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

Research Centre	DCU School of Law and Government
Post title	2x Postdoctoral Researcher
	Tech Against Terrorism Europe (TATE)
Level on Framework	Level 2
Post duration	18-month 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.

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Background & Role

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.

Project background: The Tech Against Terrorism Europe (TATE) project, funded by the European Union (ISF-2021-AG-TCO-101080101), will support smaller hosting services providers (HSPs) in preventing terrorist actors from disseminating terrorist content as defined in the EU's terrorist content online (TCO) regulation and in Directive (EU) 2017/541.

Combining unique industry-leading expertise from private sector organisations and directing academic institutions actively engaged in tackling TCO, the consortium of partners will ensure TATE delivers the long-term impacts of large-scale disruption of TCO on priority HSPs, providing a sustainable foundation for practical support mechanisms for smaller HSPs in countering terrorist content online.

The mission of TATE will be achieved by increasing awareness of the TCO Regulation and requirements among small HSPs through the creation of a series of unique interactive learning materials. This will be supported by the introduction of a bespoke TCO capacity-building programme for HSPs, taking priority HSPs through the capacity-building programme, scaling existing technical solutions to benefit all smaller HSPs in scope for the TCO regulation.

Objectives for the role:

- To provide a data-directed examination of online terrorist ecosystems in order to identify at-risk platforms, namely the platforms that are used to share or store terrorist content, be it opportunistically or on a regular basis. These platforms span various products and include social media, encrypted messengers, cloud drives, websites, decentralized web, darknet links, email marketing and more. This work will be based on intensive monitoring of the foremost platforms exploited by terrorist groups and will inform TATE's outreach efforts to smaller HSPs;
- To assess the specific challenges smaller HSPs face in carrying out their existing work in line with the goals of the TCO regulation. Research will consist of in-depth qualitative interviews with priority EU-based HSPs.
- Outcomes of both of these goals will feed into objective three of the project, which is the development of an at-risk HSP prioritisation matrix.

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 Politics/International Relations, including particularly Security Studies, Communication and Media Studies, especially with an online focus, or other relevant discipline. Applicants should have a minimum of 4 years relevant postdoctoral research experience or equivalent at Level 1 of the Research Career Framework. In addition, it is desirable that applicants have experience in extremism and/or terrorism research and:

- Excellent communication, interpersonal and organisational skills;
- Be able to take initiative and work under pressure to tight deadlines, and have the ability to work effectively as part of an interdisciplinary team;
- Strong leadership and influencing skills with expertise in project management;
- Well-developed qualitative and/or quantitative research skills;
- A publication track record.

Candidates will be assessed on the following tests:

Discipline knowledge and Research skills – Demonstrates the ability to design and implement part of a programme of research (for example by using critical thinking and the application of relevant research methodologies).

Understanding the Research Environment – Demonstrates a thorough comprehending of the research environment both nationally and internationally and the ability to contribute substantially to grant applications.

Communicating Research – Demonstrates the ability to communicate their research effectively to the research community and wider society (for example by publishing their research in high quality peer reviewed journals) and the ability to teach and tutor students.

Managing & Leadership skills - Successfully manages research projects including the management and supervision of postgraduates and/or junior research staff.

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.

Salary Scale:

IUA Postdoctoral Researcher Salary Scale - €42,033 - €54,153

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

Closing date: Tuesday, 2 May 2023

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

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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

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 *RF1852 / RF1853* Postdoctoral Researcher, Tech Against Terrorism Europe (TATE)

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