist to carry out the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recording of dental caries Recording of enamel fluorosis (Dean's Index) Recording of enamel opacities (DDE Developmental Defects of Enamel) Support for the photography of anterior teeth (wet and dry) Support for the administration of 'oral health behaviours' and 'quality of life' questionnaires Support for height and weight measurement Set up a clinical station within the school Administration of the clinical fieldwork in conjunction with the coordinator and dentist including:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contacting schools to determine their willingness to participate (the school and school Board of Management will have received a letter in advance of being contacted) • Arranging a date to conduct the clinical fieldwork • Delivering consent packs to the school in advance of the clinical fieldwork • Checking completion of paperwork before commencing clinical examinations (consent, medical history etc.) • Packing and transporting equipment to and from the schools and safely storing the equipment when not in use (although a trolley will be provided some manual handling will be required) • Recording information in the 'Log books' supplied by the Oral Health Services Research Centre. • Returning clinical data (via the internet) to the Oral Health Services Research Centre on a weekly basis.
<p>Eligibility Criteria Qualifications and/or experience,</p>	<p>Candidates must at the latest date of application: -</p> <p>Candidates must possess a high standard of professional knowledge and ability (including a high standard of suitability) and have a satisfactory knowledge of the administrative aspects of the dental services for the proper discharge of the duties of the office.</p>
<p>Post specific requirements</p>	<p>Dental Nurses will need their own transport, hold a full drivers licence and will need to be willing to travel to different schools to conduct the fieldwork, with the study equipment and remove clinical waste.</p> <p>Dental nurses must undertake to have the Dental Health Foundation and the HSE indemnified on their motor insurance in accordance with HSE guidelines</p> <p>They will also need to have obtained satisfactory Garda Clearance</p>
<p>Skills, competencies and/or knowledge</p>	<p>We are looking for highly motivated solution-focused dental nurse with an interest in dental public health and in developing new skills. Excellent interpersonal skills will be required for communicating effectively with school children and with staff in the HSE, OHSRC, and participating schools.</p> <p>Familiarity with using laptop computers and the flexibility to adjust working hours to accommodate school opening hours are essential.</p> <p>Familiarity with cameras and other photographic equipment is desirable but not essential.</p> <p>Training in all study procedures will be provided.</p>

Shortlisting	Initial screening / shortlisting may apply based on information provided in CVs.
Tenure	Appointment is on the basis of a fixed term contract from November 2016 to March 2017.
Remuneration	The salary scale for the post is: EURO 22,210 – 42,487 (17 point scale)
Working Week	The standard working week applying to the post is 37 hours per week.
Annual Leave	The Annual Leave applying to the post is to be confirmed at Job Offer stage.
Application	Please submit your current CV, detailing your most recent positions first. Along with the CV, please submit a personal statement indicating why you wish to undertake the FACCT fieldwork.
Informal Enquiries	Please contact, : Dr Mairead Harding Deputy Director Oral Health Services Research Centre Cork University Dental School and Hospital Wilton Cork Ph 021 4901210 Email m.harding@ucc.ie
Submission	To apply, please submit both CV and personal statement electronically via email or post to: Patricia Gilsenan O'Neill Chief Executive Dental Health Foundation PO Box 12343 Dublin 2 Tel: ++353 1 672 8870 Fax: ++353 1 672 8801 Email: patricia.gilsenanoneill@dentalhealth.ie Completed applications to reach Patricia Gilsenan O'Neill by 5pm on Monday, 17th October, 2016