



# Ollscoil Mhá Nuad Maynooth University

## School of Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures Assistant Professor/Lecturer in Chinese Studies (Specified Purpose contract)

### The Role

Maynooth University is committed to a strategy in which the primary University goals of excellent research and scholarship and outstanding education are interlinked and equally valued.

We are seeking an excellent academic to join our staff as a temporary Assistant Professor in Chinese Studies for an anticipated three-year period. The person appointed will have a proven record of teaching, research and publication, appropriate to career stage. He/she/they will be expected to make a strong contribution to the teaching programme of the Chinese Studies section and the School and undertake teaching duties on undergraduate and postgraduate programmes as well as the supervision of undergraduate and postgraduate students.

The appointee will be expected to build a strong research profile that supports the University's research strategy, including affiliating to the Research Institutes, where appropriate, and working with colleagues on national and international research. Whilst we are open to applicants with a specialism in any area of Chinese Studies, we would be particularly interested in receiving applications from candidates with a strong research profile in Chinese linguistics and philology, language pedagogy and assessment, or second language acquisition. The appointee will be expected to sustain and conduct research, engage in scholarship of quality and substance, and generate publications of international standard.



## Principal Duties

### Teaching:

Undergraduate and postgraduate teaching duties are assigned by the Head of the School. The duties will include:

- Teaching and assessing students at undergraduate level in both language and content modules. This may include lecturing, tutoring, leading practical learning activities, project supervision, and setting, supervising and grading assessments;
- Teaching, supervising, and assessing postgraduate students in both language and content modules, including lecturing, leading seminars and other learning activities, supervision of student research activities, training and mentoring, and setting, supervising and grading assessments;
- Enhancing and innovating teaching and assessment practice;
- Contributing, as required, to the assurance and enhancement of the quality of teaching;
- Outreach and promotional activities and the recruitment and selection of undergraduate and postgraduate students;
- Developing and enhancing the curriculum;
- Designing and delivering new courses.

### Research & Scholarship:

Building a research and scholarly profile is an essential part of an academic career. This will include:

- Conducting research and engaging in scholarship of quality and substance in the discipline;
- Generating external income or securing resources to support scholarly activity as necessary;
- Disseminating research and scholarly outcomes through: peer reviewed publication; presentation at national and international conferences; preparation of professional reports; commercialisation; or other appropriate means;
- Affiliating with a University Research Institute, where appropriate;
- Building research capacity;
- Fostering links with other institutions which will benefit both research and teaching at Maynooth University;
- Integrating research into the teaching curriculum;
- Supervising research students and postdoctoral fellows.



**Service:**

The academic staff members of the University are critical to achieving the strategic objectives of the University, and as such are required to engage in work that serves the collective strategic needs of the University. This may include:

- Administrative and service duties;
- Leading or contributing to strategic projects and initiatives;
- Contributing to the internationalisation of the university;
- Outreach and engagement activities;
- Collaborative work with external partners;
- Activities to promote the University locally, nationally, and internationally;
- Carrying out any other duties within the scope, spirit, and purpose of a Maynooth University academic post.

**Administrative and other duties:**

This will include:

- Undertaking administrative tasks within the language unit, School, Faculty and University as required and as assigned by the Head of School, the Dean, or the President;
- Attending and serving on School, Faculty, Institute and University committees as appropriate;
- Attending courses and engaging in other activities associated with professional development as appropriate;
- Complying with all University policies.

**The ideal candidate will have:****Essential**

- A PhD in any area of Chinese Studies;
- A very high level of proficiency in both Chinese and English;
- A strong academic record in teaching and research;
- A record of scholarly work and publication of international quality, demonstrating potential to become a significant contributor in her/his/their field;
- Experience of and/or a demonstrated commitment to undergraduate and postgraduate teaching, programme development and academic innovation;
- Strong potential to supervise graduate research students;
- Experience of, and commitment to, working in an interdisciplinary setting;
- Good administrative, organisational, teamwork and communication skills.



## Desirable

- Experience of designing, delivering and assessing research-led modules;
- Experience co-supervising or supervising undergraduate and postgraduate research projects.

## The University

Maynooth University is a very distinctive university, a collegial institution focused on science and engineering, humanities, and social sciences, and equally committed to research, teaching and community engagement. Located in Ireland's only university town, its distinctive features and character owe much to its unique history and heritage. It provides a high-quality educational experience to over 17,000 students on a campus with 18<sup>th</sup> century roots and 21<sup>st</sup> century dynamism.

