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UNIVERSITY OF GALWAY



HR EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH

Research Assistant – FABLES/SilverSTEAM (0.75 FTE)

School of Natural Sciences

College of Science and Engineering

Ref. No 011841

JOB ADVERTISEMENT

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for a part-time (0.75FTE), fixed-term position as Research Assistant in Physics, School of Natural Sciences, College of Science and Engineering at the University of Galway, Ireland.

This position is funded by ERASMUS+, the EU flagship programme funding education, training, youth and sport. The position is available at 0.75 FTE from 01/09/26 to 30/11/28.

Folklore and Arts Bridging Learning and Expression through STEAM Education (FABLES) uses digital storytelling as a way to connect people with their environment, imparts digital skills and develops links between science and folklore in three partner countries. FABLES actively involves older adults from diverse socio-cultural backgrounds, ensuring that educational opportunities are accessible to all. The successful candidate will work with community groups to deliver digital storytelling workshops, to identify scientific themes in collected stories, design and deliver science workshops in response to the collected stories, and evaluate the process for impact. SilverSTEAM works to widen STEAM education and fostering inclusion, using innovative workshops to engage older members of the community with science and art activities.

Salary: Research Assistant salary scale €34,129 - €44,311 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.

[\(Research Salary Scales - University of Galway\)](#)

Employment permit restrictions apply for this category of post.

NB: Garda vetting is a requirement for this post (as appropriate to Child Protection Policy)

Closing date for receipt of applications is 17:00 (Irish Time) on 14/07/26. It will not be possible to consider applications received after the closing date.

Interviews are planned to be held on 01/08/26.

Please review full job description for further details and essential requirements

JOB DESCRIPTION



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The successful candidate will work with project team to manage the FABLES project and contribute to the SilverSTEAM project, contributing to educational curricula and research the develop educational curricula related to digital storytelling and environmental-themed STEAM and research the impact of STEAM engagement with older members of communities.

The Researcher will work with FABLES international project team under the supervision of Principal Investigator Dr. Liz Coleman

Duties:

- Co-ordinate communication between partners
- Contribute to project reporting
- Investigate state of the art in informal / non-formal educational approaches
- Establishment of evaluation protocol for educational activities
- Analysis of collected stories for scientific content
- Evaluation data collection and analysis
- Develop Research protocol and research ethics application for evaluation of STEAM interventions in community settings
- Any other duties assigned commensurate to this level of post

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum of Primary Degree (level 8) in a relevant discipline at first-class or upper second-class level.
- Experience in research and reporting
- Experience in engaging the public with science
- Experience in evaluation via triangulated quantitative and qualitative analysis
- Evidence of strong written, verbal, and interpersonal communication skills.
- Ability to respond appropriately to deadlines.
- Excellent time management. Flexible, self-motivated; ability to work independently and collaboratively.

Desirable Requirements:

- Experience in project management and coordination
- Experience using NVivo software (or similar) for qualitative analysis
- Experience in computational data analysis
- Project management experience.
- Evidence of academic publication and dissemination.

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Continuing Professional Development/Training:



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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](#) 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 Liz Coleman, liz.coleman@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.



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