

Candidate Information

Position: Productivity Research Assistant
School/Department: Queen's Business School
Reference: 25/112535
Closing Date: Monday 9 June 2025
Salary: £35,136 per annum
Anticipated Interview Date: Wednesday 2 July 2025
Duration: 12 months

JOB PURPOSE:

You will work as a Research Assistant at the Northern Ireland Productivity Forum. 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 research in the area of productivity.
3. Experience of research on the Northern Ireland economy and business landscape.
4. Ability to be self-led and self-organised within framework of agreed schedule of work.
5. Time management.
6. Ability to communicate effectively with project team members and other relevant parties.
7. Ability to present ideas and research findings clearly.
8. Team player.
9. Keen to learn and develop.
10. Willingness to travel where necessary.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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