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## DCU School of Language, Literacy and Early Childhood Education Dublin City University

The School of Language, Literacy and Early Childhood Education is looking to host an experienced researcher via funding through Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowships. In order to secure funding, the experienced researcher must develop a proposal with the host for the September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 deadline.

### Organisation Description

The School of Language, Literacy and Early Childhood Education (LLECE) is part of DCU's flagship Institute of Education (IoE) - a centre of expertise and excellence in education with internationally recognised experts in policy, curriculum and pedagogy, assessment and teacher education. The School of LLECE specialises in children's language and literacy learning as well as learning and development in early childhood (birth to six).

### Project idea and researcher opportunities

Research Field: Developmental Psychology 'Playful Learning in Early Child Development'.

The researcher will work closely with a developmental psychologist at the School of Language, Literacy and Early Childhood Education to develop a proposal on playful learning. The proposed study will examine how we conceptualize and explain the mechanisms of playful learning (how and why play impacts on learning in early childhood) and will investigate how play impacts learning across time and in different educational contexts.

### Researcher Requirements

- The researcher must fulfil the MSCA-IF mobility and experienced researcher requirements.<sup>1</sup>
- Applicants should have a PhD (or more than 4 years of research experience) in a relevant area of child development (e.g. developmental or cognitive psychology or early childhood education) and demonstrate a promising track record of early research achievements.
- Applicants will have a strong understanding of research design and expertise in quantitative data analysis.

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<sup>1</sup> **MSCA-IF mobility:** The researcher must not have resided or carried out the main activity (work, studies, etc.) in the country of the beneficiary for more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately before the call September 9<sup>th</sup> deadline (flexible 36 months in the 5 previous years if eligible for career restart or reintegration fellowship <https://www.iua.ie/irish-marie-curie-office/funding-calls/individual-fellowships/> )

**Experienced researcher requirements:** The researcher must have at least 4-years full time research experience or hold a doctorate before the September 9<sup>th</sup> deadline.



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## **Application procedure**

The applicant should provide:

1. A short CV
2. A one-page research proposal
3. A short statement with indication of why DCU and The School of Language, Literacy and Early Childhood Education would be the best host institution for your research project

## **Contact information**

If you are interested in applying for a MSCA-IF with DCU School of Language, Literacy and Early Childhood Education please email Dr Sinéad McNally ([sinead.mcnally@dcu.ie](mailto:sinead.mcnally@dcu.ie)) and Dr Ines Perić ([ines.peric@dcu.ie](mailto:ines.peric@dcu.ie)) as early as possible.