



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

**Postdoctoral Researcher in Digital Folkloristics**  
**Level 1 - DCU Career Framework**  
**Gaois, Fiontar agus Scoil na Gaeilge**  
**Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences**  
**Fixed-Term Contract up to 30 months**

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.

**Dublin City University**

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**Overview: Gaois, Fiontar agus Scoil na Gaeilge**

Gaois is a research group in Fiontar & Scoil na Gaeilge comprising lecturers, researchers and postgraduate students. Our aim is to sustain and transform Irish language and culture through the development of innovative and trusted resources. Information about the various projects for which we are responsible may be found at [www.gaois.ie](http://www.gaois.ie).

**Project Profile**

The successful candidate will work on a research project in the area of digital folkloristics. The type of tasks involved will include: editing metadata relating to folklore entries, correction of handwriting auto-recognition (as part of the process of developing this technology for the Irish language), the standardising of Irish-language texts, the lemmatization of words in Irish, classification of old tales (according to the Aarne-Thompson-Üther approach), tagging folklore motifs, visualization of data, project management,

presenting and publishing research findings as appropriate. The researcher will receive appropriate training in language technology and folklore, as required.

### **Duties & Responsibilities**

See Job Description for a list of duties and responsibilities associated with this post.

### **Candidate Requirements**

#### **Essential:**

- PhD in Irish or equivalent (i.e. 4 years' fulltime research experience following undergraduate degree) in language technology, folklore, or in another related and appropriate area
- Fluent spoken Irish as well as a high standard of accuracy in written Irish

#### **Desirable:**

- Previous training or experience in any of the following areas: language technology, computer-scripting, the storytelling tradition in Ireland
- Experience of working as part of a research project

### **Mandatory Training**

The post-holder will be required to undertake the following mandatory training: GDPR, Orientation and Compliance.

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

**Discipline knowledge and research skills** – Demonstrates knowledge of their 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 stake-holders) and the ability to contribute to grant applications and funding initiatives

**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

**Management & leadership skills** – Demonstrates the potential to manage a research project including the supervision of undergraduate students

**Salary Scales:** \*IUA Post-Doctoral Researcher Salary Scale: €38,631-€42,200 (point 1 – point 4)

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

**Closing Date: Monday 09<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

#### **Informal enquiries to:**

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#### **Application Procedure:**

Application forms are available from the DCU Current Vacancies website at

<https://www.dcu.ie/hr/vacancies/current.shtml>. Applications must be submitted **in Irish** by e-mail to [hr.applications@dcu.ie](mailto:hr.applications@dcu.ie).

Please clearly state the role that you are applying for in your application form and email subject line: **Job Ref: #RF1537 Postdoctoral Researcher in Digital Folkloristics**

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