



Engaged Research Officer

(Grade IV)

School of Communications

12 Month Fixed Term Contract

General

Dublin City University (www.dcu.ie) is a research-intensive, globally-engaged, dynamic institution that is distinguished by both the quality and impact of its graduates and its focus on the translation of knowledge into societal and economic benefit. Excellence in its education and research activities has led to its consistent ranking in the top 50 of the world's young universities (QS Top 50 under 50).

Celsius is a DCU research cluster studying Cultural, Ethical, Legal and Social Issues in Science within the School of Communications, DCU. The group studies various perspectives on current developments in science, technology, environment and medicine and implements solutions to communication issues within recent frameworks of public engagement and Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI). RRI is a key strand of European research policy that embeds communication, engagement, education, ethics, and social inclusion within large scale technology projects. The outcome of such an approach leads to what RRI advocates refer to as 'engaged research' - a research pipeline that interacts with relevant stakeholders and the public at various points in the process. Celsius aims to foster a culture of engaged research in Ireland and beyond where science and society discuss, debate and together create scientific research and innovation that challenges and aligns with societal needs, values and expectations. Embedding a culture of engaged research at DCU is in line with the "4 X 4" Engagement Strategy of the Strategic Plan 2018-2022, which facilitates how the university collaborates with citizens, Government and enterprise locally, regionally, nationally and globally.

Celsius builds on two decades of experience in science communication teaching and research in DCU School of Communications, which has Ireland's only MSc in Science and Health Communication, and where there is an ongoing programme of PhD research on a wide variety of science communication topics.

The research cluster has been successfully awarded a number of EU funding grants on science communication and RRI through the EU Horizon 2020 Framework and European Erasmus+ Programmes and it is here that the cluster requires an excellent manager and coordinator.

Overview of Celsius and EC-funded projects

The Celsius team is significantly involved with EC-funded research projects that explore culture change with respect to research and teaching institutions and their interactions with society. Reporting to the Celsius Director, the Engaged Research Officer will play an important role in supporting the successful delivery of the EU project commitments. These include supporting European partners in:

- Evaluating the Open Schools for Open Societies (OSOS) project, which aims to implement processes that will facilitate the transformation of schools to innovative ecosystems, acting as shared sites of science learning for which leaders, teachers, students and the local community share responsibility, increasing the development of responsible citizenship;
- Evaluating and implementing the EU Erasmus+ CASE project (Creativity, Art and Science in Primary Education, supporting science teachers with creative projects in classrooms;
- Implementing RRI in 10 institutions across Europe, China and South Africa for NUCLEUS (New Understanding for Communication, Learning, Engagement of Universities and Scientific Institutions). NUCLEUS is a four-year RRI project funded by the European Commission (ending in August 2019) with the aim to overcome institutional barriers to RRI;
- Supporting our team as Dissemination and Training partner on the Responsible Research and Innovation Networked Globally (RRING) EU project. The overall project aim is to align RRI with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through global networks;
- Supporting the project Grounding RRI practices in research performing organisations (GRRIP), embedding sustainable RRI practices in 5 research organisations in the marine and maritime sectors through Action Plans for institutional and cultural change.

In addition to the above, a key aspect of the Engaged Research Officer role will include developing DCU's capacity to embed the learning and research capabilities from these projects and to bring these concepts into DCU processes to maximise public and stakeholder engagement.

Duties and responsibilities:

Reporting to the Celsius Director, the successful candidate will:

- Support DCU's participation in new and existing European funded projects including those listed above, specifically the data collection, analysis, liaising with consortium members and reporting of tasks to project coordinators across Europe;

- Develop, implement and monitor communications platforms and formats to raise the profile of the relevant projects and Celsius outputs (website, social media)
- Develop, coordinate and deliver Celsius science communication/RRI training
- Support the coordination, preparation and application for new funding opportunities in science communication and RRI that align with the strategic goals of DCU

Qualifications and Experience:

The post-holder must possess a primary degree or equivalent and at least three years relevant work experience. In addition, the successful applicant must have:

- Experience in impact studies and public engagement evaluation, and/or Responsible Research and Innovation. Ideally they will also have interdisciplinary research experience, with particular reference to social science and humanities' link with STEM subjects;
- Knowledge and practice in STEM and public engagement initiatives;
- Excellent communication and project management skills
- Excellent written skills with direct experience of drafting various documents and proposals;
- Excellent coordination and project management skills
- Proven ability to prioritize workload and work to exacting deadlines;

Desirable:

- Applicants ideally will have a postgraduate qualification in science communication, science studies, innovation studies, or a related discipline;

Given the nature of this role, the successful candidate must also have a willingness to travel internationally.

Competencies required for this post are:

- **Building & Maintaining Relationships:** Has an ability to develop and maintain good working relationships with fellow colleagues and others, within and outside the organisation. Takes a focused approach to developing contacts throughout DCU.
- **Personal Effectiveness/Excellence:** Continuously strives to learn about how things are done, why they are done that way and how the role impacts on everything. Is effective in planning and managing his/her workload.
- **Communication:** Communicates in a clear manner and actively listens and engages to gain understanding. Uses a variety of communication methods in a professional way and appropriate to the audience.
- **Team working:** Working together in a supportive manner to share tasks and information. Shows respect for the contribution of others. Will respond positively with the team, to the need for change

Salary Scale: *€35,321 - €52,791

*Appointment will be commensurate with qualifications and experience and will be made on the appropriate point of the salary scale, in line with current Government pay policy.

Closing Date: ~~46th~~ 19th November 2018

Informal enquiries to:

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Please do not send applications to this email address, instead apply as described below Application Procedure

Application forms are available from the DCU Current Vacancies (open Competitions) website at <http://www.dcu.ie/vacancies/current.shtml> and also from the Human Resources Department, Dublin City University, Dublin 9. Tel: +353 (0) 1 7005149.

Please clearly state the role that you are applying for in your application and email subject line:

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Applications should be submitted by email to hr.applications@dcu.ie or by post to the Human Resources Department, Dublin City University, Dublin 9. Human Resources Department, Dublin City University, Dublin 9. Tel: +353 1 700 5149; Fax: +353 1 700 5500 Email: hr.applications@dcu.ie

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