# Post Specification

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<th><strong>Post Title:</strong></th>
<th>Research Fellow (Postdoctoral Researcher) in Geography</th>
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<td><strong>Post Status:</strong></td>
<td>24 month Contract (Full Time)</td>
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<td><strong>Research Group / Department / School:</strong></td>
<td>CONNECT Research Centre, Department of Geography, Natural Sciences</td>
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<td><strong>Location:</strong></td>
<td>Trinity College Dublin, the University of Dublin College Green, Dublin 2, Ireland</td>
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<td><strong>Reports to:</strong></td>
<td>Prof. Anna Davies</td>
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<td><strong>Salary:</strong></td>
<td>Appointment will be made on the Research Fellow scale at a point in line with Government Pay Policy for postdoctoral researchers Level 2A.</td>
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<td><strong>Hours of Work:</strong></td>
<td>Hours of work for academic staff are those as prescribed under Public Service Agreements. For further information please follow the link below: <a href="http://www.tcd.ie/hr/assets/pdf/academic-hours-public-service-agreement.pdf">http://www.tcd.ie/hr/assets/pdf/academic-hours-public-service-agreement.pdf</a></td>
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Post Summary
The Department of Geography at Trinity College, the University of Dublin, is seeking a postdoctoral researcher to work with Professor Anna Davies on the SFI-funded spoke ENABLE: Connecting Communities to Smart Urban Environments through the Internet of Things. The postdoctoral researcher will work on the citizen engagement stream of ENABLE, specifically focusing on how smart buildings and particularly co-working spaces affect the behaviour and consumption practices of those who work within them (the WORK/SMART project). As a result the project requires a social scientist with interests in behaviour change, sustainable consumption, smart technologies, digital innovation and co-working spaces. The researcher will become a member of the Environmental Governance Research Group, the ENABLE Spoke, the Trinity Future Cities Research Centre and the SFI Research Centre CONNECT.

General enquires concerning this post should be addressed to daviesa@tcd.ie

Standard Duties and Responsibilities of the Post
The successful candidate will be based in Dublin and will undertake rigorous primary research, publishing findings in top-quality scholarly journals and other outlets, and presenting papers based on the research at meetings and conferences. The successful candidate will also be expected to actively contribute to the following activities:

- Collaborating with ENABLE partners
- Writing blog posts, media articles and contributing to social media and similar communications activities
- Organizing workshops, seminars and conferences
- Liaising and maintaining positive relations with citizens and other stakeholders.
- Undertaking all necessary reporting
- Archiving data generated for further use
- Attending project meetings

Funding Information
The posts are funded through the SFI Spoke ENABLE
Person Specification

Qualifications
The successful candidate must hold a PhD in a subject which enables them to meet the goals of the WORK/SMART project. This may include specialisms within geography, behavioural science, urban studies and urban planning, sociology, anthropology, sustainability science, human-computer interactions. The successful candidate will be an independent researcher who is comfortable leading day-to-day research activities.

Knowledge & Experience
The successful candidate will have the following knowledge and experience:

Essential

- Experience of in-depth qualitative or ethnographic research
- Experience of working as part of a team and autonomously
- Experience of communicating research internationally
- Knowledge of citizen engagement theories and methods
- Knowledge of collaborative economies, co-working spaces, sharing economies
- Awareness of smart building systems and technologies
- Awareness of behaviour change theories and methods
- Awareness of sustainable consumption issues

Desirable

- Experience of quantitative research methods
- Experience of interdisciplinary research environments
- Experience of behaviour change research
- Knowledge of digital innovation

Skills & Competencies
The successful candidates will have:

Essential:

- Excellent oral and written academic skills
- Ability to communicate research findings beyond academic outlets and communities including through social media
- High levels of tenacity, commitment and self-motivation
- Excellent time management skills
- Willingness and ability to travel nationally and internationally to disseminate research findings as required
- English language certification if English is not the first language, the requirement being: IELTS: 7.0+, TOEFL iBT: 100+, TOEFL pBT: 600+, CEF: C1+, or equivalent.

Desirable:
- Qualitative computer analysis and visualisation skills

Further Information for Applicants

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GARDA CLEARANCE:

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

PLEASE NOTE: Applicants 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 an applicant is not successful in obtaining the post for whatever reason, this information will be destroyed. If an applicant, therefore, subsequently comes under consideration for another position, they will be required to supply this information again.

While applicants 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 an applicant 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. Applicants 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 applicant left the relevant country. Applicants 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 applicant. Only original version documents will be accepted.
Applicants 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 applicant to seek security clearances in a timely fashion as they can take some time. No applicant will be appointed without this information being provided and being in order.

