



Ollscoil Chathair  
Bhaile Átha Cliath  
Dublin City University

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for the following position:

**Research assistant in environmental politics**

**Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences**

**School of Law and Government & Centre for Climate and Society**

**Fixed term contract up to 10 months, 80% FTE**

### **Dublin City University**

Dublin City University (DCU) is a leading innovative European University. It is proud to be one of the world's leading Young Universities and is among the world's top 2% globally. DCU is known as Ireland's University of Impact, with a mission to 'transform lives and societies' and focuses on addressing global challenges in collaboration with key national and international partners and stakeholders.

DCU has over 20,000 students in five faculties spread across three academic campuses in the Glasnevin-Drumcondra area of North Dublin. Thanks to its innovative approach to teaching and learning, the University offers a 'transformative student experience' that helps to develop highly sought-after graduates. DCU is currently No. 1 in Ireland for Graduate Employment Rate, and for graduate income (CSO).

DCU is a research-intensive University and is home to a number of SFI-funded Research Centres. The University participates in a range of European and international research partnerships. DCU is also the leading Irish university in the area of technology transfer as reflected by licensing of intellectual property.

As a 'People First' institution, DCU is committed to Equality, Diversity and Inclusion - a University that helps staff and students to thrive. The University is a leader in terms of its work to increase access to education, and is placed in the world's Top 10 for reducing inequalities in the Times Higher Education Impact Rankings

### **The School of Law and Government**

The School of Law and Government is an ambitious, research-intensive school. It has a range of programmes at undergraduate, master's, and PhD level. It offers several taught postgraduate programmes, including the MSc in Climate Change: Policy, Media and Society. The School has over forty research students and offers a structured PhD in Politics and International Relations.

The School is committed to high quality research, expects its staff to publish regularly in leading journals and with leading university presses and supports its staff in such work. We have led research programmes supported by the Irish Research Council, the EU and other national and international funders.

## **Centre for Climate and Society**

The DCU Centre for Climate and Society aims to provide cutting edge research, innovation and engagement on the societal dimensions of climate change by bringing together DCU's significant expertise in the humanities, social sciences and related disciplines as they relate to climate change. The Centre is the first climate change research centre in Ireland with a core focus on humanities and social sciences perspectives. It comprises a diverse and multidisciplinary research community of over 30 faculty members and 17 PhD students across three DCU faculties.

### **Role profile**

The research assistant will contribute to work on climate change and democratic governance, primarily within the context of the [Horizon Europe project RETOOL: Strengthening democratic governance for climate transitions](#), which is coordinated by DCU. The goal of the project is to advance our understanding of how to address the twin challenges of responding to the climate imperative while strengthening and reinvigorating democratic governance. The project aims to understand how a variety of democratic institutions across Europe are responding to the climate challenge, including learning lessons from history and studying new and innovative democratic practices. The research assistant will contribute to research on institutions for deliberative participation such as citizens' assemblies, primarily in an Irish context but with the possibility of some comparative research.

The position is envisaged as an 80% Full Time Equivalent (4 days per week) position, commencing in January 2025 or as soon as possible thereafter.

### **Duties and Responsibilities**

Reporting to the Principal Investigator, the successful candidate will undertake a range of research and associated tasks within the RETOOL project. The main duties and responsibilities include:

- Undertaking literature reviews and synthesising existing research of relevance to the project;
- Undertaking primary data collection and analysis, including but not limited to document analysis and expert interviews;
- Participating in project meetings and working with partners across the project consortia;
- Contributing to engagement with relevant stakeholders;
- Contributing to the timely completion of project deliverables;
- Undertaking project management and administrative tasks as required.

### **Qualifications and Experience**

Applicants must have a master's in environmental politics or a cognate discipline. The ideal candidate will have:

- Research experience on topics related to the intersection of climate change and democratic governance;
- Excellent empirical research, analytical, and writing skills;
- Strong interpersonal and organisational skills;

- Ability to communicate effectively;
- Knowledge of the EU and Irish environmental policy landscapes.

### **Salary Scale**

IUA Research Assistant Salary Scale: € 31,962 – € 39,188 (Point 1 – Point 10), pro rata.

Appointment will be made commensurate with qualifications and experience, and will be made on the appropriate point of the salary scales, in line with current Government pay policy.

**Closing Date:** Friday 22 November 2024

### **Informal enquiries should be directed to:**

Dr. Diarmuid Torney, School of Law and Government, Dublin City University.

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### **Application Procedure**

Applicants should send a cover letter and CV, including contact details for two referees, to: [retool@dcu.ie](mailto:retool@dcu.ie).

Please clearly state the role that you are applying for in your application and email subject line:  
*Research assistant in environmental politics*

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