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**Additional Campaign Information**

***Temporary Senior Medical Scientist, Virology Department***

***Galway University Hospital***

***GAHP1844***

Dear Candidate,

Thank you for your interest in the post of ***Temporary Senior Medical Scientist, Virology Department, Galway University Hospital***

A panel may be created for ***Temporary Senior Medical Scientist, Virology Department, Galway University Hospital*** from which current and future specified purpose vacancies of full time or part time duration may be filled.

This document outlines how the recruitment process will be run and the important dates linked to the recruitment campaign.

1. **Who should apply?**

We are very interested to receive applications from all suitably qualified individuals who are interested in working as a ***Temporary Senior Medical Scientist, in the Virology Department at Galway University Hospital***

There are criteria that apply to applicants being deemed eligible or ineligible. Information on this is available on the appendices detailed below:

* For more details on the qualifications and eligibility criteria please see Appendix 1.
* For information on “Non-European Economic Area Applicants” please see Appendix 2.
* Please note we cannot accept applications from applicants who are in receipt of pensions from particular superannuation schemes, please see Appendix 4 for more information on this.

1. **How do I apply for this post?**

You must complete the Application Form particular to this post.

* There is no need to sign e-mailed applications; we will request candidates to sign their application form at interview.
* As we require the same information from all candidates in order to make fair decisions on their applications we will not be able to process applications by CV or any other method.
* E-mail applications will receive a response within one day, which will let you know that we have received your e-mail. We check eligibility of the applicants after the closing date therefore it is important that you ensure you have fully demonstrated your eligibility for the campaign in your application form.
* Applications must be submitted as a Microsoft Word or PDF document format only. Applications stored on personal online storage sites, e.g. Onedrive, Cloud, Dropbox, Google Drive etc will not be accepted, applications submitted in other file formats e.g. Google Docs will not be accepted. Please pay particular attention to ensure that your application is attached as an attachment (not a link to an on line storage site e.g. Google Drive) when emailing your application.
* The Group Recruitment & Retention Office can only accept complete applications received by the closing date and time i.e. ***12.00 noon on the 22nd June 2018.***

We will contact you mainly by mobile phone and email. Therefore we recommend you specify in your application form your personal mobile number and personal e-mail that you check on and have access to on a regular basis (rather than a work mobile or e-mail address which you may have limited access to). It is your responsibility to ensure you have access to your mobile voice mails and emails. If you choose to use your work mobile and work email addresses you may receive communications that have a time deadline requirement while working away or on leave. We recommend you use your personal email and mobile number that you have regular access to.

1. **How will the selection process be run?**

* You must complete the official application form in full. If you do not complete the application form in full your application may not be submitted to the selection board for consideration and subsequent interview (if applicable).
* A selection board of senior managers will assess your application form against the eligibility criteria to see how your individual experience and skills match the needs of the post. The criteria for the selection exercise are based on the requirements of the post as outlined in the job specification. Therefore it is very important that you think about your experience in light of those requirements.
* There may be a number of stages of selection and short-listing or a ranking exercise may take place. A ranking exercise is an assessment that may be carried out on the basis of information supplied in your application form. The criteria for ranking are based on the requirements of the post as outlined in the eligibility criteria and skills, competencies and/or knowledge section of the job specification. Therefore it is very important that you think about your experience in light of those requirements. Those successful at the ranking stage of this process (where applied) will be placed on an order of merit and will be called to interview in ‘bands’ depending on the service needs of the organisation
* Any applicant who did not meet the eligibility criteria/ was not shortlisted will be informed of that decision and the reason why.
* Candidates who have demonstrated the requisite skills and experience will be called to interview.
* Any candidate invited to interview will be given more details regarding the interview at a later date.
* Candidates who are successful at interview will be placed on a panel in order of merit.
* We will offer the posts to the candidates with the highest scores on the panel.
* If a candidate declines the post we will offer it to the next highest scoring candidate etc.
* We would like to highlight to you that interviews form a part of the selection process. The HSE must be satisfied that it has a full and comprehensive suite of references which assures it that the applicant’s past performance and behaviours are appropriate to the post. The HSE determines the merit, appropriateness and relevance of references. The HSE reserves the right to remove candidates from specific recruitment panels and retract job offers if satisfactory clearances (e.g. past /current employment references, security clearances) cannot be obtained or are unsatisfactory. All previous employers may be contacted for reference purposes. Please note the HSE may retract a job offer if sufficient satisfactory references cannot be obtained in a time frame congruent with service need. The HSE reserves the right to retract a job offer should the successful candidate be unable to fulfil the provisions / criteria of the specific post in line with service need.