The following websites may be of assistance in this regard:

www.disclosurescotland.co.uk
www.psni.police.uk

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

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

For other countries not listed above applicants 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 Human Resources where it will be copied and the original returned to the applicant by post. Any cost incurred in this process will be borne by the Applicant.
Trinity College Dublin, the University of Dublin

Trinity is Ireland’s premier university, with a proud tradition of excellence stretching back to its foundation in 1592. The oldest university in Ireland, and one of the oldest in Europe, today Trinity sits at the intersection of the past and the future, and is ideally positioned as a major university in the European Union. Our 47-acre campus is located in the heart of Dublin city centre and is home to historic buildings dating from the University’s establishment, as well as some of the most cutting-edge teaching and research facilities in Ireland. Students at Trinity benefit from a unique educational experience across a range of disciplines in our three faculties – Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences; Engineering, Mathematics and Science; and Health Sciences. The pursuit of excellence through research and scholarship is at the heart of a Trinity education, and our researchers have an outstanding publication record and strong record of grant success.

Trinity has developed 18 broad-based multidisciplinary research themes that cut across disciplines and facilitate world-leading research and collaboration within the University and with colleagues around the world. These internationally recognised themes include such diverse areas as Cancer, Immunology, Telecoms, Identities in Transformation, Nanoscience, Neuroscience, and Making Ireland. Researchers from across the University work together in innovative ways to develop new and exciting approaches to their research and explore the frontiers of knowledge in the 21st century. In creating these dedicated research themes, Trinity’s researchers are able to become a more powerful force on the global stage, successfully competing for large-scale grants and attracting top students and faculty to the University. Trinity is home to Ireland’s first purpose-built Nanoscience research institute, CRANN, which opened in January 2008. This state-of-the-art facility houses 150 scientists, technicians, and graduate students in specialised laboratories, fostering creative innovations that have seen Trinity’s researchers make significant breakthroughs.

The Trinity Long Room Hub for Arts and Humanities Research Institute is the University’s flagship institute for research in the Arts and Humanities, providing a world-class environment for cross-disciplinary collaborative projects. The Long Room Hub provides a central location through which the University’s internationally respected Arts and Humanities research can become more visible, demonstrating its relevance for contemporary and future societies.
Researchers from across the University regularly participate in debates on topical issues facing the world today. As well as operating an International Visiting Research Fellowship programme, the Long Room Hub also hosts major EU-funded Digital Humanities projects.

One of the most instantly recognised parts of Trinity’s campus is the famous Old Library, home to the historic Book of Kells as well as other internationally significant holdings in manuscripts, maps, and early printed material. Trinity’s Library is the largest research library in Ireland and is an invaluable resource to Trinity’s students and research community. Built up over the four centuries of the University’s existence, the Library’s collections have benefitted from its status as a Legal Deposit library for the past 200 years, granting Trinity the right to claim a copy of every book published in Ireland and the UK. At present, the Library’s holdings span approximately 4.25 million books, 22,000 printed periodical titles, and access to 60,000 e-journals and 250,000 e-books.

Trinity attracts top students from Ireland and abroad and prides itself on the consistently high standard of student admitted to the University every year. These students are drawn to Trinity for the excellence of our research-led teaching and for the quality and prestige a degree from this University confers. Trinity has also pioneered accessibility to education in Ireland, becoming the first university in the country to reserve 15% of its undergraduate places for students from non-traditional learning groups. Trinity is the top-ranked European university for student entrepreneurship and Europe’s only representative in the world’s top-50 universities.

Our alumni have gone on to shape the history of Ireland and of Western Europe in a wide range of fields. These include such notable figures as Jonathan Swift, Oscar Wilde, William Rowan Hamilton, Edmund Burke, William Stokes, Denis Burkitt, Louise Richardson, Lenny Abrahamson, and Anne Enright. Three of Trinity’s graduates have been awarded Nobel prizes: Ernest Walton for Physics in 1951; Samuel Beckett for Literature in 1968; and William Campbell for Physiology / Medicine in 2015. Trinity also counts the first female President of Ireland among its alumni in Mary Robinson, as well as other notable former Presidents Douglas Hyde and Mary McAleese. At Trinity we are justifiably proud of our tradition, and we strive to uphold this excellence as we face the demands of the 21st century.
Ranking Facts

Trinity is the top ranked university in Ireland. Using the QS methodology we are ranked 88th in the world and using the Times Higher Education World University Rankings methodology we are 117th in the world.

