



Candidate Information

Position:	Postdoctoral Research Fellow (A Chronology of the Medieval Irish Lexicon)
School/Department:	School of Arts, English and Languages
Reference:	24/111920
Closing Date:	Monday 24 June 2024
Salary:	£37,841 per annum
Anticipated Interview Date:	Thursday 25 July 2024
Duration:	24 months or until 31 July 2026 (whichever is soonest)

JOB PURPOSE:

The postholder will undertake research into the dating of medieval Irish texts cited in the electronic Dictionary of the Irish Language.

MAJOR DUTIES:

1. Undertake research, under the directorship of Professor Gregory Toner, on the dates assigned in the secondary literature to early Irish texts cited in the electronic Dictionary of the Irish Language and provide synopses for the research team.
2. Carry out analyses, critical evaluations, and interpretations using methodologies and other techniques appropriate to the area of research.
3. Read academic papers and textbooks to keep abreast of developments in own specialism and related disciplines.
4. Verify and correct references for citations abstracted from eDIL.
5. Disaggregate discrete sections of texts and assign dates in accordance with the available secondary literature.
6. Liaise with other team members in pursuit of the project objectives.
7. Liaise with IT consultants and support staff regarding the underpinning IT infrastructure.
8. Present regular progress reports on research to members of the research group.
9. Disseminate and publicise research findings to external audiences.
10. Prepare material for publication online and in academic journals.
11. 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 symposia.

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:

1. A primary degree in Celtic Studies or Irish Language and Literature.
2. Have, or be about to obtain, a PhD in medieval Irish language or literature.
3. At least 3 years relevant research experience, including doctoral research, to include a knowledge of relevant areas of medieval Irish language and literature.
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. Demonstrated organisational ability.
7. Experience with information technology.
8. Excellent communication skills (oral, written, presentation).
9. Ability to communicate complex information clearly and succinctly.
10. Ability to build contacts and participate in internal and external networks.
11. Demonstrable intellectual ability.
12. Ability to assess and organise resources.
13. Ability to work well as part of a team.

DESIRABLE CRITERIA:

1. Experience of working on the editing, chronology or transmission of medieval Gaelic texts.

2. Experience in using spreadsheets, databases, and/or XML.
3. Computer programming experience.