Maynooth University is a place of lively contrasts – a modern institution, dynamic, rapidly-growing, research-led and engaged, yet grounded in historic academic strengths and scholarly traditions. We offer a range of programmes at undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral level in the humanities, science and engineering and social sciences, including business, law and education, along with a range of international programmes and partnerships.

The strategic trajectory and accomplishments of Maynooth University, since its establishment as an autonomous public university, are exceptional and a source of great pride to the university community, staff, students and alumni. Maynooth University ranked in the top 90 global Times Higher Education (THE) Young University rankings in 2024. Maynooth University's growing global reputation is based on the originality, quality, importance and impact of its research and scholarship, commitment to teaching and learning, the quality of academic programmes, and its leadership in widening participation in higher education. The sources of success are the dedication of its staff and the energy and engagement of its students.

## Maynooth University's Values

Our values define who we are, what we believe in and how we act as a community. They underpin our future success and guide our expectations of ourselves and each other. Our values apply to everyone in the University community:

- Integrity
- Collegiality
- Responsibility
- Freedom of expression
- Ambition

## Maynooth University Strategic Plan 2023 – 2028



The University's Strategic Plan 2023 - 2028 builds on our rich academic history and strong foundations to set out an ambitious and forward-looking path for the future of our University. This roadmap underscores our commitment to adapt to a changing world while staying true to our values. Our vision is to be a university of excellence, opportunity and impact, having a significant stake in all three. For more information about Maynooth University's future direction, please visit: <https://strategy.maynoothuniversity.ie/>

## Plean Straitéiseach Ollscoil Mhá Nuad 2023 - 2028

Tógann Plean Straitéiseach na hOllscoile 2023 - 2028 ar ár stair acadúil shaibhir agus ar ár mbunchlocha láidre chun conair uailmhianach agus cheannródaíoch a leagadh amach do thodhchaí ár nOllscoile. Soiléiríonn an treochlár seo ár dtiomantas do dhul i dtaithe ar dhomhan atá ag síorathrú agus ár ngníomhaíochtaí a chur in oiriúint dó, agus san am céanna a bheith dílis dár luachanna Ollscoile. Is í an fhís atá againn a bheith mar ollscoil feabhais, deiseanna agus tionchair, agus lámh láidir a bheith againn i ngach ceann de na trí ghné seo.

Léigh anseo le haghaidh breis eolais faoi thodhchaí Ollscoil Mhá Nuad: <https://strategy.maynoothuniversity.ie/?lang=ga>

Our Strategic Plan sets out an ambition to be an excellent place to learn and work, and an inclusive community where students and staff can flourish and make a distinctive contribution to the national system of higher education and the public good. Achieving this requires staff to have a strong sense of connection to the University and support from colleagues. We recognise that our people are our greatest resource and actively seeks to attract, develop, and retain a talented workforce by creating a positive and welcoming University environment. As well as offering a competitive salary, access to a public sector pension scheme, and annual leave allowance, the University also provides other facilities and benefits including, but not limited to:

- Family-friendly leave schemes
- Tax Saver travel scheme and Cycle to Work scheme
- On-campus crèche
- On-campus restaurants and coffee shops
- Employee Assistance Programme
- Health and Well-Being programmes
- Education support opportunities
- Continuous Professional Development opportunities, including leadership programmes, mentoring, Aurora programme.
- Study and Exam leave
- Sports facilities and gym

To learn more about being part of the Maynooth University team, please visit our website at <https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/human-resources/come-work-with-us>



## Faculty and Research Institute

The Faculty of Arts and Humanities comprises the Departments of Ancient Classics, English, History, Media Studies, Music, Philosophy, and the following Schools: the School of Celtic Studies (Early Irish and Nua Ghaeilge) and the School of Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures. The role of the Faculty is to co-ordinate the academic activities of individual departments/schools, to oversee the strategic development of departments/schools and to support interdepartmental programmes. The University has also developed a number of interdisciplinary institutes to support excellent research and to build research capacity across disciplines. The Arts and Humanities Institute is closely associated with Faculty research activity.

## School of Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures

The School of Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures comprises four established language units: Chinese Studies, French and Francophone Studies, German Studies, and Spanish and Latin American Studies. It also offers a thriving postgraduate programme in Applied Linguistics and Intercultural Studies and modules and programmes in English for Academic Purposes (EAP) and English-Medium Instruction (EMI). The School has research strengths in Literary and Cultural Studies (from early medieval through to the twenty-first century) and Applied Linguistics. It has a vibrant postgraduate research community of students at Masters and PhD levels. The School of Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures currently has 20 members of academic staff, 21 tutors/lectors, and six members of administrative/technical staff. The School offers undergraduate and postgraduate degrees to almost 800 students.



