



## Post Specification

<b>Post Title:</b>	<b>Research Assistant</b> in Digital Arts and Humanities
<b>Post Status:</b>	Specific Purpose Contract – Full-time.
<b>Research Group / Department / School:</b>	V-SENSE, School of Computer Science and Statistics, Trinity College Dublin, the University of Dublin
<b>Location:</b>	Stack B, Trinity College Dublin, the University of Dublin College Green, Dublin 2, Ireland
<b>Reports to:</b>	Dr. Néill O’Dwyer
<b>Salary:</b>	Appointment will be made on the [IUA Scale point 15] at a point in line with Government Pay Policy [€33,301], appointment will be made no higher than point [#15]
<b>Hours of Work:</b>	
<b>Closing Date:</b>	12 Noon (GMT), 4 December 2020

## Post Summary

The scholarly and professional field of scenography concerns the practice, conceptualization, execution and/or analysis of performance using design-led methodologies. In recent years, the performing arts has been altered by the development of digital audio-visualisation technologies, and it continues to transform under the auspices of XR (Virtual, Augmented and Mixed Reality) technologies. Via collaborations with computer science and electronic engineering, it has been a leading domain for human–computer and human–human corporeal experiments that are shaping the basis of quotidian (digital-cultural) reality. However, as XR technologies continue to develop, there is a deficit of content available to potential audiences; professional practitioners lack the knowledge and finances to engage them and art schools lack the knowledge to teach them. This project aims to address this gap. The

successful candidate will assist with research of the field and articulation of the funding application. Therefore, the candidate should have a passion for the performing arts and a deep knowledge of the scholarly area concerning their overlap with digital technologies, especially XR technologies.

### **Standard Duties and Responsibilities of the Post**

- To work under the direction of the Principal Investigator/Project Leader.
- To support the research and writing process for an ERC grant application.
- To provide assistance in conducting research activities, including planning, organizing, conducting, and communicating research findings within the overall scope of the grant application.
- To coordinate and perform a variety of independent and team activities involved in the collection, analysis, documentation and some interpretation of information/results.
- To undertake tasks which may include recording research finding and preparing technical reports including conclusions and recommendations.
- To familiarize and become experienced with the ERC portal.
- To present information on research progress and outcomes to others responsible for the research project.
- To liaise with and provide guidance, as required, to any support staff and/or research students assisting with the application process, as agreed with the Principal Investigator/Grant holder.
- Ideally to contribute to the application writing process.
- To confer with the Principal Investigator in developing grant-writing, appraisal or ethical strategies and to discuss the interpretation of application queries and the preparation of text for the various fields.
- To perform other related duties incidental to the work described herein.

### **Funding Information**

***Enterprise Ireland ERC Proposal-Preparation-Support Grant***

### **Person Specification**

- Good report writing and presentation skills
- Good analytical skills
- An ability to work independently to a tight schedule.
- Amicable, respectful and capable of working effectively within a team to achieve results.
- High levels of initiative are encouraged.
- Please note that Garda vetting and international police clearance check may form part of the selection process.

### **Qualifications**

Applicants should hold a post graduate degree (MA/MSc/PhD) awarded by a recognised institute of education.

### **Knowledge & Experience (Essential & Desirable)**

- Research experience is essential.
- Successful and independent attainment of public or private (philanthropic) funding.
- Previous laboratory experience and practices are desirable.

### **Skills & Competencies**

- Advanced computer word processing skills, especially using Microsoft Office apps like Word and Excel.
- Advanced writing and typing skills.
- Advanced research skills.
- Evidence of excellent organisational and communication skills.
- Evidence of ability to conduct evaluation of data and project appraisal.
- Familiarity with university research ethics protocols.

### **Application Procedure**

Applicants should submit a full Curriculum Vitae to include the names and contact details of 2 referees (including email addresses), to:-

Name: Néill O'Dwyer

Email Address: [odwyerne@tcd.ie](mailto:odwyerne@tcd.ie)

## Further Information for Applicants

URL Link to Area	<a href="http://www.tcd.ie">www.tcd.ie</a>
URL Link to Human Resources	<a href="https://www.tcd.ie/hr/">https://www.tcd.ie/hr/</a>

### Trinity College Dublin, the University of Dublin

Trinity is Ireland's leading university and is ranked 108th in the world (QS World University Rankings 2020). Founded in 1592, the University is steeped in history with a reputation for excellence in education, research and innovation.

