



Applications are invited for a temporary post of a Research Risk Assessor within School of Veterinary Medicine.

The development of a co-ordinated approach to risk anticipation and risk assessment is a high level priority for the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) in Ireland. Ireland's export-dependent livestock sector requires capability to anticipate and mitigate animal health risks and crises. Risk assessment is also a key element of many of DAFM's strategies including the Animal Health Surveillance Strategy, and the Food Safety and Food Authenticity strategy. Further, regulatory authorities are increasingly faced with public policy decisions that must assess the risks of new technology or practices relative to the potential benefits, thereby establishing a level of acceptable risk.

This position will contribute to the building of risk assessment capacity within DAFM. This role will assess risks in the fields of animal health and welfare, and public health, and their impact on policy. The scope of this risk assessment function is broad and includes exotic animal disease risks, incursions from imports and/or vectors including the development of vaccination option scenarios in the face of the incursion of certain diseases, import of biological

agents, veterinary medicines and vaccines in particular circumstances, and the critical and emerging issues in food safety and quality. DAFM has a successful plant health risk assessment unit in place and collaboration with it will be important.

The successful candidate will work under the guidance and direct employment of the Director of the Centre for Veterinary Epidemiology and Risk Analysis (CVERA) within UCD and the general direction of a Superintending Senior Research Officer (SSRO) in the Centre Veterinary Research Laboratory within DAFM. S/he will be a part of a scientific team responsible for evaluating potential threats to animal health and welfare, and public health, and presenting this information to national risk managers. The risk assessor will support DAFM's One Health One Welfare (OHOW) pillar of Government policy, including the investigation of potential new and re-emerging OHOW threats, horizon scanning activities, the maintenance and development of expertise and formal systems within DAFM and CVERA. A significant component of the data that inform potential threats are generated through DAFM's diagnostic laboratories. It is anticipated that the successful candidate will co-locate within CVERA and the CVRL.

SALARY RANGE: €60,000-79,000 per annum

Appointment on the above range will be dependent upon qualifications and experience.

CLOSING DATE: 17:00hrs (local Irish time) on 25th of August 2023.

Applications must be submitted by the closing date and time specified. Any applications which are still in progress at the closing time of 17:00hrs (Local Irish Time) on the specified closing date will be cancelled automatically by the system. UCD are unable to accept late applications.

UCD do not require assistance from Recruitment Agencies. Any CV's submitted by Recruitment Agencies will be returned.

Prior to application, further information (including application procedure) should be obtained from the Work at UCD website: <https://www.ucd.ie/workatucd/jobs/>