



Post Specification

Post Title:	Research Student
Post Status:	PhD Studentship
Research Group/Department/School:	SHARECITY, Department of Geography, School of Natural Sciences
Location:	Department of Geography, Trinity College Dublin, the University of Dublin, College Green, Dublin 2, Ireland
Funding:	Payment of tax-free stipend. In addition, payment of academic fees; fully for EU students and partially for non-EU students. NOTE: Applicants must have been resident in an EU member state for 3 out of the last 5 years to be eligible for EU fees
Closing Date and Time:	12 Noon December 18 th 2015

Post Summary

Applications are invited for a four year ERC (European Research Council) funded PhD studentship based at the Department of Geography at Trinity College, the University of Dublin, under the supervision of Professor Anna Davies and as part of the ERC-funded project *SHARECITY: Assessing the practice and sustainability potential of city-based food sharing economies*. The successful applicant will become a core member of the *SHARECITY* team (which will include the Principal Investigator, at least 4 postdoctoral researchers and a Research Assistant). This PhD project will contribute to the *SHARECITY* team's conceptual and analytical development in the identification and classification of food sharing activities within cities globally. The successful candidate will assist in the development of a global database of city-based food sharing and undertake an in-depth ethnographic study of food sharing within one global city identified by the Principal Investigator. Research will include site visits,



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participant observation, interviews and netnographies of sharers (donors, facilitators and recipients) as well as co-designing and trialling a sustainability assessment toolkit with sharers and sharing regulators within the case study city. The final component of the PhD will include conducting a backcasting experiment with key stakeholders regarding the future of food sharing in cities. The successful candidate will be hosted in the Department of Geography, School of Natural Science and will become a member of Environmental Governance Research Group and the Future Cities Research Centre. **General enquires concerning this post can be addressed to daviesa@tcd.ie**

SHARECITY Project Summary

There is growing clarity regarding the unsustainability of cities, not least with respect to food consumption. Sharing, including food sharing, is increasingly being identified as one transformative mechanism for sustainable cities: reducing consumption; conserving resources, preventing waste and providing new forms of socio-economic relations. However, such claims currently rest on thin conceptual and empirical foundations. The five-year project *SHARECITY: Assessing the practice and sustainability potential of city-based food sharing economies*, is funded by the European Research Council and is a collaborative, multi-phased investigation of the phenomenon of food sharing economies in cities and its potential to contribute to sustainable urban transitions in relation to food. *SHARECITY* will identify and examine diverse practices of city-based food sharing economies, first determining their form, function and governance and then identifying their impact and potential to reorient eating practices. The research has four objectives: to advance theoretical understanding of contemporary food sharing economies in cities; to generate a significant body of comparative and novel international empirical knowledge about food sharing economies and their governance within global cities; to design and test an assessment framework for establishing the impact of city-based food sharing economies on societal relations, economic vitality and the environment; and to explore how food sharing economies within cities might evolve in the future.



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SHARECITY will open new research horizons to substantively improve understanding of how, why and to what end people share food within cities in the 21st Century.

Funding Information

The project provides a studentship covering EU level fees, an annual tax-free stipend at Irish Research Council rates of €16,000 per annum and research expenses. The studentship will be available for full-time study starting March 2016.

Person Specification

Qualifications

Applicants should hold a minimum upper-second honours degree (or equivalent) in geography, sociology, agrifood subjects, environmental studies, anthropology, or related area and ideally a Masters degree (at merit level or above) in a relevant discipline.

Knowledge & Experience (Essential & Desirable)

- The successful candidate:
 - will have experience of qualitative research methods and field experience of data collection and analysis.
 - will have quantitative research skills and knowledge of SPSS and Excel
 - will publish their research in peer reviewed journals, present their findings at national and international conferences and disseminate findings through blogs, briefing notes and workshops as required.
 - will be willing to travel as necessary to fulfill the project requirements
 - will be highly motivated, with strong written and oral communication skills
 - must be eager to work in and learn from multi-disciplinary and multi-organisation teams.



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- will have appropriate English language certification if English is not their first language, the requirement being: IELTS: 7.0+, TOEFL iBT: 100+, TOEFL pBT: 600+, CEF: C1+, or equivalent.
- language skills in addition to English are desirable
- Basic GIS skills would be advantageous

Discipline/Area Summary

The School of Natural Sciences

The School of Natural Sciences, comprising the Disciplines of Botany, Geography, Geology and Zoology, the Centre for the Environment and the TCBR, is one of the largest schools in the Faculty of Engineering, Mathematics and Science and hosts biological, physical and social scientists. The School currently accommodates 43 academic staff, 26 postdoctoral research fellows and over 150 postgraduate students (including 82 research and 71 taught students). Its taught programmes are varied as the School offers moderatorships (undergraduate degrees) in Earth Sciences, Environmental Sciences, Functional Biology, Geography, Geology, Plant Sciences and Zoology and contributes to other moderatorships including Neurosciences, Geography and Politics and to the Two Subject Moderatorship (TSM) programme (<http://www.naturalscience.tcd.ie/undergraduate/>). The School has also a major commitment to graduate teaching and supervision and currently hosts three taught Masters programmes (<http://www.naturalscience.tcd.ie/postgraduate/>).

GARDA Clearance

Police vetting will be sought in respect of individuals who come under consideration for a post.

