

JOB ADVERTISEMENT

Details:

The Irish Research Staff Association (IrishRSA) is seeking a highly qualified and experienced researcher to assist in the research study conducted by IrishRSA on “*Reducing the Precarity of Academic Research Careers in Ireland*” This will complement a larger study undertaken by the OECD: *Reducing the Precarity of Academic Research Careers*.

The key purpose of this role will be the development of a country note for Ireland. The country note should include the following:

National context

Brief description of the national context with a bearing on the precarity of research careers or Budgetary pressures:

- *Research funding models*
- *Labour market for researchers*
- *Differences between the HE, GOV and PNP sectors where relevant*

Brief description of any recent policy initiatives to improve the working conditions and career prospects of postdoctoral researchers.

Brief description of any policy initiatives to deal with emerging issues resulting from the Covid-19 pandemic.

National policy concerns

Brief description of main policy concerns regarding the policy areas relevant to the main policy question of the precarity of research careers. When relevant, distinguish between the HE, GOV and PNP sectors.

Available national evidence

Brief synthesis of any scholarly or policy analysis studies on how the precarity of postdoctoral researchers is affecting the following outcomes in your country:

- *Quality of science*
- *Attractiveness of the research career*
- *Well-being of researchers*

Evidence of differences between groups:

- *By gender*
- *By other groups of interest in the country*

Roles and responsibilities:

The researcher is responsible for independently collecting data, conducting research and preparing the stated country note for Ireland as part of the research project conducted by IrishRSA. The researcher is expected to submit a report covering all aspects of the country note in a separate report.

Reporting to:

The candidate will report to Dr Richard Lombard-Vance, Chair of the Irish Research Staff Association, and Ms Dragana Mitrovic, International Consortium of Research Staff Associations.

Required skills and qualifications:

- Relevant third level qualification
- 2 years of relevant work
- Strong competency in conducting research studies
- Demonstrated strong interest in (precarity of) research careers - particular interest in the Irish context will be an advantage

Other terms and conditions:

- Gross fee: €2,000
- Deadline for the report: 2 December 2022
- Remote working
- Intellectual property rights arising from the work of the researcher during the duration of this research study shall be vested in the IrishRSA

Equality, diversity, and inclusion:

The Irish Research Staff Association is committed to procedures and practices which do not discriminate on grounds such as family status, sex, gender expression, civil status, age, disability, race, religious belief, sexual orientation or membership of the travelling community.

How to apply:

Please submit your CV and motivation letter to irishrsa@gmail.com by **28 October 2022**. Successful candidates will be informed on 31 October 2022. It is expected that the researcher will start the work on 1 November 2022.