

DARIAH-IE Research Project Officer at TCD Dublin

Position Start: from September 2024

Post Title:	DARIAH-IE Research Project Officer
Post Status:	Up to 48 month specific purpose contract (contract ends August 2028)
School/Institute:	Centre for Digital Humanities, Trinity Long Room Hub Arts and Humanities Research Institute, Trinity College Dublin, the University of Dublin
Location	Trinity Long Room Hub Trinity College Dublin, the University of Dublin College Green, Dublin 2, Ireland
Reports to:	Dr Jennifer Edmond, DARIAH-IE National Coordinator; Professor in Digital Humanities; Co-Director of the Centre for Digital Humanities;
Closing Date:	14th October 2024 (12 noon)
Salary:	€48,847 per annum [based on IUA Researcher scale 2024-2026, PD 1 Point 1]

The Trinity College Centre for Digital Humanities is recruiting for a research position lasting up to 4 years to join its growing and diverse team. The primary purpose of this post is to contribute to the development of DARIAH-IE, Ireland's national infrastructure for the digitally engaged arts and humanities.

The [Digital Research Infrastructure for the Arts and Humanities](#) (DARIAH) supports researchers working in the diverse community of practice known as the Arts and Humanities to build, analyse and interpret digital or hybrid resources. DARIAH's mission is to empower research communities with digital methods to create, connect and share knowledge about culture and society.

Established since 2014 as a European Research Infrastructure Consortium (ERIC), DARIAH, with its 23 member countries, is a network of people, expertise, information, knowledge, content, methods, tools and technologies. By working with communities of practice, DARIAH brings together individual state-of-the-art digital Arts and Humanities activities and scales their results to a European level. It preserves, provides access to and disseminates research that stems from these collaborations and ensures that best practices, methodological and technical standards are followed.

Trinity College Dublin has recently been named as the DARIAH Ireland National Coordinating Institution for the period of September 2024 until August 2028, under the leadership of Prof. Jennifer Edmond, DARIAH-IE National Coordinator. This activity will be based in the TCD Centre for Digital Humanities, alongside DARIAH-EU's Dublin Coordination Office.

Duties and Responsibilities of the Post

The appointee will work closely and collaboratively with the National Coordinator to meet the milestones for the development of DARIAH-IE as agreed between the Irish Research Council (DARIAH-IE National Representative body) and Trinity. The duties will include:

- Undertaking collaborative research with Dr Edmond to determine the scope, nature and penetration of digital humanities and arts research in Ireland. This will build upon previous work, such as the 2021 [Digital Humanities Landscape](#) report, and the knowledge held by national subject associations and broader representative groups (such as the IHA and the RIA). This will consist of both desk research and direct user engagement to determine user needs.
- Propose mechanisms and interventions to meet the community requirements that are discovered through analysis of data gathered in the scope of the research tasks. These may include awareness-raising work, such as identifying and disseminating best practices from elsewhere in the DARIAH-EU network to an Irish audience, or be more hand-on and skills focussed.
- Plan and deliver 2-3 community and skills-building intervention events per annum to either build community awareness (eg for audiences of primarily ECRs or in institutions with less-established DH presence) or to offer access to particular skill sets, contexts or approaches (such as text mining, spatial humanities or approaches to specific data-types).
- Plan and deliver regular welcome webinars, to introduce DARIAH and its associated services to researchers who express an interest in learning more about it.
- Propose a relevant model for a national digital methods helpdesk and networking function.
- Promote Irish utilisation of DARIAH-EU infrastructural components, such as the SSH Open Marketplace, DARIAH Campus, Working Groups, Annual Event, etc..
- Assist in the preparation and planning for the semi-annual meetings of the National Coordination Committee, as well as the annual gathering and reporting of national in-kind contributions to DARIAH-EU.
- Be prepared to attend DARIAH-EU events as required, in particular the Annual Event (F2F) and monthly National Coordinator meetings.
- Other tasks/duties as assigned by the National Coordinator and/or Deputy National Coordinator.

Person Specification

Applicants for this position are required to:

- Have experience of empirical research methods, and of the digital humanities landscape in Ireland;
- Have excellent oral and written communication skills, with the proven capacity and confidence to communicate effectively, engagingly and creatively with a wide range of audiences across media;
- Be highly adept at working collaboratively and in an integrated team environment

- Be a resourceful, conscientious and self-motivated individual with a ‘can do attitude’ and ability to see tasks through to completion
- Be able to manage competing priorities and maintain a high level of professionalism when working under pressure;
- Show discretion and a professional approach to all activities.

Applicants for this position are desired to:

- Have experience of working in a research lab, cultural heritage or professional environment
- Hold or be nearing completion of a relevant advanced degree (ideally PhD, but applicants with a Masters will also be considered) relevant to the digital humanities.
- Have excellent, proven academic writing and analysis skills

Trinity College Dublin

Founded in 1592, Trinity College Dublin is the oldest university in Ireland and one of the older universities of Western Europe. On today’s campus, state-of-the-art libraries, laboratories and IT facilities stand alongside historic buildings on a city-centre 47-acre campus.

