



Research Integration Lead
Adapt Centre
Professional 5a
3 Year Fixed Term Contract

Dublin City University

Dublin City University (DCU) is a leading innovative European University. It is proud to be one of the world's leading Young Universities and is among the world's top 2% globally. DCU is known as Ireland's University of Impact, with a mission to 'transform lives and societies' and focuses on addressing global challenges in collaboration with key national and international partners and stakeholders.

DCU has over 20,000 students in five faculties spread across three academic campuses in the Glasnevin-Drumcondra area of North Dublin. Thanks to its innovative approach to teaching and learning, the University offers a 'transformative student experience' that helps to develop highly sought-after graduates. DCU is currently No. 1 in Ireland for Graduate Employment Rate, and for graduate income (CSO).

DCU is a research-intensive University and is home to a number of SFI-funded Research Centres. The University participates in a range of European and international research partnerships. DCU is also the leading Irish university in the area of technology transfer as reflected by licensing of intellectual property.

As a 'People First' institution, DCU is committed to Equality, Diversity and Inclusion - a University that helps staff and students to thrive. The University is a leader in terms of its work to increase access to education, and is placed in the world's Top 10 for reducing inequalities in the Times Higher Education Impact Rankings.

Background

The ADAPT Centre is Ireland's global centre of excellence for digital content technology. It combines the expertise of researchers at eight universities (Trinity College Dublin, Dublin City University, University College Dublin, and Technological University of Dublin, Maynooth University, Technological University of the Shannon, Munster Technological University and University of Galway) with that of its industry partners to produce ground-breaking digital content innovations.

ADAPT brings together more than 300 researchers who collectively have won more than €100m in funding and have a strong track record of transferring world-leading research and innovations to more than 140 companies. ADAPT partners are successfully advancing the frontiers of content analysis, machine translation, personalisation, e-learning/education, media technologies and spoken interaction, as well as driving global standards in content technologies.

With €50m in research funding from Science Foundation Ireland and industry and with ambitious targets for additional new funding under the EU's Horizon Europe and other programmes, ADAPT is seeking talented individuals to join its growing team. Our research and technologies will continue to help businesses in all sectors to achieve unprecedented engagement among customers, companies and communities.

Role Profile

The ADAPT Centre is now seeking to appoint a Research Integration Lead to deliver expert project management, drive research collaboration initiatives and lead administration activities across multiple research projects. As a member of the Research Services team, this role is crucial to drive the successful implementation and operationalisation of the ADAPT Centre's research portfolio across 8 universities. The successful candidate will have significant scientific expertise as well as project management, leadership and communications skills and experience.

The Research Integration Lead is a senior position within ADAPT's broader Operations team and the post-holder will be expected to collaborate closely with other members of the team. While the successful candidate will primarily coordinate and support SFI funded platform projects, there may be opportunities to become involved in Industry and EU Funded projects. Given the cross-institutional nature of this role, the appointee will be required, from time to time, to travel to other partner universities.

Principle Duties and Responsibilities

- Manage ADAPT's portfolio of Platform Funded research projects and activities.
- Provide mentorship and direction to Research Integration Coordinator.
- Support and advise ADAPT Principal Investigators and Funded Investigators in the delivery and execution of specific programme objectives, deliverables and milestones within platform research projects.
- Provide coordination of research programme meetings (at all levels from full team to individual researchers) and ensure that appropriate notes and decisions are tracked.
- Create opportunities for academics and researchers to share knowledge and collaborate.
- Drive the organisation of plenary 'scientific meetings' across ADAPT research strands and support cross-strand collaborative research and communications.
- Maintain awareness of activities across ADAPT to enhance organisational efficiency through dissemination of ideas/technology/expertise across programmes.
- Act as a knowledge, information and communications conduit between and across research strands, operations team members and spokes/commercialisation team on research progress and developments.
- Work closely with ADAPT Operations Teams to ensure effective integration of activities into ADAPT's research programme.
- Contribute to the preparation of the ADAPT Governance/annual/quarterly and metrics reports as appropriate.
- Provide regular project progress updates to the Centre Director, Management, PIs and Operations Team, providing a high-level view of research progress, flagging potential or

emerging issues in advance.

- Manage and direct team communication strategies, within and across projects and programmes.
- Undertake other duties as may be required from time-to-time by the ADAPT Centre Director or Head of Research Strategy & Integration.

Qualifications and Experience

Essential Criteria

The successful candidate will have significant scientific and project management experience, with a postgraduate degree (MSc or PhD) in a relevant discipline and recognised project management credentials. The successful candidate must also have specialist knowledge and experience of the national and EU research funding landscape and a successful track record of leading, supporting interdisciplinary research projects. in addition to the following:

- At least 8 years' experience in the management, leadership and reporting of large collaborative research projects, both pre and post award.
- Previous experience working in an academic research environment across multiple sites is essential.
- A clear understanding of project management processes and the ability to implement appropriate project management methods to support the delivery of high quality research.
- Proven experience in building trusted relationships with senior management, academics, researchers, support teams and other stakeholders.
- Exceptional organisational skills with a strong work ethic and the ability to manage multiple projects/tasks and balance competing priorities.
- Experience in the organisation of large-scale research meetings and conferences.
- Knowledge of national research priorities, strategies and the research funding landscape.
- Must be a personable, motivated team player, with strong communication and influencing skills.
- Excellent written communication skills, experienced in report writing.
- Ability to work under own initiative with a proactive approach to problem solving.
- Must be computer literate with proficiency in MS Office, GSuite and MS Project.
- Project management qualification/certification (PMP, APM or equivalent).

Essential Training

The post holder will be required to undertake the following mandatory compliance training: Orientation, Health and Safety and Intellectual Property and Data Protection training. Other training may need to be undertaken when required.

Dublin City University is an equal opportunities employer.

In line with the Employment Equality Acts 1998 – 2015, the University is committed to equality of treatment for all those who engage with its recruitment, selection and appointment processes.

The University's Athena SWAN Bronze Award signifies the University's commitment to promoting gender equality and addressing any gender pay gaps. Information on a range of university policies

aimed at creating a supportive and flexible work environment are available in the DCU Policy Starter Packs