Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for the following position:

Post-Doctoral Researcher
Institute of Future Media, Democracy and Society (FuJo)
22 months Fixed Term Contract

Dublin City University

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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 connected 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 association with project partners and stakeholders. The individual will also liaise with European partners within EDMO to share insights and resources on media/information literacy

Principal Duties and Responsibilities
Please refer to the job description for a list of duties and responsibilities associated with this role.

Minimum Criteria

Applicants must have a PhD in communications or a related field and minimum of 1 year's relevant postdoctoral research experience or equivalent.

In addition, it is desirable that the candidate has:

- Research experience in the area of disinformation
- Knowledge of the research and regulatory environment surrounding disinformation in Ireland and the EU
- Experience working with multidisciplinary and non-academic stakeholders in European projects
- Excellent communication and organisational skills
- 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

Essential Training

The potholder will be required to undertake the following essential compliance training: Orientation, Health & Safety and Data Protection (GDPR), Equality and diversity, and Intellectual Property. Other training may need to be undertaken when required.

Salary Scale:

IUA Postdoctoral Researcher Salary Scale Postdoc €37,874 - €49,048

Appointment will be commensurate with qualifications and experience and in line with current Government pay policy

Closing date: Friday 27th May 2022

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Informal Enquiries in relation to this role should be directed to:

Dr Eileen Culloty, Assistant Professor, DCU School of Communications, Dublin City University.
Email: eileen.culloty@dcu.ie

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 website at
https://www.dcu.ie/hr/vacancies-current-vacancies-external-applicants (external applicants)

Applications should be submitted by e-mail with your completed application form to
hr.applications@dcu.ie

Please clearly state the role that you are applying for in your application and email subject line: Job Ref #RF1673 Postdoctoral Researcher, Institute of Future Media, Democracy and Society (FuJo)

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