



Research Centre	Institute for Future Media, Democracy, and Society
Post title	Research Fellow Communications
Level on Framework	Level 2
Post duration	11 Months

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

The DCU Institute for Future Media, Democracy, and Society (FuJo) is a multidisciplinary research centre focused on the digital transformation of media, democracy, and society. The Institute investigates the challenges and opportunities of digital media; how to enhance public participation through democratic innovations; and how to secure the sustainability of high-quality public-interest media. The Institute is looking for a Research Fellow to support our funded projects on, for example, media ownership, disinformation, and democratic innovations. The Research Fellow will engage in research projects under the supervision of the Institute Director and Principal Investigators.

Principal Duties and Responsibilities

Reporting to Prof. Jane Suiter (DCU FuJo Director) and working with Dr Eileen Culloty and Dr Roddy Flynn and based in the DCU Institute for Future Media, Democracy and Society, the Research Fellow will:

- Conduct a specified programme of research under the supervision and direction of the Principal Investigator.
- Assist the PI and research group in the design and development of the research programme.
- Substantially contribute to the identification of external funding sources and assist in the writing of grant proposals.
- Mentor, assist and supervise postgraduate research students and junior research staff as required.
- Assist the PI in the management / co-ordination of key aspects of the research programme (e.g., financial management, reporting, equipment management etc.).
- Engage in the dissemination of the results of the research in which he/she is engaged to the wider research community with the support and under the supervision of the Principal Investigator.
- Engage in appropriate training and development opportunities as required by the Principal Investigator, the School or Research Centre, or the University.
- Engage in teaching and teaching assistance as assigned by the Head of School under the direction of the Principal Investigator.
- Engage with internal and external stakeholders including academic and industry partners/collaborators as appropriate.
- Carry out administrative work associated with the programme as necessary.

Minimum Criteria

Applicants must have a PhD in communications or a related 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 required that applicants have experience in quantitative (experimental) survey design and analysis. It is desirable that applicants are familiar with the literature or industry dimensions of contemporary Irish and international media and have experience of working on teams and to deadlines.

Candidates will be assessed on the following competencies:

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 understanding 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.