

Candidate Information

Position:	Research Fellow
School/Department:	School of Arts, English and Languages
Reference:	22/110445
Closing Date:	Monday 5 December 2022
Salary:	£35,333 - £42,155 per annum
Anticipated Interview Date:	Wednesday 11 January 2023
Duration:	7 months

JOB PURPOSE:

To be an active member of the project OS200: Digitally Remapping Ireland's Ordnance Survey Heritage jointly funded by the Irish Research Council and the UK's Arts and Humanities Research Council. The post holder will conduct research for OS200 on behalf of the Northern Ireland Place-Name Project.

MAJOR DUTIES:

- 1. Undertake research under the mentorship of Professor Míchéal Ó Mainnín, director of the Northern Ireland Place-Name Project (NIPNP), on the Ordnance Survey Name Books and related sources for OS200.
- 2. Carry out analyses, critical evaluations, and interpretations using methodologies and other techniques appropriate to the area of research.
- 3. Liaise with colleagues elsewhere in the University on the broader research involved in OS200 and on issues that concern the employment of appropriate geographic information systems and other technology.
- 4. Present regular progress reports on research to members of the research group.
- 5. Disseminate and publicise research findings to external audiences.
- 6. Prepare, in consultation with mentor, material for publication.
- 7. 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 project meetings and documentation, and risk assessment of research activities.
- 8. 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 language and 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 Irish historical sources, particularly of the 17th to 19th centuries.
- 2. Familiarity with onomastics and the work of the first Ordnance Survey of Ireland.
- 3. Experience with database management and geographical information systems.