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DCU Business School Dublin City University

DCU Business School is looking to host an experienced researcher via funding through Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Fellowships. In order to secure funding, the experienced researcher must develop a proposal with the host for the September 14th, 2022 deadline.

Organisation Description

Just as today's organisations operate today in a business environment that requires constant innovation, adaptability and reinvention in order to succeed, at DCU Business School we place innovation at the heart of everything we do, ensuring our graduates enter the workforce prepared with skills and the most up-to-date knowledge that set the foundations for a successful career. Our academic staff have won €8 million in research grants over the past number of years from national funding agencies and under international funding programmes. 75% of faculty are active publishers in peer-reviewed journals. 77% of this cohort have published in ABS 3, 4 and 4* journals in the past five years. In short, education at DCU Business School means learning from leading researchers across the business fields.

Dr. Paul Davis is a lecturer in Strategic Procurement and Supply Management at Dublin City University. A graduate of the NIHE Dublin. Dr. Davis left industry after 15 years in senior supply management roles to pursue a PhD and a research career in procurement and supply management. During his academic career he has worked for Trinity College Dublin. Griffeth College Dublin. National College of Ireland as well as being an associate Professor at UCSC, Italy, ESB, Germany, QMUL, London, BUPT Beijing, and ISEE, Paris, France. He has been PI for the €3.7m European Union INTERREG-funded "Winning in Tendering" collaboration between Dublin City University, Bangor University and the Irish Institute of Purchasing & Materials Management. His research is currently focused on Public Procurement and Micro Enterprises.

Project idea and researcher opportunities

Research Field: Public Procurement:

The purpose of the research is to provide a 'fit for purpose' public procurement process (PPP) Policy Document for the use in the next LEADER programme, due to commence in late 2022 to early 2023. The new LEADER programme will be as were its predecessors, a multi-annual one and is likely to run for at least 5 years from that date.

Of specific interest to the research part of the work will be:

- a comparative study piece on other EU member state systems of public procurement.



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- An analysis of other systems of procurement operated by similar EU 'bottom-up' funds: e.g. the 'Fisheries Local Action Group' (FLAG) delivery of the 'LEADER-mirroring' element of the European Fisheries Fund.
- Declarations and publications from the Irish government and agencies on PPP that would inform the design of an optimum system for LEADER.

In relation to the design of the new system, there will be a requirement to develop a brief report that analyses and digests the research and proposes a PPP that provides the following elements:

- Compliance with EU regulations and expressed principles of PPP.
- Ease of use and proportionality in demands on time and expense: i.e. reduce excessive bureaucratic demands on micro/ SMEs and community groups both in terms of the values applied for and purpose of the project: e.g. 'community good',
- Reduce or eliminate the 'chilling effect' that the current PPP has on the innovative principle of the LEADER programme.
- A PPP that facilitates change and adaptation in projects as allowed for in the EU's guidelines.
- A 'road map' through the Irish and EU systems as to how LDCs can plan a campaign to get the optimum system adopted.
- A 'user-friendly' brief of all the above intended for a lay person audience: e.g. politicians, policy makers/ influencers, media, etc.

Researcher Requirements

- The researcher must fulfil the MSCA-PF mobility¹ and should not be more than 8 years post PhD at the deadline of the call.
- Applicants should have a PhD in a relevant area and demonstrate a promising track record of early research achievements.

¹ **Recruited researchers must comply with the following mobility rule:** they must not have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in the country of the beneficiary (for European Postdoctoral Fellowships), or the host organisation for the outgoing phase (for Global Postdoctoral Fellowships) for more than 12 months in the 36 months immediately before the call deadline (<https://bit.ly/39QTUQg>). Furthermore, regarding Global Fellowships, applicants must be nationals, or long-term residents, of an EU Member State or Associated Country. (Long-term residents definition: a period of at least 5 consecutive years spent in an EU Member State or Associated Country, prior to the 14th September 2022).



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Application procedure

Please describe what documents (e.g. CV, letter of motivation) the applicant should send you
A short CV

1. A one-page research proposal
2. A short statement with indication of why DCU and the relevant faculty/school/research centre would be the best host institution for your research project

Contact information

If you are interested in applying for a MSCA-PF with DCU Business School please email Paul Davis (paul.davis@dcu.ie) and Dr Sumona Mukherjee (sumona.mukherjee@dcu.ie) as early as possible.