



## **Athlete and Coach Experience of Paralympic Gateways & Pathways in Ireland – Research Assistant Post**

1 FTE | University of Limerick

### **About the role**

The purpose of the advertised role is to support a new Research Project titled *Athlete and Coach Experience of Paralympic Gateways & Pathways in Ireland*. The project, funded by Paralympics Ireland, aims to examine the lived experiences of athletes and coaches within Para sport in Ireland. The initiative aims to investigate what constitutes a positive developmental experience and what enhances the recruitment, retention, and overall sporting environment for Para athletes and coaches.

The successful candidate will be reporting to Dr Sean Healy (UL). In collaboration with the project team, the successful candidates will contribute to:

- Supporting development of data collection instruments (interview/focus group guides and survey)
- Supporting recruitment of athletes and coaches and data collection via interviews, focus groups, and an electronic survey.
- Carrying out administrative work to support the programme of research and any additional duties as may reasonably be required within the general scope and level of the post.

### **Candidate requirements**

- A degree (Level 8 NFQ) related to physical activity, sport, disability or other related areas.
- Excellent communication skills.
- Ability to interact with external stakeholders.
- Capacity to work independently and within a project team to achieve results.
- Highly motivated with excellent organisational skills.
- Experience with qualitative data collection and analysis
- Familiarity with Paralympics Ireland/Para sports.

### **Salary and commitments**

- The post is on point 6 of the Irish Universities Association Research Assistant scale (€34,125 per annum, pro rata)
- 1 FTE [Remote working is supported]
- Duration: 5 months (For immediate start or ASAP)

### **Applications**

Your application must include (i) a CV and (ii) cover letter explaining how you meet the criteria outlined in the above job description and why you are interested in taking this post. Candidates should email queries and their application (pdf format) to [sean.healy@ul.ie](mailto:sean.healy@ul.ie) by 5pm, June 19<sup>th</sup>. Please put "Research Assistant Post - Paralympics" in the subject heading of the email. Remote interviews will be supported. You may also phone Sean Healy with queries on 0892205148.