



Candidate Information

Position:	Research Fellow in Archaeology of Cult Landscapes
School/Department:	School of Natural and Built Environment
Reference:	24/111947
Closing Date:	Monday 1 July 2024
Salary:	£37,841 per annum
Anticipated Interview Date:	Tuesday 16 July 2024
Duration:	Fixed term post 14 months or until 16 December 2025, whichever is sooner.

JOB PURPOSE:

To be a responsible for conducting research and fieldwork at major royal, ritual and religious centres of 1st Millennium AD Ireland, as a part of the Cult Landscapes project in Archaeology and Palaeoecology, School of Natural and Built Environment QUB, and to contribute to the overall research performance of the School and University, carrying out research leading to high-quality publications and project impacts.

This post is a part of the Cult Landscapes Project led by PI Dr Patrick Gleeson and partly funded through a grant from the Leverhulme Trust. This project builds from on-going work at Navan Fort to develop similar programmes of field research and base-line datasets for comparable cult centres in later prehistoric and medieval Ireland.

Successful applicants will have responsibilities in independent and collaborative research in the project area, leading fieldwork, planning and excavation at select Cult Landscapes, assisting the PI in publication and database analysis, day to day data management and synthesis, collaborations, and outreach.

MAJOR DUTIES:

1. To conduct research within later prehistoric and early medieval archaeology, focusing on fieldwork, remote sensing, GIS and targeted excavation at major cult landscapes.
2. To assist in developing archaeological datasets for Cult Landscapes in first-millennium AD Ireland, and for comparable sites elsewhere in northern Europe as directed by PI.
3. To undertake advanced GIS and remote sensing (geophysical survey) survey at targeted case study landscapes.
4. To assist in planning, and where appropriate, delivery and write-up of evaluation excavations at select case studies.
5. Carry out analyses, critical evaluations, and interpretations of existing datasets, and to review and synthesise existing literature within this field.
6. Produce high quality research outputs consistent with project aims and commensurate with career stage. This will include collaborating and co-authoring with PI (as appropriate) on outputs.
7. In consultation with the project team, promote research milestones and outputs at national and international conferences and through social media (where applicable).
8. Assist grant holder in the preparation of funding proposals and applications to external bodies.
9. Carry out occasional educational supervision, demonstrating or lecturing duties within the post holder's area of expertise and under the direct guidance of a member of academic staff.
10. Undertake supplementary duties relevant to the success of the project including administrative duties and additional training and development activities as required.

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:

1. Postgraduate degree at PhD Level in Archaeology or closely related area, with cognate expertise.

2. Specific, relevant* research experience to include:
 - An established expertise and proven portfolio in landscape archaeology and fieldwork.
 - Knowledge and experience of using GIS and a variety of remote sensing methodologies, principally methods of geophysical survey.
 - Ability to contribute substantively to field programmes involving excavation.
 - Undertaking research in the area of later prehistoric and early medieval landscape archaeology and/or ritual landscapes.
 - Proven ability to publish in national/international journals and/or edited volumes (commensurate with stage of career).
3. Ability to contribute to broader management and administrative processes.
4. Contribute to the School's outreach programme by links with industry, community groups etc.
5. Practical problem solving skills, independence of thought and initiative.
6. Ability to assess and organise resources.
7. Ability to communicate complex information in English effectively in oral and written format.
8. Ability to build relationships to develop internal and external networks.
9. Commitment to continuous professional development.
10. Proven ability to work without close supervision.

DESIRABLE CRITERIA:

1. Knowledge of Iron Age and/or early medieval archaeology of North-western Europe.
2. Experience of technical report writing in geophysical survey and publication of same.
3. Experience of leading targeted excavation and write up of field results.
4. Knowledge of wider north-western European archaeology in the first millennium AD.
5. Track-record of working with archival materials and sampling for radiocarbon dating.
6. Experience of delivering collaborative results at international conferences (appropriate to career stage).
7. Proven ability to adapt to the changing requirements of the Higher Education community.
8. Experience of delivering research-led teaching in research area.
9. Experience of assisting in grant writing
10. Evidence of a track-record in developing internal/external networks and ability to utilise these to enhance research.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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