



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

Research Centre	Office of the Chief Operations Officer
Post title	Research Assistant Sustainability
Post duration	10 Months Fixed Term Contract

Dublin City University

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Background & Role

The Office of the Chief Operations Officer at Dublin City University invites applications for a Research Assistant position as part of an SFI funded 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 understand 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 Research Assistant for 10 months March 2022-December 2022, with a specific focus on **communications, engagement and policy**, and working with a multi-disciplinary team from across the university.

Principal Duties and Responsibilities

Please see the Job Description for a full list of duties and responsibilities

Minimum Criteria

Applicants should have a Masters in a subject area related to climate change and the challenges of sustainability. In addition, they must have strong communication skills. The position will require strong engagement with a diverse team and an ability to take complicated science and communicate this to all levels.

In addition, it is desirable the candidate has

- Excellent written and oral proficiency in English
- Excellent written and verbal communication and interpersonal skills
- A proven ability to prioritize workload and work to strict deadlines
- An ability to work in as part of a multidisciplinary team and to take responsibility to contribute to the overall success of the team

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.

Salary Scale:

IUA Research Assistant Scale €27,380 – €28,153

**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: 16th February 2022

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

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Please do not send applications to this email address, instead apply as described below.

Application Procedure:

Application forms are available from the DCU Current Vacancies website at

<https://www.dcu.ie/hr/vacancies-current-vacancies-external-applicants>

Applications should be submitted by e-mail with your completed application form to

hr.applications@dcu.ie

Please clearly state the role that you are applying for in your application and email subject line: Job Ref #RF1621 Research Assistant in Sustainability

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