1. **Formation of Panels**

**What is a panel?**

A panel is a list of candidates successful at interview placed in order of merit. Candidates are awarded a mark during the interview process and the candidate who scores the highest mark is placed first on the panel. Subsequent vacancies are then expressed to the panel in order of merit. If the number one successful candidate that expressed an interest on the panel refuses the job offer, it is then offered to the second candidate who expressed interest on the panel. Once a panel is formed, it remains in existence for 1 year and may be extended.

**Specific Work Sites**

The purpose of the panel formed is to fill anticipated short term vacancies within the ***Virology Department in Galway University Hospital*** as opposed to specific work sites. Therefore you are not asked to indicate a specific worksite.

**Marking System**

Candidates are given marks for skill areas during the interview. These elements are clearly indicated on the Application Form.

Where candidates score the same marks a further ranking process will apply. A previously agreed skill area of the interview will be chosen to further rank successful candidates e.g. Karen and Mary are both successful at interview. They both score 421 at interview, which would place them at joint number 3 on the panel.

If Professional Knowledge has been the secondary ranking area chosen then the candidate who has scored higher in this area and expressed an interest will receive the first job offer.

Karen scored 69 in the Professional Knowledge element and Mary scored 68. Karen will be number 3 a. on the panel and Mary will be number 3 b. on the panel.

Where candidates have the same mark on the secondary ranking, an additional ranking will be applied and so forth.

Please note in order to be deemed successful for a panel you must be awarded a minimum score of 40 for each competency area.

**Future panels**

Please note that candidates successful at interview and placed on the panel formed through this campaign may not be considered as applicants for any supplementary campaigns to add to this panel.

Please note the HSE reserves the right to contact all available successful candidates in the event that panels are exhausted. The HSE reserves the right to extend the life of the panel to fill specified purpose vacancies that may arise. The HSE may modify panel management rules in line with service need during the life time of the panel and will notify all remaining candidates of any changes.

1. **Acceptance / Declination of a Job Offer**

The time lines and panel management rules (i.e. how posts are offered) for each individual post will be included in the email communication sent to you for each individual post which arises and is relevant to your order of merit on the panel.

Please see Appendix 5 for a full outline of the panel management rules.

1. **Campaign Time Scales**

Closing date for applications is: ***12.00 noon on the 22nd June 2018***

Interviews are scheduled to take place as soon as possible after the closing date.Interviews will be held in person only, therefore candidates must be available to present for interview.

1. **Security Clearance**

All applicants will need to apply for a vetting disclosure from the National Vetting Bureau. This process will be initiated by the Group Recruitment & Retention Office for the confirmed successful candidate recommended for the post. Please see **Appendix 3** for more information on international clearances.

8.  **Appeal Procedures**

Appointments in the HSE are made under a recruitment license and are subject to Code of Practice established by the Commission for Public Service Appointments (CPSA). The Code of Practice provides that candidates may make a request for review (see section 7 of the Code) OR make a complaint (see Section 8 of the Code) of any part of the appointment process that they feel is unfair or has been applied unfairly to them. These two forms of review procedure are mutually exclusive. Before submitting a request for review candidates should determine which procedure is appropriate to

their particular circumstances.

The procedures allow for matters to be resolved on an informal basis and candidates are advised to avail of the informal process before making use of the formal review procedure. Candidates should in the first instance make an informal appeal to The Group Recruitment & Retention Office, email (resources.human@hse.ie). Please note that informal appeals prior to interview must be submitted within 2 working days of receipt of a decision. Informal appeals after interview must be submitted within 5 working days of notification of a decision.

**We encourage you to visit** [**www.cpsa.ie**](http://www.cpsa.ie) **for further information on the code of practice and informal and formal review procedures.**

**Appendix 1**

**Eligibility Criteria**

**Candidates must have at the latest date of application:**

1. **Professional Qualifications, Experience, etc**
   1. Candidates for appointment must possess:

