



Post Specification

Post Title:	Research Fellow (postdoctoral researcher)
Post Status:	Fixed Term Contract (2 years)
Research Group/Department/School:	SHARECITY, Department of Geography, School of Natural Sciences
Location:	Department of Geography, Trinity College Dublin, the University of Dublin, College Green, Dublin 2, Ireland
Funding:	IUA Researcher Salary Scale 2016, level 2, point 3; €37,750 Pro rata
Closing Date and Time:	12 Noon September 4 th 2017

Post Summary

The Department of Geography at Trinity College, the University of Dublin, is seeking a postdoctoral research fellow to work with Professor Anna Davies on her ERC-funded project *SHARECITY: Assessing the practice and sustainability potential of city-based food sharing economies*. This position is a fixed term contract for two years. The successful applicant will be a core member of the *SHARECITY* team. The researcher will contribute to the third phase of the *SHARECITY* project, specifically focusing on a) conceptual and analytical development of metrics and measures of sustainability impacts as they are created through diverse practices of urban food sharing and b) the co-design of a toolkit to assist in the demonstration of sustainability impacts of food sharing initiatives that will be made available as an online resource. The successful candidate will be hosted in the Department of Geography, School of Natural Science and will become a member of Environmental Governance Research Group and the Future Cities Research Centre:

<https://www.tcd.ie/futurecities/>.

General enquires concerning this post should be addressed to daviesa@tcd.ie

SHARECITY Project Summary

There is growing clarity regarding the unsustainability of cities, not least with respect to food consumption. Sharing, including food sharing, is increasingly being identified as one transformative mechanism for sustainable cities: reducing consumption; conserving resources, preventing waste and providing new forms of socio-economic relations. However, such claims currently rest on thin conceptual and empirical



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foundations. The five-year project *SHARECITY: Assessing the practice and sustainability potential of city-based food sharing economies*, is funded by the European Research Council and is a collaborative, multi-phased investigation of the phenomenon of food sharing economies in cities and its potential to contribute to sustainable urban transitions. *SHARECITY* will identify and examine diverse practices of city-based food sharing economies, first determining their form, function and governance and then identifying their impact and potential to reorient eating practices. Full details and outputs of the project to date can be found at:

<http://sharecity.ie/>

Funding Information

The positions will be filled on the IUA salary scale, level 2, point 3; €37,750 Pro rata with annual increments as appropriate.

Standard duties and responsibilities of the post

The principal duties of the candidate will be to:

- Engage in research of a quality commensurate with publication in leading international journals
- Present their research at international conferences and research workshops
- Play a full role in the intellectual life of the School of Natural Sciences including working collaboratively and taking part in seminars and workshops
- Assist with the administration of the *SHARECITY* research project as required by the Principal Investigator

Person Specification

Qualifications:

- Candidates must hold a PhD in geography, sustainability science, agrifood, environmental studies, or a related area
- Candidates will ideally have research experience post PhD

Knowledge & Experience (Essential & Desirable)

- Experience of high-quality research and advanced knowledge of sustainability impact assessment and sustainability indicators (methods, concepts and practice) is essential
- Knowledge of sustainability issues related to food systems is essential



- Willingness and ability to travel internationally for research for extended periods is essential
- Excellent teamworking skills and a high level of initiative and self-motivation are essential
- A track record of publication is essential with first or lead author publications in international peer reviewed outlets desirable
- Experience of disseminating findings beyond academic outlets, for example through blogs, briefing notes or media events is desirable, a commitment to doing so in the future is essential
- Experience of working as part of a research team in a busy and challenging work environment is desirable, flexibility and willingness to do this with SHARECITY, including work outside normal office hours when required is essential
- Experience of co-design, workshops and transdisciplinary research is desirable
- Experience of working with web designers is desirable
- Experience of working with grassroots organisations is desirable

Skills & Competencies

- Having strong organisational skills, ability to prioritise tasks, meet deadlines and work to time constraints while maintaining high levels of accuracy coupled with attention to detail is essential.
- Having excellent interpersonal, organisational and communication skills (oral and written) is essential.
- English language certification if English is not the first language is essential, the requirement being: IELTS: 7.0+, TOEFL iBT: 100+, TOEFL pBT: 600+, CEF: C1+, or equivalent.
- Excellent teamworking skills and a high level of initiative and self-motivation are essential with strong interpersonal and administrative skills.
- Website and social media management skills are desirable
- GIS or other mapping and visualisation skills are desirable
- Quantitative analysis skills and knowledge of appropriate statistical analysis packages is desirable



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Discipline/Area Summary

The School of Natural Sciences

The School of Natural Sciences, comprising the Disciplines of Botany, Geography, Geology and Zoology, the Centre for the Environment and the TCBR, is one of the largest schools in the Faculty of Engineering, Mathematics and Science and hosts biological, physical and social scientists. The School currently accommodates 43 academic staff, 26 postdoctoral research fellows and over 150 postgraduate students (including 82 research and 71 taught students). Its taught programmes are varied as the School offers moderatorships (undergraduate degrees) in Earth Sciences, Environmental Sciences, Functional Biology, Geography, Geology, Plant Sciences and Zoology and contributes to other moderatorships including Neurosciences, Geography and Politics and to the Two Subject Moderatorship (TSM) programme (<http://www.naturalscience.tcd.ie/undergraduate/>). The School has also a major commitment to graduate teaching and supervision and currently hosts three taught Masters programmes (<http://www.naturalscience.tcd.ie/postgraduate/>).

GARDA Clearance

Police vetting will be sought in respect of individuals who come under consideration for a post.

