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UNIVERSITY OF GALWAY



HR EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH

**POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCHER – ‘Gaeltacht Families and Multilingualism
(‘GAELFAM’)**

**[SCHOOL OF EDUCATION, COLLEGE OF ARTS, SOCIAL SCIENCES AND CELTIC
STUDIES]**

Ref. No. 011420

JOB ADVERTISEMENT

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for a full-time, fixed term position as a post-doctoral researcher with [Children’s Studies](#) at the University of Galway, Ireland.

This position is funded by Research Ireland/Taighde Éireann (formerly known as an SFI-IRC Pathways Award) and is available from January 1 2026 to contract end date of December 15 2027.

Salary: Postdoctoral Researcher salary scale €46,305 - €59,063 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](#))

Closing date for receipt of applications is 17:00 (Irish Time) on November 24, 2025. It will not be possible to consider applications received after the closing date.

***Please review full job description for further details and essential requirement**

JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Description:

The successful candidate will will work closely with the PI Dr. Cassie Smith-Christmas and associated GAELFAM researchers in conducting, disseminating, and communicating the main findings of the GAELFAM project. GAELFAM takes an ethnographic approach to understand more about the everyday linguistic experiences of families who reside in Irish Gaeltacht areas and who use a language other than/in addition to Irish or English in the home.

Duties: What the successful candidate will do attached to the specific post (list /bulletpoint). Please refer to [Researcher Competencies](#) and ensure the duties are appropriate for the level of post.



- Conduct project fieldwork, which includes but is not limited to semi-structured interviews with families who fit the GAELFAM profile; multimodal language diaries with selected families, ethnography of the families' local area(s); semi-structured interviews with the cúntóirí teagain the areas in which the families live
- Transcription of data, both of data collected by researcher and data previously collected for the GAELFAM project
- Analysis of data, both of data collected by researcher and data previously collected for the GAELFAM project
- Publish articles (both single and co-authored with other project team members) in high-level peer-reviewed academic journals
- Build and maintain project website; maintain project blog
- Present project findings at the number of national and international conferences
- Chair one stakeholder event with youth engagement focus
- Any other duties assigned commensurate to this level of post

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Essential Requirements:

- PhD in applied linguistics, relevant language, or other relevant social science field
- Experience in working with families and/or children using qualitative research methods
- Excellent written and spoken English
- Experience in recording, transcribing, and analysing natural speech
- Experience presenting at national and international conferences
- Experience in conference/stakeholder event organisation
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Desirable Requirements:

- Demonstratable background in Family Language Policy (FLP) research
- Fluency in Irish
- Fluency in a third language in addition to Irish or English
- Experience in using NVivo
- Publication track record
- Experience in organising youth-led events
- Experience building and maintaining a website
- Experience in communicating findings to a general audience, including blog posts
- Experience in carrying out sociolinguistic research with families in Ireland

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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



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Researcher Development Centre (RDC) upon commencing employment - see [HERE](#) for further information.

FURTHER INFORMATION/LINKS

- **TO APPLY:** [Search Current University of Galway vacancies](#). Applications must be submitted online.
 - [How to apply guide](#)
- For informal enquiries, please contact Dr. Cassie Smith-Christmas Email Cassandra.Smith-Christmas@universityofgalway.ie
- [University's Strategic Plan](#)
- [Working in Research at University of Galway](#)
- [Moving to Ireland \(Euraxess\)](#)
- [Applicant Information](#)
- We reserve the right to re-advertise or extend the closing date for this post.
- University of Galway is an equal opportunities employer.
- All positions are recruited in line with Open, Transparent, Merit (OTM) and Competency based recruitment.