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| (i) | Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Medical Science from the Galway/Mayo Institute of Technology (GMIT). |
|  | **Or** |
| (ii) | Bachelor of Science (Honours) Biomedical Science, Dublin Institute of Technology (DIT). |
|  | **Or** |
| (iii) | Bachelor in Science Honours degree in Biomedical Science from the Joint University College Cork – Cork Institute of Technology course AND Diploma in Clinical Laboratory Practice. |
|  | **Or** |
| (iv) | Certificate in Medical Laboratory Science, Dublin Institute of Technology (DIT), Cork Institute of Technology (CIT) or Galway/Mayo Institute of Technology (GMIT)  AND  Bachelor in Science (Applied Science) Honours degree (Biomedical option) from the University of Dublin/Dublin Institute of Technology ***(Awarded prior to 2002).*** |
|  | **Or** |
| (v) | Bachelor of Biomedical Science, Cork Institute of Technology (CIT) AND BSc (Honours) Biomedical Sciences, University College Cork (UCC). ***(Awarded prior to 2013).*** |
|  | **Or** |
| (vi) | Diploma in Medical Laboratory Sciences of the Dublin Institute of Technology, (DIT) or the Cork Institute of Technology (CIT) (***Awarded prior to 1994).*** |
|  | **Or** |
| (vii) | Certificate in Medical Laboratory Science ***awarded before 1997*** by Dublin Institute of Technology (DIT), Cork Institute of Technology (CIT) or Galway/Mayo Institute of Technology (GMIT). |
|  | **Or** |
| (viii) | An equivalent qualification validated by the Academy of Clinical Science and Laboratory Medicine (ACSLM). |
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|  | **And** |
| (ix) | Possess one of the following NFQ Level 9 post graduate qualifications or equivalent accredited by the Academy of Clinical Science and Laboratory Medicine;   * MSc Clinical Laboratory Science, Dublin Institute of Technology. * MSc Clinical Chemistry, University of Dublin, Trinity College. * MSc Biomedical Science, University of Ulster. * MSc Biomedical Science, Cork Institute of Technology / University College Cork. * MSc Molecular Pathology, Dublin Institute of Technology / University of Dublin, Trinity College. |
|  | **Or** |
| (x) | Have attained the Fellowship examination of the Institute of Biomedical Science ***(Awarded prior to 1999).*** |
|  | **And** |
| (xi) | Possess four years full time clinical experience (or an aggregate of four years’ clinical experience) as a medical scientist in a clinical diagnostic laboratory since qualifying as a medical scientist. |
|  | **And** |
| (xii) | Demonstrate evidence of Continuous Professional Development. |

**And**

* 1. Candidates must have the requisite knowledge and ability (including a high standard of suitability and management ability) for the proper discharge of the duties of the office

**Post Specific Criteria**

* Demonstrate depth and breadth of Clinical Diagnostic Virology experience as relevant to the role
* Demonstrate depth and breadth of experience of virology diagnostic methods
* Demonstrate depth and breadth of experience of being part of a team in achieving ISO 15189 accreditation

**Health**

A candidate for and any person holding the office must be fully competent and capable of undertaking the duties attached to the office and be in a state of health such as would indicate a reasonable prospect of ability to render regular and efficient service.

**Character**

Each candidate for and any person holding the office must be of good character.

**Age**

Age restrictions shall only apply to a candidate where he/she is not classified as a new entrant (within the meaning of the Public Service Superannuation Act, 2004). A candidate who is not classified as a new entrant must be under 65 years of age on the first day of the month in which the latest date for receiving completed application forms for the office occurs.

**Applicants who have qualified outside the Republic of Ireland must have their qualifications accredited / validated by the Academy of Clinical Science and Laboratory Medicine (ACSLM).**

Applicants who are successful at interview and have obtained their qualifications outside the Republic of Ireland will remain dormant\* on the panel and will not be offered any post until they inform the Group Recruitment & Retention Office that their qualifications have been accredited / validated by the Academy of Clinical Science and Laboratory Medicine (ACSLM).

If you are offered a post and it subsequently emerges that your qualifications are not accredited / validated, the job offer will be withdrawn and you will be made dormant\* on the panel. Therefore if you are interested in pursuing a career as a Senior Medical Scientist with the HSE, we strongly recommend that you commence the accreditation / validation process now. Seeking accreditation / validation of qualifications is the responsibility of the applicant. Please note accreditation / validation can take a period of time.

Further details on the accreditation / validation process can be found on <https://www.acslm.ie/>

\* Dormant = you retain your place on the panel but you are not contacted about opportunities

**Appendix 2**

(i) **EEA Nationals**

EEA nationals who do not require work permits / visas / authorizations are nationals of the following countries: Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Switzerland, Bulgaria and Romania.

(ii) **NON-EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AREA APPLICANTS WHO RESIDE WITHIN THE STATE**

In order that we can process your application it will be necessary for you to submit the following scanned documentation:

A scanned copy of your passport showing your identification i.e. the first page of your passport showing your photograph and personal details and current immigration stamp showing you have permission to be in this State.

