



Research Centre/School:	DCU Centre for Climate & Society
Post Title:	Postdoctoral Researcher - DCU Centre for Climate & Society
Level on Framework:	Level 1
Post Duration:	Fixed Term Contract up to 3 years

Introduction

Dublin City University (www.DCU.ie) is a young, ambitious and vibrant University, with a mission 'to transform lives and societies through education, research, innovation and engagement'. Known as Ireland's 'University of Enterprise and Transformation', it is committed to the development of talent, and the discovery and translation of knowledge that advances society and the economy. DCU is the Sunday Times Irish University of the Year 2021.

The University is based on three academic campuses in the Glasnevin-Drumcondra region of north Dublin. It currently has more than 18,000 students enrolled across five faculties – Science and Health, DCU Business School, Computing and Engineering, Humanities and Social Sciences and DCU Institute of Education. DCU is committed to excellence across all its activities. This is demonstrated by its world-class research initiatives, its cutting-edge approach to teaching and learning, its focus on creating a transformative student experience, and its positive social and economic impact. This exceptional commitment on the part of its staff and students has led to DCU's ranking among the top 2% of universities globally. It also consistently features in the world's Top 100 Young Universities (currently in QS Top 70 Under 50, Times Higher Top 150 Under 100).

DCU is placed 84th in the world, in the Times Higher Education University Impact Rankings – measuring higher education institutions' contributions towards the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Over the past decade, DCU has also been the leading Irish university in the area of technology transfer, as reflected by licensing of intellectual property.

Research Career Framework

As part of this role the researcher will be required to participate in the DCU 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. The role may include teaching duties to assist with module delivery.

DCU Centre for Climate and Society

The DCU Centre for Climate and Society is a new research centre that aims to provide cutting edge research, innovation and engagement on the societal dimensions of climate change by bringing together DCU's significant expertise in the humanities, social sciences and related disciplines as they relate to climate change. The Centre is the first climate change research centre in Ireland with a core focus on humanities and social sciences perspectives.

Role Profile

Dublin City University is seeking to appoint a Postdoctoral Researcher to implement the research agenda of the DCU Centre for Climate & Society.

Duties and Responsibilities

The Postdoctoral Researcher will report to the Centre Director and the two Co-Directors. The duties associated with this role will include (but are not limited to):

- Working with research support staff at faculty and university level;
- Identifying research opportunities for the centre at national, EU, and international level;
- Drafting research proposals and associated literature reviews;
- Identifying potential EU and international consortium members;
- Administration and liaison with research consortium members;
- Managing bid deadlines and processes;
- Drafting research bid financial budgets;
- Contributing to research outputs from research projects.

Qualifications and Experience

Minimum Criteria

The successful candidate will have a PhD ideally in a social science discipline, but applicants from STEM disciplines will be considered.

In addition to the above the ideal candidate will have:

- Experience working on large research projects;
- A research profile in environment or climate related areas;
- An emerging record of peer-reviewed publications;
- Excellent research, analytical, and writing skills;
- Experience of drafting research funding applications;
- Proven ability to work in an interdisciplinary setting;
- Strong interpersonal and organisational skills;
- Knowledge of the Irish and EU climate change landscape

Essential Training

The post holder will be required to undertake the following essential compliance training: Orientation, Health and Safety and Intellectual Property and Data Protection training. Other training may need to be undertaken when required.

Candidates will be assessed on the following competencies:

Research ability – Demonstrates the ability to produce social science research to academic journal article standard.

Understanding the Research Environment – Demonstrates a thorough understanding of the research environment both nationally and internationally and the ability to contribute substantially to grant applications.

Communication skills – Demonstrates the ability to communicate the Centre's activities to a range of stakeholders, both internal and external.

Managing & Leadership skills - Successfully manages research projects including the management and supervision of postgraduates and/or junior research staff.