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

Research Centre	Fiontar agus Scoil na Gaeilge
Post title	Research Assistant
	Enterprise Development
Post duration	9 Months 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.

Fiontar agus Scoil na Gaeilge, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

Fiontar and Scoil na Gaeilge is an interdisciplinary School which is recognised internationally for the quality of programmes it delivers through the medium of Irish, and for the innovative nature of the teaching, research and work of the academic staff and researchers in a wide range of disciplines, most notably the digital projects (www.gaois.ie). Students attend courses such as the BA Gnó agus Gaeilge, the MA in Irish and the MSc in Management and Digital Business. Many staff collaborate with colleagues across the campus, nationally, and internationally not only on language-based topics, but also on topics such as entrepreneurship, finance, online learning and digital business.

ICE Innovation, Creativity and Entrepreneurship in DCU

DCU ICE is a strategic initiative to bring together, highlight, publicise and develop DCU's extensive activity across the areas of innovation, creativity and enterprise. DCU prides itself on its well-integrated eco-system for innovation and entrepreneurship for staff and for students. The wide range of such activities ensures that students and staff across all disciplines have the opportunity to engage with opportunities to develop their creative and innovative activities into viable technological, for profit and social enterprises.

Civic Engagement in DCU

Meaningful engagement with stakeholders and our wider society is key to delivering impact. DCU prides itself on its wide ranging meaningful and vibrant engagement with civil society as part of its strategic mission. Staff collaborate with numerous civic organisations in working towards fostering sustainable equitable communities and societies, at local, regional, national and international level. The Centre for Engaged Research promotes such collaboration.

Role Profile

Reporting to the Principal Investigator (PI) of the project, this full-time role is to assist the PI in running a number of current and future projects. The appointee will be required to assist the PI in preparing, designing, implementing and reviewing various activities in conjunction with a number of academics across the university, and in conjunction with leaders in Gaeltacht areas, in the Irish language sector, in the social enterprise, NGO and charity sector in Ireland, as well as with Erasmus+ and EIT project partners.

The purpose of the position is to ensure that a number of projects are completed in an effective and efficient manner, resulting in a much-enhanced portfolio of learning materials, experiences, and opportunities in the areas of social enterprise and social innovation (SEI); Gaeltacht enterprise development; and graduate engineering entrepreneurship. The role may suit a candidate already pursuing PhD studies, or considering pursuing PhD studies at a later stage.

Duties and Responsibilities

The duties and responsibilities associated with this role include, but not be limited to:

● Assist with the day-to-day running of the projects, assisting the PI on an on-going basis.
● Assist the PIs in engaging with internal and external - including international -
Stakeholders, including academic and administrative staff, and those working in Gaeltacht development; the Irish language sector; the social enterprise, NGOs and charity sector; and graduate engineering entrepreneurship.
● Contribute to the design of a curriculum and materials aimed at fostering entrepreneurship and innovation competencies.
● Provide input into the collation of best-practice and discipline-relevant learning materials, learning opportunities and external competition details to disseminate online and via targeted mailing lists.
● Promote and disseminate the projects' work and achievements in print, broadcast, digital and social media.

● Attend and present results as required at project progress meetings in conjunction with the PI.

● Prepare and present project activity and achievement reports.

● Provide administrative assistance in preparing, running and delivering workshops and events for both staff and students.

● Conduct research on the outcomes and impact of the projects.

Qualifications and Experience

Essential

- An honours primary degree, and, ideally, a master's degree.
- At least one of the degrees would ideally be in the humanities, social sciences, education, business or a related discipline, preferably including an element of social innovation and entrepreneurship.
- A high level of written and oral competency in the Irish language. *

* An Irish language examination could form part of the application process.

Desirable

- At least one year's work experience in a field related to their studies and/or this position; experience of working in Gaeltacht development; the Irish language sector; the social enterprise, NGO or charity sector in a paid or voluntary capacity.
- The ability to work as part of an innovative collaborative team and to innovate in an early-stage organisational environment with multiple stake-holders.
- The ability to engage with and support collaboration with academic and administrative colleagues within DCU and in the above listed sectors.
- Experience in devising, testing, adapting and revising innovative solutions to social problems.
- An interest in working through the medium of Irish and in an international European context.
- A strong ethic and commitment to problem-solving and the creation of innovative solutions to social challenges.
- Excellent team working skills.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills.
- Very good organisational skills with an ability to prioritise workloads and to work successfully on own initiative.

Essential Training

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