PLEASE NOTE: Candidates will be required to complete and return a Garda vetting form should they come under consideration for appointment. In some cases they may be requested to complete the form on the day of interview. This form will be forwarded to An Garda Síochána (Irish Police) for security checks on all Irish addresses at which they have resided. An Garda Síochána will make enquiries with the Police Service of Northern Ireland with respect to addresses in Northern Ireland. If a candidate is not successful in obtaining the post for whatever reason, this information will be destroyed by the PAS. If a candidate, therefore, subsequently comes under consideration for another position, they will be required to supply this information again.

While candidates must complete information in relation to all addresses at which they have resided, the vetting is only done on addresses on the island of Ireland.

If a candidate has resided / studied in countries outside of Ireland for a period of 6 months or more, it is mandatory for them to furnish a Police Criminal Records Check/ Police Certificate from those countries stating that they have no convictions recorded against them while residing there. Candidates will need to provide a separate Police Criminal Records Check/ Police Certificate for each country in which



they have resided. The Police Criminal Records Check/ Police Certificate must be dated after the date the candidate left the relevant country. Candidates should provide documentation in the English and/or Irish language. Translations must be provided by a registered translation company/institute in the Republic of Ireland; all costs will be borne by the candidate. Only original version documents will be accepted.

Candidates should be aware that any information obtained in the Garda Vetting process can be made available to the employing area.

It is the responsibility of the candidate to seek security clearances in a timely fashion as they can take some time. No candidate will be appointed without this information being provided and being in order.

The following websites may be of assistance in this regard:

www.disclosurescotland.co.uk

www.psni.police.uk

www.afp.gov.au This website provides information on obtaining a national police clearance certificate for Australia

www.courts.govt.nz This website provides information on obtaining police clearance in New Zealand.

For other countries not listed above candidates may find it helpful to contact the relevant embassies who could provide information on seeking Police Clearance. Original Police Clearance documentation should be forwarded to the PAS where it will be copied and the original returned to the candidate by post. Any cost incurred in this process will be borne by the candidate.

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Founded in 1592, Trinity is at the nexus of tradition and innovation, offering undergraduate and postgraduate programmes across 24 schools and three faculties: arts, humanities, and social sciences; engineering, maths and science; and health sciences. Spread across 47 acres in Dublin's city centre, Trinity's 17,000-strong student body comes from all 32 counties of Ireland, and 16% of students come from outside the country. Of those, 40% are from outside the European Union, making Trinity's campus cosmopolitan and bustling, with a focus on diversity.



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As Ireland's leading university, the pursuit of academic excellence through research and scholarship is at the heart of the Trinity education. Trinity is known for intellectual rigour, excellence, interdisciplinarity, and research-led teaching. Home to Nobel prize-winners such as scientist Ernest Walton and writer Samuel Beckett, Trinity draws visitors from across the world to its historic campus each year, including to the Book of Kells and Science Gallery which capture the university's connection to both old and new.

Trinity accounts for one-fifth of all spin-out companies from Irish higher education institutions, helping to turn Ireland into an innovation-intensive, high-productivity economy. That culture of innovation and entrepreneurship is a defining characteristic of our campus as we help shape the next generation of job creators.

Trinity has developed significant strength in a broad range of research areas, including the 19 broadly based multi-disciplinary thematic research areas.



Ireland's first purpose-built nanoscience research institute, CRANN, houses 150 scientists, technicians and graduate students in specialised laboratory facilities. Meanwhile, the state-of-the-art Biomedical Sciences Institute is carrying out breakthrough research in areas such as immunology, cancer and medical devices.



The Old Library, which houses the Long Room, in Trinity is the largest research library in Ireland, with a collection of six million printed items, 500,000 maps, 80,000 electronic journals, and 350,000 electronic books. Some of the world's most famous scholars are graduates of Trinity, including writer Jonathan Swift, dramatist Oscar Wilde, philosopher George Berkeley, and political philosopher, and political theorist Edmund Burke. Three Trinity graduates have become Presidents of Ireland - Douglas Hyde, Mary Robinson and Mary McAleese.

Trinity is the highest ranked university in Ireland, and among the world's leading higher education institutions.

Equal Opportunities Policy

Trinity College Dublin is an equal opportunities employer and is committed to the employment policies, procedures and practices which do not discriminate on grounds such as gender, civil status, family status, age, disability, race, religious belief, sexual orientation or membership of the travelling community.

Pension Entitlements

This is a pensionable position and the provisions of the Public Service Superannuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2004 will apply in relation to retirement age for pension purposes. Details of the relevant Pension Scheme will be provided to the successful applicant.

Applicants should note that they will be required to complete a Pre-Employment Declaration to confirm whether or not they have previously availed of an Irish Public Service Scheme of incentivised early retirement or enhanced redundancy payment. Applicants will also be required to declare any entitlements to a Public Service pension benefit (in payment or preserved) from any other Irish Public Service employment.

Applicants formerly employed by the Irish Public Service that may previously have availed of an Irish Public Service Scheme of Incentivised early retirement or enhanced redundancy payment should ensure that they are not precluded from re-engagement in the Irish Public Service under the terms of such Schemes. Such queries should be directed to an applicant's former Irish Public Service Employer in the first instance.



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Application Procedure

Please apply via email to daviesa@tcd.ie, including: Full CV with contact details of 2 referees and including academic results, and a cover letter outlining relevant experience and motivations for applying for the post (max. 1000 words) by the deadline 12 Noon September 4th 2017.

Interviews will be held the week beginning 18th September 2017, with the contract to start on 11th January 2018 at the latest.

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