**Research Associate/Postdoctoral Researcher**

**School of Political Science and Sociology, University of Galway**

**University of Galway Ref: 233-23**

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for a full time fixed term position as a research associate/postdoctoral researcher with the School of Political Science and Sociology at the University of Galway, Ireland.

This position is funded by University of Galway ENLIGHT Research Networks and is available from 1 October 2023, for a period of six months.

The researcher will work for the ENLIGHT research network MULTISET – *Multisolving for Equity and Sustainability Transitions*, which is coordinated by the School of Political Science and Sociology. The MULTISET research network brings together an international team of researchers who work on themes related to equity and sustainability transitions. The network members are preparing two Horizon applications, to be submitted in February 2024. TOPIC ID: HORIZON-CL2-2024-DEMOCRACY-01-08; TOPIC ID: HORIZON-CL2-2024-DEMOCRACY-01-02.

**Job Description**

The successful candidate will play a key role in coordinating, preparing and submitting the Horizon proposals, as instructed by the project PIs, and in collaboration with the project partners. Duties include:

* Assist the PIs in preparation and submission of Horizon applications
* Prepare the budgets of the Horizon proposals
* Assist in the financial management of the MULTISET network
* Assist in planning for a possible ERC Synergy proposal
* Complete the administrative work to support the network
* Any other duties assigned commensurate to this level of post

**Qualifications/Skills required:**

*Essential Requirements:*

* PhD in Social Sciences or 4+ years experience in interdisciplinary research relevant to the post.
* Experience in applying for or assisting in proposal preparation for EU Horizon funding, or similar funding instrument, or experience evaluating and reviewing for Horizon Europe or similar funding instrument
* Familiarity and experience in budgeting, research accounting and reporting
* Experience of teamwork in research projects

*Desirable Requirements:*

* Familiarity and experience with the Horizon Europe and ERC funding system
* Expertise on the research themes of sustainability, equity, democracy
* Experience in preparing a successful application for Horizon Europe
* Experience in working in a Horizon research project
* Experience in communicating with a variety of experts to deliver on time

**Salary**: Postdoctoral Researcher salary scale €42,032- €54,153 per annum, (subject to the project’s funding limitations), and pro rata for shorter and/or part-time contracts.

The default position for all new public sector appointments is the 1st point of the salary scale. This may be reviewed, and consideration afforded to appointment at a higher point on the payscale (subject to the project’s funding limitations), where evidence of prior years’ equivalent experience is accepted in determining placement on the scale above point 1, subject to the maximum of the scale.

[Research Salary Scales - University of Galway).](https://www.universityofgalway.ie/human-resources/recruitment-and-selection/recruitment-and-selection/researchsalaryscales/)

**Start date**: Position is available from 1 October 2023

**Continuing Professional Development/Training**:

Researchers at University of Galway are encouraged to avail of a range of training and development opportunities designed to support their personal career development plans. University of Galway provides continuing professional development supports for all researchers seeking to build their own career pathways either within or beyond academia.  Researchers are encouraged to engage with our Researcher Development Centre (RDC) upon commencing employment - see [HERE](http://www.nuigalway.ie/rdc) for further information.

Further information on research and working at University of Galway is available on [Research at University of Galway](http://www.nuigalway.ie/our-research/)

For information on moving to Ireland please see [www.euraxess.ie](http://www.euraxess.ie/)

Further information about the School of Political Science and Sociology is available at <https://www.universityofgalway.ie/soc/>

**To Apply:**

Please send expressions of interest (cover letter and a short CV with the names of two referees) or queries to coordinator of the MULTISET network Lecturer Hanna Kaisa Hoppania:

hanna-kaisa.hoppania@universityofgalway.ie

Please put reference number **University of Galway 233-23** in subject line of e-mail application.

**Closing date for receipt of applications is 5.00 pm (Irish Time)** 28 September 2023.

We reserve the right to re-advertise or extend the closing date for this post.

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All positions are recruited in line with Open, Transparent, Merit (OTM) and Competency based recruitment.

