

Research Fellow (Postdoctoral Researcher) on Trinity's Colonial Legacies Project

Post Specification

Post Title:	Research Fellow (Postdoctoral Researcher) on Trinity's Colonial Legacies Project
Post Status:	Specific Purpose Contract – Full-time.
Research Group / Department / School:	School of Histories and Humanities, Trinity College Dublin, the University of Dublin
Location:	School of Histories and Humanities, Trinity College Dublin, the University of Dublin, College Green, Dublin 2, Ireland
Reports to:	Dr Ciaran O'Neill and Dr Patrick Walsh Project Principal Investigators
Salary:	Appointment will be made on the IUA postdoctoral researcher salary scale, level 1 at a point in line with Government Pay Policy (€38,632), with an increment in year 2 (€39,186)
Hours of Work:	37 hours per week
Closing Date:	12 Noon (Irish Standard Time), 19 March 2021
Start Date	1 June 2021

Qualified and enthusiastic applicants are sought for a two-year position as Research Fellow (Postdoctoral Researcher) on the Trinity Colonial Legacies Project, focusing on the colonial and imperial activities, collections, and representation of these historic legacies at Trinity College Dublin

Post Summary

The Trinity's Colonial Legacies Fellowship is a new 24-month postdoctoral research position based in the School of Histories and Humanities and Trinity Long Room Hub Arts and Humanities Research Institute. Applications are invited from experienced researchers in the Art and Humanities with expertise in the areas of early modern or modern history of empire and institutions, imperial collections, and /or the history of universities. The TCL Research

Fellow will address Trinity's relationship to the history and culture of empire from a multidisciplinary perspective. We welcome candidates with expertise outside Irish history as well as those with an Irish History background and are keen to encourage as diverse a field as possible. The successful candidate will be expected to audit the university's links to Empire, assessing named prizes, endowments, and named buildings and statues on campus. This work will include investigating the contemporary rationale for named buildings such as the Berkeley Library, for example. The TCL Fellow will work closely with Dr Walsh and Dr O'Neill to produce a book-length MS tentatively titled 'Trinity's Colonial Legacies,' as first author, which will explore Trinity's connections to empire at home and abroad, exploring both its history as a colonial agent in Ireland as well as the complex and multifaceted roles of its faculty, graduates and institutions in imperial activities across the globe. Additionally, the fellow will work alongside Drs Walsh and O'Neill in year 2 to engage the College community in a critical conversation about Trinity's imperial legacies. The TCL research fellow will also report to the project's advisory board which is chaired by Professor Mary McAleese, Chancellor of the University of Dublin.

Standard Duties and Responsibilities of the Post

The TCL Research Fellow will work under the direction of Drs Walsh and O'Neill. In addition, the researcher will:

- Conduct an audit of any named prizes, lectureships, statues, buildings, and collections that have a connection to empire;
- Produce a draft book-length MS for publication as first author, working closely with the PIs;
- Engage in the wider research and scholarly activities of the Trinity Long Room Hub;
- Engage in appropriate training and professional development opportunities.

Funding Information

The post and the wider TCL project is funded by the Office of the Provost, Trinity College Dublin.

Person Specification

Qualifications

Interested applicants will have some combination of the following:

- A completed PhD or equivalent research experience in History (essential).

Knowledge & Experience (Essential & Desirable)

- A record of publication (essential);
- Postdoctoral fellowship experience (desirable);
- Experience of organizing workshops, seminars or conferences and/or working in a public history setting (desirable);
- Experience of oral history techniques (desirable).

Skills & Competencies

- Applicants must have fluent spoken and written English; other language competencies considered desirable;
- Excellent communication skills, both oral and written;
- Computer literacy essential with some experience of social media and online communication tools (desirable);
- Organisational skills: ability to keep detailed track of multiple projects using effective systems;
- Interpersonal skills: ability to engage effectively with colleagues, partners and the wider College community;
- Deadline oriented: The ability to prioritise tasks and meet multiple deadlines;
- Resourceful: can work under their own initiative, learn where to find information/help and can solve problems

Application Procedure

Applicants should submit a full Curriculum Vitae (CV), to include the names and contact details (including email addresses) of two referees, and a cover letter specifically addressing how they meet the criteria above, to:

Dr Ciaran O'Neill Ciaran.ONeill@tcd.ie and Patrick Walsh walshp9@tcd.ie

APPLICATIONS WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED BY EMAIL.

Deadline: 12 Noon (GMT), Friday 19th March 2021

Further Information for Applicants

For information on the School of Histories and Humanities at Trinity College Dublin, see <https://histories-humanities.tcd.ie/>

Informal enquiries may be directed to:

Either Dr Ciaran O’Neill Ciaran.ONeill@tcd.ie and Patrick Walsh walshp9@tcd.ie

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 ranks in the top 50 in the world in 4 subjects, including 28th in English Language and Literature, and in the top 100 in 18 subjects, including History (QS World University Rankings by Subject 2020). 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, including the Trinity Long Room Hub Arts and Humanities Research Institute (TLRH).

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.

The Selection Process in Trinity

Applications will be acknowledged by email. If you do not receive confirmation of receipt within two working days of submitting your application by email, please contact either Dr Ciaran O'Neill Ciaran.ONeill@tcd.ie and Patrick Walsh walshp9@tcd.ie

Information supplied by candidates in their application (cover letter and CV) will be used to shortlist for interview. The Selection Committee (Interview Panel) will include members of the academic community. Interviews will be conducted via video conferencing software.

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

It is the policy of the University to conduct pre-employment medical screening/full preemployment medicals.

Applications from non-EEA citizens are very much welcomed. However, non-EEA candidates should be aware that, if successful at interview, an appointment to the post is contingent on the securing of an employment permit. Eligibility is determined by the Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation. Further information on the Highly Skills Eligible Occupations List is set out in Schedule 3 of the Regulations <https://enterprise.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 of the Regulations <https://www.djei.ie/en/What-We-Do/Jobs-Workplace-and-Skills/Employment-Permits/Employment-Permit-Eligibility/Ineligible-Categories-of-Employment/>.

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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