PLEASE NOTE: Candidates will be required to complete and return a Garda vetting form should they come under consideration for appointment. In some cases they may be requested to complete the form on the day of interview. This form will be



forwarded to An Garda Síochána (Irish Police) for security checks on all Irish addresses at which they have resided. An Garda Síochána will make enquiries with the Police Service of Northern Ireland with respect to addresses in Northern Ireland. If a candidate is not successful in obtaining the post for whatever reason, this information will be destroyed by the PAS. If a candidate, therefore, subsequently comes under consideration for another position, they will be required to supply this information again.

While candidates must complete information in relation to all addresses at which they have resided, the vetting is only done on addresses on the island of Ireland.

If a candidate has resided / studied in countries outside of Ireland for a period of 6 months or more, it is mandatory for them to furnish a Police Criminal Records Check/ Police Certificate from those countries stating that they have no convictions recorded against them while residing there. Candidates will need to provide a separate Police Criminal Records Check/ Police Certificate for each country in which they have resided. The Police Criminal Records Check/ Police Certificate must be dated after the date the candidate left the relevant country. Candidates should provide documentation in the English and/or Irish language. Translations must be provided by a registered translation company/institute in the Republic of Ireland; all costs will be borne by the candidate. Only original version documents will be accepted.

Candidates should be aware that any information obtained in the Garda Vetting process can be made available to the employing area.

It is the responsibility of the candidate to seek security clearances in a timely fashion as they can take some time. No candidate will be appointed without this information being provided and being in order.



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The following websites may be of assistance in this regard:

www.disclosurescotland.co.uk

www.psnipolice.uk

www.afp.gov.au This website provides information on obtaining a national police clearance certificate for Australia

www.courts.govt.nz This website provides information on obtaining police clearance in New Zealand.

For other countries not listed above candidates may find it helpful to contact the relevant embassies who could provide information on seeking Police Clearance. Original Police Clearance documentation should be forwarded to the PAS where it will be copied and the original returned to the candidate by post. Any cost incurred in this process will be borne by the candidate.

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Founded in 1592, Trinity is at the nexus of tradition and innovation, offering undergraduate and postgraduate programmes across 24 schools and three faculties: arts, humanities, and social sciences; engineering, maths and science; and health sciences. Spread across 47 acres in Dublin's city centre, Trinity's 17,000-strong student body comes from all 32 counties of Ireland, and 16% of students come from outside the country. Of those, 40% are from outside the European Union, making Trinity's campus cosmopolitan and bustling, with a focus on diversity.

As Ireland's leading university, the pursuit of academic excellence through research and scholarship is at the heart of the Trinity education. Trinity is known for intellectual rigour, excellence, interdisciplinarity, and research-led teaching. Home to Nobel prize-winners such as scientist Ernest Walton and writer Samuel Beckett, Trinity draws visitors from across the world to its historic campus each year,



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including to the Book of Kells and Science Gallery which capture the university's connection to both old and new.

Trinity accounts for one-fifth of all spin-out companies from Irish higher education institutions, helping to turn Ireland into an innovation-intensive, high-productivity economy. That culture of innovation and entrepreneurship is a defining characteristic of our campus as we help shape the next generation of job creators.

Trinity has developed significant strength in a broad range of research areas, including the 19 broadly based multi-disciplinary thematic research areas.



Ireland's first purpose-built nanoscience research institute, CRANN, houses 150 scientists, technicians and graduate students in specialised laboratory facilities. Meanwhile, the state-of-the-art Biomedical Sciences Institute is carrying out breakthrough research in areas such as immunology, cancer and medical devices.



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The Old Library, which houses the Long Room, in Trinity is the largest research library in Ireland, with a collection of six million printed items, 500,000 maps, 80,000 electronic journals, and 350,000 electronic books. Some of the world's most famous scholars are graduates of Trinity, including writer Jonathan Swift, dramatist Oscar Wilde, philosopher George Berkeley, and political philosopher, and political theorist Edmund Burke. Three Trinity graduates have become Presidents of Ireland - Douglas Hyde, Mary Robinson and Mary McAleese.

Trinity is the highest ranked university in Ireland, and among the world's leading higher education institutions.

Equal Opportunities Policy

Trinity College Dublin is an equal opportunities employer and is committed to the employment policies, procedures and practices which do not discriminate on grounds such as gender, civil status, family status, age, disability, race, religious belief, sexual orientation or membership of the travelling community.

Pension Entitlements

This is a pensionable position and the provisions of the Public Service Superannuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2004 will apply in relation to retirement age for pension purposes. Details of the relevant Pension Scheme will be provided to the successful applicant.

Applicants should note that they will be required to complete a Pre-Employment Declaration to confirm whether or not they have previously availed of an Irish Public Service Scheme of incentivised early retirement or enhanced redundancy payment. Applicants will also be required to declare any entitlements to a Public Service



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pension benefit (in payment or preserved) from any other Irish Public Service employment.

Applicants formerly employed by the Irish Public Service that may previously have availed of an Irish Public Service Scheme of Incentivised early retirement or enhanced redundancy payment should ensure that they are not precluded from re-engagement in the Irish Public Service under the terms of such Schemes. Such queries should be directed to an applicant's former Irish Public Service Employer in the first instance.

Application Procedure

Please apply via email to daviesa@tcd.ie, including: Full CV with contact details of 2 referees and academic results, and a cover letter outlining research experience to date and suitability for the studentship (max. 1000 words)

There will be an interview process the week beginning 18th January 2016, and the successful candidate will be invited to apply via the TCD graduate studies admission system for March registration 2016.

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