**And**

A scanned copy of your current Certificate of Registration (GNIB card) showing Stamp 1, Stamp 4/ 4EUfam, Stamp 5

**Or**

A scanned copy of your current Certificate of Registration (GNIB card) showing Stamp 3 and scanned copies of the following:

* Marriage/Civil Partnership Certificate

And

* Spouse’s passport showing their identification and current immigration stamp **and** their current GNIB card showing Stamp 1, 4 or 5

Or

* If your spouse holds a Stamp 2 for the purposes of **PhD study**, please include a copy of their passport showing their identification and current immigration stamp **and** their current GNIB card showing Stamp 2 **and** documentary evidence from the relevant educational institution showing that they are a **PhD** student.

***Applications that are not accompanied by the above documents where necessary will be considered incomplete and will not be processed any further.***

This means that your application will not be submitted for the ranking exercise and subsequent invitation to interview.

For more details on EEA countries please see visit the Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation website [www.djei.ie](http://www.djei.ie)

**Please note:**

The HSE welcomes applications from suitably qualified Non-EEA Nationals that have refugee status. We would be grateful if such applicants would provide documentary evidence confirming their status.

**Appendix 3**

All appointments will require satisfactory security clearances. Please note if you require overseas security clearance and are unable to produce it at the time of job offer then the job offer may be withdrawn.

If you lived in any country for 6 months or more other than the Republic of Ireland or Northern Ireland you will be required to provide security clearance for each jurisdiction in which you have resided. Your security clearance must be dated AFTER you left that country and cover the entire period of your residence. Seeking security clearances from other countries (e.g. UK, USA etc) are the responsibility of the candidate. It is a process which can take an amount of time. Therefore if you are interested in pursuing a career within the HSE we would strongly advise that you commence seeking international security clearances now.

All applicants will need to apply for a vetting disclosure from the National Vetting Bureau. This process will be initiated by the Group Recruitment & Retention Office for the confirmed successful candidate recommended for the post.

If you have resided in countries outside of the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland for a period of 6 months or more, it will be mandatory for you to furnish this department with a Police Clearance Certificate from those countries stating that you have no convictions recorded against you while residing there. You will need to provide a separate Police Clearance Certificate for each country you have resided in. Clearance must be dated after the date you left the country/countries.

Note: Candidates who studied outside of Ireland e.g. in the UK, please pay particular attention to this. You will require UK disclosure to cover the entire period you were in the UK. Clearance must be dated **after** you left the UK.

The following websites may be of assistance to you in this regard:

**United Kingdom**

London:

<http://content.met.police.uk/Site/infomationaboutyourself>

[Metropolitan Police Service - Your right to information](http://www.met.police.uk/information/)

[www.disclosurescotland.co.uk](http://www.disclosurescotland.co.uk)

<http://www.south-wales.police.uk/more-about-us/your-right-to-information/data-protection/>

[www.north-wales.police.uk](http://www.north-wales.police.uk)

The <http://www.police.uk/forces/> website will provide you with a link to each police force site in the UK. Click on the relevant force covering the area where you resided. A search under Data Protection or Data Access Request or Subject Access Request will bring you to the relevant section of that Police Forces website.

<https://www.gov.uk/browse/working/finding-job> (This website will provide you with a list of registered agencies to contact in the UK who may process your request for UK clearance with the Criminal Records Bureau).

**Australia**

[www.afp.gov.au](http://www.afp.gov.au) This website will provide you with information on obtaining a national police clearance certificate for Australia

**New Zealand**

[www.courts.govt.nz](http://www.courts.govt.nz) This website will provide you with information on obtaining police clearance in New Zealand.

**United States of America**

Please note thatvalid Security/Overseas Clearance from the USAmust be obtained from the **FBI** **only,**

**https://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/identity-history-summary-checks**

FBI Clearance is valid for all of the United States and convictions / remarks occurring anywhere in the United States would be noted. Individual US State Clearance (e.g., New York State Clearance) is not acceptable as it is valid for that State alone and convictions / remarks occurring in other States may or may not be noted.

**Other Countries**

For other countries not listed above you may find it helpful to contact the relevant embassies who could provide you with information on seeking Police Clearance.

Candidates please do not send us your overseas clearance or any other documentation unless we request it from you. Candidates who receive job offers will have 5 working days in which to produce the required documentation; otherwise the job offer will be withdrawn.

When requested, a copy of your overseas Clearance will be retained on file and the original returned to you by post.

**Note: Any costs incurred in this process will be borne by the candidate.**

**Appendix 4**

**Candidates who CANNOT APPLY**

Applications received from candidates who fall under the below categories will not be processed further in the selection process; this means that you will not be invited to interview.

