



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

<b>Research Centre</b>	ADAPT Centre
<b>Post title</b>	Postdoctoral Researcher in Machine Translation / Translation Technology
<b>Level on Framework</b>	Level 1
<b>Post duration</b>	Up to 24 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.

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.

## **Research Career Framework**

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.

## **Overview of the Department**

The ADAPT research centre at DCU is looking to recruit a postdoctoral researcher in human factors in machine translation (MT). ADAPT, the world-leading SFI Research Centre for AI-Driven Digital Content Technology, brings leading academics, researchers and industry partners together to deliver excellent science, engage the public, develop novel solutions for business across all sectors and enhance Ireland's international reputation. Coordinated by Trinity College Dublin and co-hosted by Dublin City University, ADAPT's research vision is to pioneer new forms of proactive, scalable, and integrated AI-driven Digital Media Technology that empower individuals and society to engage in digital experiences with control, inclusion, and accountability with the long-term goal of a balanced digital society by 2030. The ADAPT Centre maintains a large research infrastructure at DCU.

## **Role Profile**

The role will be part of the 'Transforming Digital Content' Challenge, led by Dr. Joss Moorkens, and based in the School of Applied Language and Intercultural Studies (SALIS), carrying out research in human factors in MT, looking at the work/social, and ethical consequences of the integration of both MT and generative AI into translation workflows. The aim of this research is to affect the ways that translators and end users interact with MT and multilingual AI by producing studies that highlight the opportunities and risks in the use of these tools – and work with stakeholders in an effort to provide reliable access to multilingual information. There will be opportunities to work with other researchers within ADAPT, SALIS, and DCU's Institute of Ethics and Centre for Translation and Textual Studies, along with international collaborators on related projects, to avail of DCU and ADAPT training and events, and also to contribute to SALIS by teaching onto modules on translation technology and supervising projects at Masters level.

## **Principal Duties and Responsibilities**

The successful candidate will agree a research agenda with the project PI based on the ADAPT research programme and the candidates research interests. This includes:

- Scoping, planning, carrying out, and publishing research, with a primary focus on Q1 journal articles.
- Report project progress to the project PI and ADAPT Operations team at agreed intervals including details in core KPIs.
- Contributing to teaching on the European Masters in Translation accredited translation programmes in SALIS.
- Engaging with ADAPT and SALIS education and public engagement work.

Central to the project will be dissemination of research findings internally to the relevant stakeholders and externally to the wider public, in the hope of informing future policy and practice.

### **Qualifications, Skills and Experience Required**

Applicants should have a PhD in translation technology/machine translation/natural language processing. In addition, it is desirable that the candidate has experience in human factors in machine translation.

#### **The candidate will also have:**

- Excellent communication, interpersonal and organisational skills, be able to take initiative and work to deadlines, and the ability to work effectively as part of an interdisciplinary and diverse team.
- Excellent research and evaluation skills, experience and familiarity with a broad range of translation quality evaluations methods and metrics, and ideally experience in qualitative and quantitative research methods.
- A track record of effective networking and building strong working relationships within a cross-disciplinary team.

#### **Candidates will be assessed on the following competencies:**

**Discipline knowledge and Research skills** – Demonstrates knowledge of a research discipline and the ability to conduct a specific programme of research within that discipline.

**Understanding the Research Environment** – Demonstrates an awareness of the research environment (for example funding bodies) and the ability to contribute to grant applications.

**Communicating Research** – Demonstrates the ability to communicate their research with their peers and the wider research community (for example presenting at conferences and publishing research in relevant journals) and the potential to teach and tutor students.

**Managing & Leadership skills** - Demonstrates the potential to manage a research project including the supervision of undergraduate students.

### **Essential Training**

The postholder will be required to undertake the following essential compliance training: Orientation, Health & Safety, Data Protection (GDPR) and all Cyber Security Awareness Training. They will also be expected to engage with DCU/ADAPT training on Gender, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion. Other training may need to be undertaken when required.