Trinity College Dublin offers a unique research and educational experience across a range of disciplines in the arts, humanities, engineering, science, human, social and health sciences. As Ireland’s premier university, the pursuit of excellence through research and scholarship is at the heart of Trinity’s mission. TCD has an outstanding record of publications in high-impact journals, and a track record in winning research funding which is among the best in the country.

The Library of Trinity College is the largest research library in Ireland and is an invaluable resource to scholars. In addition to purchases and donations accrued over four centuries, the College has had 200 years of legal deposits. By this right Trinity can claim a copy of every book published in Ireland the UK. The Library contains 4.25 million volumes, 30,000 current serial titles as well as an extensive collection of manuscripts, the most famous being the Book of Kells.

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The Trinity College Dublin Centre for Digital Humanities (see: <https://dh.tcd.ie/dh/>) is internationally recognised for its track record of excellence in research, teaching and service. Our 10-year track record of externally-funded **research projects** covers a wide range of topics, with particular strengths in the development of research environments and infrastructures for the digital humanities, and the application of digital humanities insights to wider social, cultural and technical challenges (eg. critical digital humanities approaches). Among our projects have been signature EU-funded initiatives such as CENDARI, PARTHENOS, KPLEX, ECloud, PROVIDE DH, CLS-INFRA and KT4D. We also host one of the four Coordination Offices of the DARIAH ERIC (www.dariah.eu), a pan-European research infrastructure for the arts and humanities.

The DH@TCD Centre also has a strong commitment to building accessible **infrastructure** for digital humanities in our home institute and institution. The Centre Steering Committee

aligns activities at a University level, while individual Centre staff act as consultants for a wide range of projects at their inception phase. The Centre also strongly supports Trinity's **Postgraduate Programme in Digital Humanities and Culture** (see: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wnRGP8xihJg&t=1s>), which is based in the School of Languages, Literatures and Cultural Studies. This one-year programme, which can be taken as a PG Certificate, PG Diploma or full Masters degree, introduces students to the basic discourses, contexts and tools of the field, preparing them for a wide range of professional and research opportunities.

Although the Centre supports a wide range of working modalities to accommodate the needs of its staff, the position will be physically based in the Trinity Long Room Hub, Trinity College Dublin's Research Institute for the arts and humanities, which makes its home in the Hub's beautiful facility on historic Fellow's Square. For more information about the Long Room Hub, see www.tcd.ie/longroomhub

The Selection Process

Applications will be acknowledged by email. If you do not receive confirmation of receipt within 2 working days of submitting your application online, please get in touch with the hiring lead at edmondj@tcd.ie immediately and ideally prior to the closing date/time.

Interviews for this position are planned for 30 October 2024. Interviews will be carried out by Zoom video conference for all candidates. Interviewees will be notified of outcomes in writing no later than 5 working days following the end of the selection process.

Equal Opportunities Policy

Trinity is an equal opportunities employer and is committed to employment policies, procedures and practices which do not discriminate on grounds such as gender, civil status, family status, age, disability, race, religious belief, sexual orientation or membership of the traveling community. On that basis we encourage and welcome talented people from all backgrounds to join our staff community. Trinity's Diversity Statement can be viewed in full at <https://www.tcd.ie/diversity-inclusion/diversity-statement>.

Application Procedure

Candidates are asked to submit one PDF file containing 1) a covering letter outlining personal motivation for seeking the role and outlining how they meet the advertised criteria 2) a full CV and 3) the names and contact details of 3 referees (email addresses if possible) to: Prof Jennifer Edmond (edmondj@tcd.ie).

Please Note that:

- Applicants who do not specifically address the needs of the project described above in their cover letter will not be considered at the short list stage.
- Applicants should note that the interview process for this appointment may include the delivery of a presentation.
- Applications from non-EEA citizens are welcomed. However, eligibility is determined by the Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation and further information on the Highly Skills Eligible Occupations List is set out in

Schedule 3 of the Regulations

<https://www.djei.ie/en/What-We-Do/Jobs-Workplace-and-Skills/Employment-Permits/Employment-Permit-Eligibility/Highly-Skilled-Eligible-Occupations-List/> and the Ineligible Categories of Employment are set out in Schedule 4 of the Regulations

<https://www.djei.ie/en/What-We-Do/Jobs-Workplace-and-Skills/Employment-Permits/Employment-Permit-Eligibility/Ineligible-Categories-of-Employment/>.

Non-EEA candidates should note that the onus is on them to secure a visa to travel to Ireland prior to interview. Non-EEA candidates should also be aware that even if successful at interview, an appointment to the post is contingent on the securing of an employment permit.

Informal enquiries may also be addressed to Prof Edmond (edmondj@tcd.ie).