Call for Expressions of Interest from Postdoctoral Candidates

The Irish Research Council has scheduled a call for the Enterprise Partnership Scheme with an anticipated launch in Quarter 4 2021. The Enterprise Partnership Scheme supports researchers seeking to work in partnership with academia and industry while facilitating the development of workplace skills and new research. The Postdoctoral Fellowships offered by the Irish Research Council’s Enterprise Partnership Scheme are an excellent opportunity for early career researchers to develop research which aligns with the objectives of an enterprise partner\(^1\) with the support of a higher education institution.

DCU’s Institute of Education is currently seeking expressions of interest from postdoctoral researchers who are considering applying for funding through the Irish Research Council’s Enterprise Partnership Scheme. In order to secure funding, applicants must develop a proposal for the anticipated deadline in Quarter 4 in 2021.

The Institute of Education is keen to host excellent postdoctoral researchers to work with our academic mentors in the areas of education from early years to further and higher education and/or the foundation disciplines including philosophy, sociology and psychology. We welcome expressions of interest from excellent candidates interested in developing persuasive proposals for an Irish Research Council Enterprise Partnership Postdoctoral Fellowship with DCU Institute of Education as the supporting higher education institution. While at DCU, Postdoctoral Fellows, funded by the Irish Research Council Enterprise Partnership Scheme, will be given the opportunity to participate in the University’s Research Career Framework. DCU’s comprehensive Research Development Programme supports the continuous professional development of researchers, ensuring individuals can meet the demands of their roles while maximising opportunities within the University with a view to developing a wider career path. Our Research Support Office offers professional assistance with proposal preparation, and the principles embodied in the European Charter for Researchers and Code of Conduct for Researchers, as endorsed by the University, will be reflected in the training and mentorship provided at DCU.

\(^1\) An enterprise partner is a company; a registered charity; a social, cultural or not-for-profit civic organisation; a state-owned enterprise; or an eligible public body that will co-fund the researcher for the duration of the award. The enterprise may be based nationally or internationally. A public body is a public service body with specific scientific or cultural infrastructure that is integral to the conduct and completion of the proposed research.
The **Institute of Education** has a particular focus on engagement in high-quality research that improves pedagogic practices and enhances learners' experiences in formal, informal and/or non-formal learning contexts, and that informs policy-making and civil society within and beyond Ireland. Research partners have included The European Association for the Education of Adults, Foundation Open Science, LearnIT, NASC Ireland, Friends International Centre Against Bullying, The Humanist Association of Ireland, and Welsh Centre for Language Planning, while research funding has been secured from a range of organisations, including the following: Facebook, Microsoft Ireland, Health Service Executive, Teaching Council, Volunteer Ireland, and the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission.

With internationally-recognised experts in education policy, inclusive and special education, curriculum and pedagogy, assessment, literacy, evaluation and teacher education, the Institute provides a dynamic learning and working environment.

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**Researcher Requirements**

- The researcher must fulfil the IRC eligibility criteria[^2] and should not be more than 5 years post PhD.
- Applicants should have a PhD in a relevant area of education and demonstrate a promising track record of early research achievements.
- The proposal should align with the work and objectives of a suitable enterprise partner to fulfil the co-fund requirements of the research fellowship.

**Application procedure**

To register your expression of interest, the following information should be submitted to Dr Maura Coulter, Associate Dean for Research, DCU's Institute of Education ([maura.coulter@dcu.ie](mailto:maura.coulter@dcu.ie)) as early as possible:

1. A short CV
2. A one-page research proposal
3. A short statement with indication of why DCU, the relevant faculty/school/research centre, and the enterprise partner would be the most suitable host/partner for your research project

**Contact information**

Queries may be directed to Dr Sumona Mukherjee ([sumona.mukherjee@dcu.ie](mailto:sumona.mukherjee@dcu.ie)).

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[^2]: Five years or less post-PhD (this is a provisional guideline as the cut-off dates will be confirmed once the call document has been published); authored or co-authored at least one peer-reviewed publication, an equivalent or provide samples of written work; must not have two previous unsuccessful applications to the programme; must not be employed as a postdoctoral researcher for more than 5 years.