## Selection and Appointment

- Only shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend for interview;
- Candidates invited for interview will be required to make a brief presentation;
- It is anticipated that interviews will be held in August 2026;
- The appointment is expected to be effective from 1 September 2026.

## Equality and Diversity

Maynooth University actively works to ensure equality, celebrate the diversity of our community, and promote inclusion. To learn more about our commitment to Equality and Diversity, please read the Maynooth University [Equality and Diversity Policy / Polasáí Comhionannais agus Éagsúlachta](#), our policy on the [Employment of People with Disabilities](#), and our [Gender Equality Action Plan 2023-2026](#). We aim to reflect the diversity of the community we serve and welcome applications from all individuals across our society.

Maynooth University is an equal opportunities employer and is committed to supporting applicants to enable their full participation in the recruitment process. Applicants are invited to disclose a disability during the recruitment process to ensure adequate measures are in place to enable their full participation.

## Terms and Conditions

<b>Tenure</b>	This a full-time, temporary post for a specified purpose, anticipated to be 3 years' duration.  The appointment will be made at Assistant Professor / Lecturer level, of which there are two grades: Assistant Professor/Lecturer and Assistant Lecturer. To be appointed at the Assistant Professor/Lecturer level, the successful candidate will hold a PhD qualification, have a strong record of research, publications, teaching and academic leadership.
<b>Salary</b>	Assistant Professor/Lecturer: €65,401– €103,564 p.a. (7 points) Assistant Lecturer: €42,599– €72,718 p.a. (14 points)  Appointments will be made in accordance with public sector pay provisions.
<b>Location</b>	The place of work is the campus of Maynooth University, Maynooth, Co. Kildare, Ireland.
<b>University policies and schemes</b>	Employees of the University will be subject to the terms of the University policies and schemes, available on the University website at:



	<p><a href="https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/university-policies">https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/university-policies</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/human-resources/policies">https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/human-resources/policies</a></p>
<b>Pension</b>	<p>This is a pensionable post. Employees of the University will enter into a public sector pension scheme, and as such, applicants must ensure they are eligible to become a member of a public sector pension scheme for the duration of the appointment. Details of the public sector pension schemes are available at: <a href="https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/human-resources/pension-information">https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/human-resources/pension-information</a></p>
<b>Eligibility</b>	<p>Applications from non-EEA citizens are welcomed. Applicants should note that eligibility is determined by the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment. Further information regarding eligibility is available at: <a href="https://enterprise.gov.ie/en/what-we-do/workplace-and-skills/employment-permits/employment-permit-eligibility/">https://enterprise.gov.ie/en/what-we-do/workplace-and-skills/employment-permits/employment-permit-eligibility/</a></p> <p>Non-EEA applicants are responsible for ensuring they can secure a visa to travel to Ireland. Any offer of employment is conditional on applicants securing the appropriate employment permissions.</p> <p><b>Former Irish Public Service employees - Certain Restrictions on Eligibility</b></p> <p>Eligibility of applicants formerly employed by an Irish Public Sector body, and who availed of an Irish Public Service Redundancy or Incentivised Retirement Scheme under the Schemes below, may be affected:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collective Agreement: Redundancy Payments to Public Servants</li> <li>• Incentivised Scheme for Early Retirement (ISER)</li> <li>• Department of Health and Children Circular (7/2010)</li> <li>• Department of Environment, Community &amp; Local Government (Circular Letter LG(P) 06/2013)</li> </ul> <p>Applicants should ensure that they are eligible to be re-engaged in the Irish Public Service under the terms of such Schemes. Applicants should address queries with their former Irish Public Sector employer.</p>
<b>Garda vetting</b>	Garda vetting or clearance may be required by the University.
<b>Medical</b>	The University may require a medical examination as a condition of employment.



## Data Protection Law

Applications to the University will be treated in accordance with the University Data Protection Policies. For information on the University's Data Protection Policies and Privacy Notice, please see our website: <https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/data-protection>

## Application Procedure

### Closing Date:

23:30hrs (local Irish time) on **Wednesday, the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June 2026.**

Please note all applications must be made via our **Online Recruitment Portal** at the following link:

<https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/human-resources/vacancies>

**Applications consisting ONLY of a current Curriculum Vitae and accompanying cover letter, must be submitted by the closing date and time specified above. Applicants are requested not to submit any additional documents, as only a current Curriculum Vitae and accompanying cover letter will be taken into account in the assessment of applications.**

Any applications which are still in progress at the closing time on the specified closing date will be cancelled automatically by the system.

Late applications will not be accepted.

**Maynooth University is an equal opportunities employer**

**The position is subject to the Statutes of the University**