Overall

- Trinity is Ireland’s No.1 University in the QS World University Ranking, THE World University Ranking and the Academic Ranking of World Universities (Shanghai).
- Trinity is ranked 88th in the World, and 29th in Europe, in the 2017/2018 QS World University Ranking.
- Trinity is ranked in the Top 100 for Graduate Employability in the QS 2017 Rankings.
- Trinity is in the Top 50 most innovative universities in Europe according to Reuters.¹
- Between 2010 and 2015, Trinity was ranked the top university in Europe for entrepreneurship according to Pitchbook’s independent analysis.²

¹ [http://www.reuters.com/article/us-innovative-stories-europe-idUSKCN0Z00CT](http://www.reuters.com/article/us-innovative-stories-europe-idUSKCN0Z00CT)
Internationalisation

- Trinity is ranked 52nd in the world in the THE World University Ranking for international outlook.

Research Performance

- Of the 981 institutions included in the THE World University Rankings for 2017, Trinity is in the top 15% internationally for research performance.
- Trinity is ranked in the top 15% internationally by QS for citations.

In the QS World University Rankings:

- Trinity featured in the world's elite (Top 200) institutions in 25 of the 28 subjects in which it was evaluated by the QS World University Rankings by Subject in 2015. Of these, Trinity ranked in the top 100 in the world in 14 subjects and in the top 50 in the world in 6 subjects: English Language and Literature; Nursing; Politics and International Studies; History; Biological Sciences; and Modern Languages.
- In three out of the last four years, Trinity has been consistently ranked in the Top 50 worldwide for the following areas: English Language and Literature; Nursing; Modern Languages; and Politics and International Studies.
- In the QS Faculty rankings, Trinity has been consistently ranked in the Top 100 globally for Arts and Humanities over the last four years.
Research Themes

- Ageing
- Cancer
- Creative Arts Practice
- Creative Technologies
- Digital Engagement
- Digital Humanities
- Genes & Society
- Identities in Transformation
- Immunology, Inflammation & Infection
- International Development
- International Integration
- Making Ireland
- Manuscript, Book and Print Cultures
- Nanoscience
- Neuroscience
- Telecommunications
- Smart Sustainable Planet
- Next Generation Medical Devices
The Selection Process in Trinity

The Selection Committee (Interview Panel) may include members of the Academic and Administrative community together with External Assessor(s) who are expert in the area. Applications will be acknowledged by email. If you do not receive confirmation of receipt within 1 day of submitting your application online, please contact the named Recruitment Partner on the job specification immediately and prior to the closing date/time.

Given the degree of co-ordination and planning to have a Selection Committee available on the specified date, the University regrets that it may not be in a position to offer alternate selection dates. Where candidates are unavailable, reserves may be drawn from a shortlist. Outcomes of interviews are notified in writing to candidates and are issued no later than 5 working days following the selection day.

In some instances the Selection Committee may avail of telephone or video conferencing. The University’s selection methods may consist of any or all of the following: Interviews, Presentations, Psychometric Testing, References and Situational Exercises.

It is the policy of the University to conduct pre-employment medical screening/full pre-employment medicals. Information supplied by candidates in their application (Cover Letter and CV) will be used to shortlist for interview.

Applications from non-EEA citizens are welcomed. However, eligibility is determined by the Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation and further information on the Highly Skills Eligible Occupations List is set out in Schedule 3 of the Regulations
https://www.djei.ie/en/What-We-Do/Jobs-Workplace-and-Skills/Employment-Permits/Employment-Permit-Eligibility/Ineligible-Categories-of-Employment/. Non-EEA candidates should note that the onus is on them to secure a visa to travel to Ireland prior to interview. Non-EEA candidates should also be aware that even if successful at interview, an appointment to the post is contingent on the securing of an employment permit.
Equal Opportunities Policy

Trinity is an equal opportunities employer and is committed to 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. On that basis we encourage and welcome talented people from all backgrounds to join our staff community. Trinity’s Diversity Statement can be viewed in full at https://www.tcd.ie/diversity-inclusion/diversity-statement.

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 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

Applicants should submit ONE document containing: a cover letter detailing your suitability for the role; a full Curriculum Vitae; one piece of published writing (e.g. journal article or book chapter) and the names and contact details of 3 referees (including email addresses), to Professor Davies: daviesa@tcd.ie by Noon (GMT) 11th February 2019.

Interviews will take place later in February with the appointment expected to be effective shortly thereafter.

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