

# Applications are invited from suitable candidates for the following position:

# Project Manager Grain-4-Lab Research Project School of Physical Sciences Faculty of Science and Health Fixed term contract up to 13 months

# **Dublin City University**

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## Background & Role

The Faculty of Science and Health at Dublin City University invites applications for a project manager role to work on the SFI funded Grain-4-Lab project aimed at reducing the negative environmental impacts of laboratories due to their single-use lab plastics, by replacing them with bioplastic alternatives. The project focuses on a circular economy model where the bioplastic lab consumables can be composted or recycled, thereby reducing the current tonnes of fossil fuel based plastic lab consumables that currently go to incineration. This project will also seek to comprehend the single use plastic consumption habits in teaching and research labs and design and implement interventions to reduce consumption, thereby reducing single-use waste, and changing the current 'business-as-usual' model to future proofed sustainable models.

This project is seeking the recruitment of a Project Manager to co-ordinate and lead delivery, financial, resource and risk management, working closely with the project leads from across the faculty. The position is available from July 2023 for 13 months.

# **Duties and Responsibilities**

Please refer to the job description for a list of duties and responsibilities associated with this role.

## **Qualifications and Experience**

## Essential:

- Candidates must have a Primary Degree or equivalent (NFQ Level 7) in an relevant area
- Candidates must also have at least one year project management experience on a university research project and a minimum of 5 years' experience in financial/budget management.
- Candidates must also possess an agile or traditional Project Management qualification and experience in achieving funding success.

## **Desirable Experience:**

- The successful candidate will ideally have a minimum level 9 qualification in a science related discipline (Master's or above).
- The Applicants must demonstrate significant practical experience working as a Project Manager or similar role, and a thorough comprehension of Project Management techniques in a complex organisation encompassing diverse user communities.
- Expertise with a Project Management software, such as Microsoft Project would be desirable.
- Proven track record in Project Management skills including financial management, planning, scheduling, reporting, resource management, communications, risk management, dependencies, scope, time quality and budgets. Experience with the Agresso financial management system is highly desirable.
- Candidates must demonstrate the ability to work with a high degree of professional effectiveness including producing accurate reports, meeting deadlines, prioritising, and delivering quality work.
- Ability to work well within a broader team and demonstrate flexibility and approachability, including expertise in integrating multi-disciplinary teams.
- Ability to problem solve, brainstorm and to generate innovative ideas and solutions.
- A proven track-record in project delivery and, ideally, will have experience of working with systems and processes used in the Higher Education sector.
- Excellent social, communication and organisational skills with an ability to work with a variety of different project stakeholders.

## **Essential Training**

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

## Salary Scale: Professional 6 (Administrator 1) - €58,408 – €83,204

\*Appointment will be commensurate with qualifications and experience and will be made on the appropriate point of the IUA Researcher salary scale, in line with current Government pay policy.

Closing date: Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023

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

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#### **Application procedure:**

Application forms are available from the DCU Current Vacancies website at <a href="https://www.dcu.ie/hr/hr-current-vacancies-internal-competitions">https://www.dcu.ie/hr/hr-current-vacancies-internal-competitions</a>

Applications should be submitted by e-mail with your completed application form and CV to <u>hr.applications@dcu.ie</u>

Please clearly state the role that you are applying for in your application and email subject line: Job Reference #ST1856 Project Manager, Grain-4-Lab Research Project.

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