**Persons in receipt of a pension from specified Superannuation Schemes**

Former Health Service and Public Sector Employees must adhere to the relevant prohibition of re-employment provisions where they have previously availed of a Public Service Voluntary Early Retirement or Ill Health Retirement Pension from any of the following Pension schemes:

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| * Local Government Superannuation Scheme (LGSS) |
| * Health Service Executive Employee Superannuation Scheme |
| * Voluntary Hospitals Superannuation Scheme (VHSS Officers/Non Officers) |
| * Nominated Health Agencies Superannuation Scheme (NHASS) |
| * Other Public Service Superannuation Scheme   Among the Voluntary Early Retirement Schemes referred to above are the following:   * Incentivised Scheme of Early Retirement (ISER) * Voluntary Early Retirement Scheme 2010 (VER) * Voluntary Redundancy Scheme 2010 (VRS) |

Prospective candidates must satisfy themselves as to their eligibility to be employed by the Health Service Executive before applying/competing for posts to be filled through this recruitment campaign.

**Abatement of Pension (Section 52 of Public Service Pensions Act 2012)**

Where a person who is in receipt of a Public Service Pension (e.g. retired on voluntary age grounds) is subsequently appointed to another Public Service post, the Abatement of Pension Regulations apply. This means that in a situation where the total of a persons pension combined with their salary from their new post, exceeds the uprated (current) salary of the position from which they retired, his/her pension is reduced by any such excess amount. This provision applies irrespective of whether the relevant pension was accrued in the same Pension Scheme which applies to the new appointment, or in another Public Service Pension Scheme.

**Appendix 5**

**Panel Management Rules**

In this appendix we outline how individual posts are notified to candidates who are successful at interview and are placed on the recruitment panel in order of merit. The time lines and panel management rules for each individual post will be included in the email communication sent to you for each individual post which arises and is relevant to your order of merit on the panel.

**Frequently used terms:**

**Expression of Interest:** An expression of interest simply means that you indicate that you would be interested in this job should it be offered to you.

**Recommendation for Post**: A recommendation to proceed simply means that you are the candidate who expressed an interest in a post and is highest in order of merit and will be invited to proceed to the next stage of the recruitment process (pre-employment clearances) i.e. reference checking, occupational health and garda vetting etc

**Order of Merit**: The order of merit is initially decided by your score achieved at assessment/ interview i.e. candidates are listed in order determined by their score, the highest score achieved is no.1 on the panel, the second highest score is no.2 etc.

**Specified Purpose Whole Time or Part Time**

You will have 48 hours in which to express an interest in a specified purpose post. You will be made aware by an e-mail regarding the details of the post and the time by which you may express an interest in the job. You will also receive a description of the post / service and contact details for the Service Manager to discuss the service / department if you wish to do so.

The Group Recruitment & Retention Office may notify more than one candidate, in order of merit that a specified purpose post has arisen. This notification invites an expression of interest in a post and should not be considered an offer. The candidate who expresses an interest in the post and is highest in order of merit will then be invited to proceed to the next stage of the recruitment process i.e. pre employment clearances. Candidates who do not express an interest in a post **will not** be moved on the panel and their ranking on the panel will not change. If a candidate is not interested in a post they do not need to take any action and can ignore the job notification email. It is most important for candidates not to express interest in posts that there is little chance they would accept if offered as this can cause large UNNECESSARY delays in the filling of posts and thus the provision of services.

Candidates, who proceed to pre-employment clearances for a specified purpose post will not receive any further expressions of interests for specified purpose posts, and will be classified as “dormant”. This means that you will not be contacted regarding any further specified purpose posts, which arise unless you notify this office. At any time, after you take up duty should you be about to become available for specified purpose work again, you can contact this office, who will immediately reactivate your status on the panel confirming your availability for specified purpose posts.

**Interviews form a part of the selection process. The HSE reserves the right to remove candidates from specific recruitment panels and retract job offers if satisfactory clearances (e.g. past /current employment references, security clearances) cannot be obtained or are unsatisfactory.**

**Note on References: The HSE must be satisfied that it has a full and comprehensive suite of references which assures it that the applicant’s past performance and behaviours are appropriate to the post. The HSE determines the merit, appropriateness and relevance of references. Please note the HSE may retract a post if sufficient satisfactory references cannot be obtained in a time frame congruent with service need. The HSE reserves the right to retract a job offer should the successful candidate be unable to fulfil the provisions / criteria of the specific post in line with service need.**

**Appendix 6**

This appendix details the documentation you must bring to interview with you. If you are invited to interview you will receive a letter detailing what documentation is required to be presented at interview

You will be required to produce the following documentation upon your arrival for your interview. Candidates who do not bring the required documentation listed below **will not be admitted to interview.**

* **Form of recent photographic identification** i.e. drivers licence, passport or student/ HSE Work I.D. This identification will be checked and returned to you immediately on the day.