



Job Description

Research Centre	Institute of Future Media, Democracy and Society (FuJo)
Post title	Postdoctoral Researcher
Level on Framework	Level 1
Post duration	21 month Fixed Term Contract

Dublin City University

Dublin City University www.DCU.ie is a young, ambitious and vibrant University, with a mission 'to transform lives and societies through education, research, innovation and engagement'. Known as Ireland's 'University of Enterprise and Transformation', it is committed to the development of talent, and the discovery and translation of knowledge that advances society and the economy. DCU is the Sunday Times Irish University of the Year 2021.

The University is based on three academic campuses in the Glasnevin-Drumcondra region of north Dublin. It currently has more than 18,000 students enrolled across five faculties – Science and Health, DCU Business School, Computing and Engineering, Humanities and Social Sciences and DCU Institute of Education. DCU is committed to excellence across all its activities. This is demonstrated by its world-class research initiatives, its cutting-edge approach to teaching and learning, its focus on creating a transformative student experience, and its positive social and economic impact. This exceptional commitment on the part of its staff and students has led to DCU's ranking among the top 2% of universities globally. It also consistently features in the world's Top 100 Young Universities (currently in QS Top 70 Under 50, Times Higher Top 150 Under 100).

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As part of this role the researcher will be required to participate in the DCU Research Career Framework. This framework is designed to provide significant professional development opportunities to Researchers and offer the best opportunities in terms of a wider career path.

Background & Role

The DCU Institute of Future Media, Democracy and Society (FuJo) is a multidisciplinary research centre focused on the digital transformation of media, democracy, and society. FuJo investigates how to counter digital threats; enhance public participation through democratic innovations; and secure the sustainability of high-quality journalism and media.

FuJo is seeking a postdoctoral researcher to work on an EU-funded project linked to the European Digital Media Observatory (EDMO). The researcher will undertake research on media/information literacy needs in relation to disinformation and develop media/information literacy resources in collaboration with project partners and stakeholders. The researcher will also liaise with European partners within EDMO to share insights and resources on media/information literacy.

Duties and Responsibilities

The successful individual will report to the Principal Investigator and the duties and responsibilities of the post include, but are not limited to the following:

- Conduct a specified programme of research under the supervision and direction of the Principal Investigator
- Actively work alongside project partners and associate partners on the development of media/information literacy resources
- Assess media literacy needs in Ireland by consulting with key stakeholders (e.g. partners that have been identified) and report the results in a format that is accessible for different stakeholders
- Disseminate the outcomes of the research in which he/she is engaged including publishing in high-quality peer reviewed journals as well as accessible public resources
- Contribute to reporting and other administrative work associated with the project
- Assist, if required, with the development of proposals for research funding
- Identify relevant projects being developed by partners that we can contribute to (e.g. advising on content, developing materials)
- Work directly with our partner Media Literacy Ireland to assist with their work in running webinars and developing public resources
- Collaborate directly with our EU partners by participating in project meetings, contributing to joint proposals and the co-creation of resources

Minimum Criteria

Applicants must have a PhD in communications or a related field. In addition, it is desirable that the candidate has:

- research experience in media/information literacy;
- knowledge of the media/information literacy environment in Ireland and the EU;
- experience working with multidisciplinary and non-academic stakeholders in European projects;
- excellent communication and organisational skills; and
- experience of grant writing.

Candidates will be assessed on the following competencies:

Discipline knowledge and Research skills – Demonstrates knowledge of a research discipline and the ability to conduct a specific programme of research within that discipline

Understanding the Research Environment – Demonstrates an awareness of the research environment (for example funding bodies) and the ability to contribute to grant applications

Communicating Research – Demonstrates the ability to communicate their research with their peers and the wider research community (for example presenting at conferences and publishing research in relevant journals) and the potential to teach and tutor students

Managing & Leadership skills - Demonstrates the potential to manage a research project including the supervision of undergraduate students