

Candidate Information

Position:	Research Fellow
School/Department:	School of Arts, English and Languages
Reference:	22/110410
Closing Date:	Monday 5 December 2022
Salary:	£35,333 per annum
Anticipated Interview Date:	Wednesday 11 January 2023
Duration:	18 Months

JOB PURPOSE:

Funded by the NI Department for Communities, the post holder will play a leading role in the research and data management of the Northern Ireland Place-Name Project (NIPNP). The project is concerned with the origins and meanings of local place-names, the majority of which originated in the Irish language.

MAJOR DUTIES:

1. Undertake research, under the mentorship of Professor Míchéal Ó Mainnín, on the data contained in the place-names database of Northern Ireland (www.placenamesni.org) with a view to establishing the linguistic origin and Irish forms of local place-names.
2. Carry out analyses, critical evaluations, and interpretations using methodologies and other techniques appropriate to the area of research.
3. Present regular progress reports on research to members of the research group.
4. Disseminate and publicise research findings to external audiences.
5. Prepare, in consultation with mentor, material for publication online and in academic journals.
6. Conduct fieldwork, where necessary, to establish local pronunciations of names.
7. Liaise with others working in the discipline and, particularly, with colleagues working on similar data elsewhere in Ireland, Scotland and further afield (when necessary).
8. Liaise with colleagues elsewhere in the University on issues that concern the employment of appropriate geographic information systems and other technology.
9. Carry out routine administrative tasks associated with the research project to ensure that tasks are completed on time and within budget. These might include organisation of documentation for project meetings and risk assessment of research activities.
10. Read academic papers and textbooks to keep abreast of developments in own specialism and related disciplines.

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:

1. A primary degree in Irish language and literature.
2. Have, or be about to obtain, a PhD in Irish or cognate discipline.
3. At least 3 years relevant research experience to include a knowledge of relevant areas of Irish language and linguistics.
4. Demonstrable research ability as evidenced by, for example, publications, national/international conference papers, research awards, future scholarly output (working papers, research proposals, ability to outline a research project).
5. An understanding of the operational requirements for a successful research project.
6. Contribute to the School's outreach programme by links with learned societies, community groups etc.
7. Experience with information technology.
8. Sufficient breadth and depth of specialist knowledge in Irish linguistics and of research methods and techniques to work within established research programmes.
9. Fluency in Irish.
10. Excellent communication skills (oral, written, presentation).
11. Ability to communicate complex information clearly.
12. Ability to build contacts and participate in internal and external networks.
13. Demonstrable intellectual ability.

14. Ability to assess and organise resources.
15. Ability to work well with others.

DESIRABLE CRITERIA:

1. Familiarity with onomastics.
2. Familiarity with historical linguistics.
3. Familiarity with textual source material.
4. Experience with database management