



**Dublin City University  
School of Law and Government**

**Postdoctoral Researcher  
Full-time Fixed Term contract (12 months, from 1 July 2018)**

**Introduction**

Dublin City University ([www.dcu.ie](http://www.dcu.ie)) is a research-intensive, globally-engaged, dynamic institution. With 5 Faculties and 24 Schools, DCU is distinguished by both the quality and impact of its graduates and its focus on the translation of knowledge into societal and economic benefit. As Ireland's University of Enterprise, DCU is characterised by a focus on innovation and entrepreneurship and a track record of effective engagement with the enterprise sector. Excellence in its education and research activities has led to its consistent position in the rankings of the world's top young universities. For example, DCU ranks in the top 60 in the QS ranking of universities under 50 years old.

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**The EPA-ADVISE project**

ADVISE—"A structured eValuation of Ireland'S climate policy responsE"—is an 18 month project that commenced in February 2018 and is funded by the Irish Environmental Protection Agency. The project is developing an evaluation framework drawing on EU best practice as well as the latest findings of the growing literature on climate change policy evaluation. This framework will be used to evaluate Ireland's policy response to climate change since 1996 across 5 sectors: electricity generation; built environment; transport; agriculture, forest and land use; and climate adaptation and resilience. The project will help to develop solutions by underpinning the framing of future climate change policies in Ireland.

**The Role**

We wish to appoint a full-time Postdoctoral Researcher for a period of 12 months to contribute to delivery of the research outputs of the project, including conducting literature reviews, undertaking primary data collection and analysis, and producing a variety of project outputs. It is envisaged that this appointment will commence on 1 July 2018, or as soon as possible thereafter.

### **Principal duties and responsibilities**

The successful candidate will work under the leadership of the Principal Investigator on the project, Dr. Diarmuid Torney. The role will involve the following duties and responsibilities:

- Contributing to literature reviews and development of the project research design;
- Collecting and collating research data;
- Analysing and interpreting of the research data;
- Contributing to the production of project related deliverables and outputs, including academic articles, conference papers, policy papers, and other publications;
- Organising stakeholder meetings associated with the project;
- Communicating and disseminating the project findings and outputs, including through social media;
- Undertaking additional duties as may reasonably be required within the general scope of level of the post.

### **Mandatory requirements**

1. A PhD in political science, public administration, or a related discipline. In the absence of a PhD, equivalent research experience may be considered;
2. Excellent empirical research, analytical, and writing skills;
3. Strong interpersonal and organisational skills;
4. Ability to communicate effectively to both academic and practitioner audiences.

### **Desirable**

1. Track record of research on climate change or environmental policy;
2. Experience of conducting ex-post policy evaluation;
3. Knowledge of the Irish climate change policy landscape.

### **Salary:**

Remuneration for the role will be €37,383 per annum

### **Closing date:**

Tuesday 24 April 2018

### **Informal Enquiries to:**

Dr. Diarmuid Torney, Assistant Professor, School of Law and Government:

[diarmuid.torney@dcu.ie](mailto:diarmuid.torney@dcu.ie).

### **Application Procedure**

Candidates should submit their CV with a letter of motivation to Dr. Diarmuid Torney at [diarmuid.torney@dcu.ie](mailto:diarmuid.torney@dcu.ie) by the closing date. Please clearly state in the subject line that you are applying for "Postdoctoral Researcher, EPA-ADVISE project".

Interviews for this position will be held during the week commencing 30 May 2018.

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