



Postdoctoral Researcher in Political Communication
The Institute for Future Media and Journalism
Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences
Fixed Term Contract up to 30 months

Introduction

Dublin City University (www.dcu.ie) is a research-intensive, globally-engaged, dynamic institution that is distinguished by both the quality and impact of its graduates and its focus on the translation of knowledge into societal and economic benefit. DCU prepares its students well for success in life, and in the workplace, by providing a high-quality, rounded education appropriate to the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century. As Ireland's University of Enterprise and Transformation, DCU is characterised by a focus on innovation and entrepreneurship and a track-record of effective engagement with the enterprise sector, including commercial, social and cultural enterprises. Excellence in its education and research activities has led to DCU's consistent position in the rankings of the world's top young universities.

Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences

The Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in Dublin City University is DCU's largest Faculty, blending long-established subjects, such as English Literature, Applied Languages, Geography, History, Irish, Law, Music, Politics, Theology and Philosophy with newer disciplines, such as Media Studies, Translation Studies and International Relations.

DCU is now ranked in the top 200 universities in the world for 'arts and humanities' and in the top 250 universities for 'social sciences'. Five of the Faculty's individual disciplines are also ranked in the QS top 300 universities in the world – three of those in the top 200 globally. With almost 200 research students, an average of 10 monographs and 125 international peer-

reviewed publications per year and an average externally generated research expenditure of over €3 million per year, the Faculty has a strong research profile of international standing.

The Institute for Future Media and Journalism

FuJo is an innovative and experimental space for journalism and media research. It provides a platform where journalists, communication scholars, social and data scientists, software engineers and philosophers can come together. We will test thinking, create new formats, bounce new ideas and technologies and research best practice.

The Institute brings the experience and reach of DCU's top rated School of Communications and Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences together with researchers from the DCU arms of the SFI research centres, the Insight Centre for Data Analytics and the ADAPT Centre for Content Creation, along with the Institute of Ethics and the Centre for Cloud Computing.

EUComMeet - Developing Participatory Spaces using a Multi-stage, Multi-level, Multi-mode, Multi-lingual, Dynamic Deliberative approach (M⁴D²)

EUComMeet is funded under H2020 :Governance: RIA. It brings together a consortium of 9 partners including: Università degli Studi di Siena (UNISI); Agencia Estatal Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Cientificas (CSIC); Åbo Akademi University (ÅAU); University of Warsaw (UW); Dublin City University (DCU); Tour4EU; University of Stuttgart (USTUTT); Missions Publiques (MP) and Université Paris 8 Vincennes Saint-Denis (UP8). It is led by Università degli Studi di Siena.

Role Profile

Dublin City University is seeking applications for a post-doctoral researcher to work on the EUComMeet project which aims at exploring under which conditions deliberation and representation can be an effective “response to the challenges besetting liberal representative democracies.” In order to do so, EUComMeet intends:

1. To experiment with ways of systematically embedding deliberative practices and institutions in the multilevel system of governance and representation of the European Union;

2. To explore under which conditions deliberation and participation can help (1) reduce polarisation, (2) strengthen European identity, (3) encourage inclusiveness and (4) citizens' reflectivity, and (5) narrow the representative gap between policymakers and citizens.

This post will specifically focus on the work package on citizens' reflectivity and a knowledge of the deliberative democracy literature and experience of experimental methods is required.

Duties & Responsibilities

- Work towards a literature review and to devise strategies to maximise inclusion and representativeness in deliberation.
- Help design effective background material and strategies of interactions between participants and policymakers, experts or stakeholders as means to enhance argumentations and informed reasoning that are conducive to more reflective societies
- Examine the effects of such strategies in the follow-up stage.
- Participate in FuJo grant applications
- Other duties as directed by the PI.

Qualifications and experience

The candidate will have a PhD in political science or communications with experience of experimental methods and will have experience in carrying out self-directed research. Candidates should also be able to work collaboratively in a team environment.

Desirable:

- Strong administration skills
- Experience of administration in higher education
- Ability to work in Microsoft Office, including Word, Excel, PowerPoint
- Ability to work in Stata/ R for data analysis
- Relevant peer-reviewed publications in international journals

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 collaborative partners) and the ability to contribute to grant applications.

Communicating Research – Demonstrates the ability to convey 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 contributing to the development of a research centre

Mandatory Training

Post holders will be required to undertake the following mandatory training: Orientation, GDPR, and Compliance. Other training may need to be undertaken when required.

Dublin City University is an equal opportunities employer and is committed to promoting gender equality reflected in its attainment of the Athena SWAN Bronze Award. Information on a range of university policies aimed at creating a supportive and flexible work environment are available at www4.dcu.ie/policies/policy-starter-packs.shtml.