# Candidate Information

**Position:** Productivity Research Associate
**School/Department:** Management
**Reference:** 23/111107
**Closing Date:** Monday 14 August 2023
**Salary:** £30,619 - £32,411 per annum
**Anticipated Interview Date:** Monday 18 September 2023
**Duration:** Fixed Term for 2 years or available until 31 August 2025, whichever is sooner.

## JOB PURPOSE:

You will work as a Research Associate at the Northern Ireland Productivity Forum, which is part of the ESRC-funded The Productivity Institute (TPI). A key component of the post is to undertake research and engage with businesses and policymakers in Northern Ireland.

## MAJOR DUTIES:

1. Undertake a wide range of research activities under project guidance that may include data collection, cleaning and processing data, and running statistical analysis.
2. Engage with one of Northern Ireland's local councils to help them measure and improve productivity in their region.
3. Carry out routine administrative duties as requested (e.g., administering the meetings of the Northern Ireland Productivity Forum) and attend TPI events as appropriate.
4. Engage in knowledge exchange with businesses in Northern Ireland.
5. Carry out any other duties designated by the Principal Investigator and which fall within the general ambit of the post.

## ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:

1. Undergraduate or postgraduate degree in Economics or cognate discipline.
2. Experience of performing academic research in the area of productivity.
3. Experience of research on the Northern Ireland economy and business landscape.
4. Experience of survey research methodologies.
5. Ability to be self-led and self-organised within framework of agreed schedule of work.
6. Time management.
7. Ability to communicate effectively with project team members and other relevant parties.
8. Ability to present ideas and research findings clearly.
9. Team player.
10. Keen to learn and develop.
11. Willingness to travel where necessary.

## DESIRABLE CRITERIA:

1. Experience of web scraping.