Located on an iconic campus in the heart of Dublin's city centre, Trinity has 18,000 undergraduate and postgraduate students across our three faculties – Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences; Engineering, Mathematics and Science; and Health Sciences.

Trinity is ranked as the 17th most international university in the world (Times Higher Education Rankings 2020) and has students and staff from over 120 countries.

The pursuit of excellence through research and scholarship is at the heart of a Trinity education, and our researchers have an outstanding publication record and strong record of grant success. Trinity has developed 19 broad-based multidisciplinary research themes that cut across disciplines and facilitate world-leading research and collaboration within the University and with colleagues around the world. Trinity is also home to 5 leading flagship research institutes:

- Trinity Biomedical Sciences Institute (TBSI)
- Trinity College Institute of Neuroscience (TCIN)
- Trinity Translational Medical Institute (TTMI)
- Trinity Long Room Hub Arts and Humanities Research Institute (TLRH)
- Centre for Research on Adaptive Nanostructures and Nanodevices (CRANN)

Trinity is the top-ranked European university for producing entrepreneurs for the past five successive years and Europe's only representative in the world's top-50 universities (Pitchbook Universities Report).

Trinity is home to the famous Old Library and to the historic Book of Kells as well as other internationally significant holdings in manuscripts, maps and early printed material. The Trinity Library is a legal deposit library, granting the University the right to claim a copy of every book published in Ireland and the UK. At present, the Library's holdings span approximately 6.5 million printed items, 400,000 e-books and 150,000 e-journals.

With over 120,000 alumni, Trinity's tradition of independent intellectual inquiry has produced some of the world's finest, most original minds including the writers Oscar Wilde and Samuel Beckett (Nobel laureates), the mathematician William Rowan Hamilton and the physicist Ernest Walton (Nobel laureate), the political thinker Edmund Burke, and the former President of Ireland Mary Robinson. This tradition finds expression today in a campus culture of scholarship, innovation, creativity, entrepreneurship and dedication to societal reform.

### **Rankings**

Trinity is the top ranked university in Ireland and ranked 108th in the world (QS World University Rankings 2020). Trinity ranks in the top 50 in the world on 6 subjects and in the top 100 in 20 subjects (QS World University Rankings by Subject 2019). Full details are available at: [www.tcd.ie/research/about/rankings](http://www.tcd.ie/research/about/rankings).

### **The Selection Process in Trinity**

The Selection Committee (Interview Panel) may include members of the Academic and Administrative community together with External Assessor(s) who are expert in the area. Applications will be acknowledged by email. If you do not receive confirmation of receipt within 1 day of submitting your application online, please contact the named Recruitment Partner on the job specification immediately and prior to the closing date/time.

Given the degree of co-ordination and planning to have a Selection Committee available on the specified date, the University regrets that it may not be in a position to offer alternate selection dates. Where candidates are unavailable, reserves may be drawn from a shortlist.

Outcomes of interviews are notified in writing to candidates and are issued no later than 5 working days following the selection day.

In some instances the Selection Committee may avail of telephone or video conferencing. The University's selection methods may consist of any or all of the following: Interviews, Presentations, Psychometric Testing, References and Situational Exercises.

It is the policy of the University to conduct pre-employment medical screening/full pre-employment medicals. Information supplied by candidates in their application (Cover Letter and CV) will be used to shortlist for interview.

Applications from non-EEA citizens are welcomed. However, eligibility is determined by the Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation and further information on the Highly Skills Eligible Occupations List is set out in Schedule 3 of the Regulations

<https://dbei.gov.ie/en/What-We-Do/Workplace-and-Skills/Employment-Permits/Employment-Permit-Eligibility/Highly-Skilled-Eligible-Occupations-List/>

and the Ineligible Categories of Employment are set out in Schedule 4 of the Regulations

<https://dbei.gov.ie/en/What-We-Do/Workplace-and-Skills/Employment-Permits/Employment-Permit-Eligibility/Ineligible-Categories-of-Employment/>

. Non-EEA candidates should note that the onus is on them to secure a visa to travel to Ireland prior to interview. Non-EEA candidates should also be aware that even if successful at interview, an appointment to the post is contingent on the securing of an employment permit.

### **Equal Opportunities Policy**

Trinity is an equal opportunities employer and is committed to 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. On that basis we encourage and welcome talented people from all backgrounds to join our staff community. Trinity's Diversity Statement can be viewed in full at <https://www.tcd.ie/diversity-inclusion/diversity-statement>.

## **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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