



## Employment Based Postgraduate Programme Research Scholarship - Invitation to “Employment Participants” to partner with DCU

The Irish Research Council’s new Employment Based Postgraduate Programme Research Scholarship will sponsor a full-time employee of a private or public sector organisation to undertake a Masters by research or a PhD, in any discipline, in an Irish higher education institution. Dublin City University (DCU), Ireland’s University of Enterprise, is now inviting “employment participants” to enter into partnership with us in application to this innovative funding initiative.

### Irish Research Council to co-fund company research

- The Irish Research Council (IRC) will co-fund an employee of a private or public sector organisation to pursue a Masters or PhD - funding will include University fees and costs and a contribution to salary
- Eligible employment participants include SMEs, multinationals, indigenous Irish companies, and private and public sector organisations with a physical operational base in the Republic of Ireland
- The funded researcher will be / become a full-time employee and will carry out their project primarily on the employer’s premises, with access to the full range of DCU facilities and training options
- Benefits to the employment participant -
  - Research of direct relevance to the company co-funded by the IRC
  - A significant opportunity for upskilling and education of an employee
  - Access to significant experience and expertise in DCU
  - An opportunity to build research networks and collaborations
  - The chance to maximise the potential for innovation

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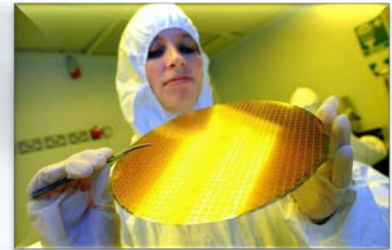
### Why DCU?

- DCU is Ireland’s ‘University of Enterprise’ - we’re company-focused and have a long history of engaging with enterprise to foster highly collaborative research
- Our partners include national and international academic, clinical and industrial bodies, and we are keen to continue expanding our portfolio of company partnerships
- Our cutting-edge Innovation and Enterprise Centre, INVENT, supports our translational and commercial activities to exploit the discoveries and skills of our research community
- We are currently ranked in the top 4% of all universities, and in the top 50 new universities, worldwide
- Our current annual research expenditure is in the region of €40m, and over €100m has been invested to date in the development of our state of the art research facilities



### Benefits to the researcher

- A full-time employment contract with an employment participant for a period of 12, 24, 36 or 48 months
- Maximum exposure to a commercially orientated research environment
- A unique opportunity to define a research project with an employment participant and one of the world's leading universities
- Supervision and mentoring from industry and academic experts
- Registration as a full-time DCU research student and access to state-of-the-art on-campus services and facilities
- Membership of DCU's international, innovative and interdisciplinary postgraduate community
- Access to training in professional development and the business aspects of research
- A research degree, a broad range of skills and significantly enhanced employability on completion



### The role of the company

- Agree a Research Career Development Plan, to incorporate a project work plan, in association with the researcher and DCU Academic Supervisor
- Appoint an Employment Mentor for project supervision and professional guidance
- Issue a full-time employment contract and co-fund salary costs for the duration of the scholarship
- Enter into a collaborative research agreement with DCU
- Facilitate access to the necessary company-based research infrastructure and facilities
- Agree to ring-fence the researcher's in-company time for dedication to their project
- Contribute to annual progress reports to the Irish Research Council for each year of the scholarship

### How do we proceed with an application?

Once the project has been agreed, the research candidate will co-ordinate the funding application to the Irish Research Council – the closing date for receipt of applications is 25<sup>th</sup> September 2012. This funding scheme has been specifically designed by the IRC to involve a low level of bureaucracy, with a streamlined process from application to award. If successful, DCU will assist the employment

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participant and the research candidate with all contractual documentation. DCU will provide a full set of collaborative agreement templates dealing with such issues as administration of funding, intellectual property ownership, materials transfer, confidentiality, division of researcher's time between the company and DCU, and the role of both parties in supervision. IP issues will be fully explored with each company at the outset. If you would like to discuss the scheme in more detail, or to explore partnership opportunities with DCU for collaborative postgraduate research, contact the Graduate Studies Office by emailing [graduate.research@dcu.ie](mailto:graduate.research@dcu.ie).

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#### FURTHER INFORMATION:

Irish Research Council:

[www.research.ie](http://www.research.ie)

DCU Graduate Studies Office:

[www4.dcu.ie/graduatestudies](http://www4.dcu.ie/graduatestudies)