



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

<b>Research Centre</b>	School of History and Geography
<b>Post title</b>	Research Assistant
<b>Post duration</b>	Fixed Term Contract up to 8 Months

### **Dublin City University**

Dublin City University (DCU) is a leading innovative European University. It is proud to be one of the world's leading Young Universities and is among the world's top 2% globally. DCU is known as Ireland's University of Impact, with a mission to 'transform lives and societies' and focuses on addressing global challenges in collaboration with key national and international partners and stakeholders.

DCU has over 20,000 students in five faculties spread across three academic campuses in the Glasnevin-Drumcondra area of North Dublin. Thanks to its innovative approach to teaching and learning, the University offers a 'transformative student experience' that helps to develop highly sought-after graduates. DCU is currently No. 1 in Ireland for Graduate Employment Rate, and for graduate income (CSO).

As a 'People First' institution, DCU is committed to Equality, Diversity and Inclusion - a University that helps staff and students to thrive. The University is a leader in terms of its work to increase access to education and is placed in the world's Top 10 for reducing inequalities in the Times Higher Education Impact Rankings.

### **Role Profile**

Dublin City University is seeking to appoint a researcher for a 6-8 month position to work on a large research project, the overall goal of which is to assess the economic feasibility and the environmental and societal impact of implementing gravity battery energy storage (GBES) systems at disused mine sites around Ireland.

This position will focus on conducting a survey of disused mine sites to assess their condition while also looking at constraints and impacts of implementing GBES systems.

Funding has been provided by the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland to DCU to undertake this project. The successful candidate will primarily work with [Dr. Jimmy O'Keeffe](#), Assistant Professor in the School of History and Geography as well as project partners in the School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering and DCU.

## **Principal Duties and Responsibilities**

Please see attached job description for the principal duties and responsibilities of the role.

## **Qualifications, Skills and Experience Required**

- Applicants should hold a primary degree (NFQ Level 7) in an appropriate discipline
- Good data handling skills
- Strong oral and written communication skills in English
- Good organisational skills
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Proven ability to work independently

## **Essential Training**

The postholder will be required to undertake the following essential compliance training: Orientation, Health & Safety, Data Protection (GDPR) and all Cyber Security Awareness Training. They will also be expected to engage with DCU training on Gender, Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion. Other training may need to be undertaken when required.

**Salary Scale:** IUA Research Assistant Salary Scale - €30,025 - €39,908

\*Appointment will be commensurate with qualifications and experience and in line with current Government pay policy.

Closing date: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023

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

Dr Jimmy O’Keeffe, Assistant Professor in the School of History and Geography, Dublin City University.  
E-mail: [jimmy.okeeffe@dcu.ie](mailto:jimmy.okeeffe@dcu.ie)

## **Application Procedure:**

Application forms are available from the DCU Current Vacancies website at  
<https://www.dcu.ie/hr/vacancies-current-vacancies-external-applicants>

Please submit your cover letter and CV by e-mail with your completed application form to  
[jimmy.okeeffe@dcu.ie](mailto:jimmy.okeeffe@dcu.ie)

**Please clearly state the role that you are applying for in your application and email subject line:**

**Job Ref: #RF1945 Research Assistant, School of History and Geography**

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