



Research Fellow in Natural Resource Economics

Inviting Expressions of Interest

Expressions of interest are invited for the post of Research Fellow in Natural Resource Economics to head up and develop a dynamic Marine Socioeconomic Research Unit at the National University of Ireland Galway, as part of the Irish *Sea Change* Programme.

The Researcher will lead the implementation of a national programme of marine socioeconomic research and research training (the first of its kind in Ireland). The marine sector in this research programme is regarded in its broadest sense including natural resource, fisheries, marine energy, tourism, transport and food processing. Initial project activities will focus on impacts of regulations on developments, competitiveness and innovation, economic and social impacts, as well as evaluation of marine based energy resources and non-market benefits of recreational resources. Throughout the lifetime of the award, it is envisaged that the researcher will help in sourcing other funding (national and international), which will allow for the unit to broaden its research activities.

Although preference is for candidates with qualifications and experience in Natural Resource Economics, candidates in other fields of applied economics, who can demonstrate competence to lead the research team, will also be considered. Appointment can be made up to Senior Researcher level, depending on qualifications and experience.

This post is funded by the Beaufort Marine Research Award in Economic and Social Research, related to the Development Dynamics of the Marine Sector in Ireland, which forms an integral part of the National Research Strategy for the Marine Sector – Sea Change (<http://www.marine.ie/home/SeaChange.htm>). Funds have also been provided for a second researcher and PhD students to support the lead Researcher in the implementation of a Research Programme. Teaching faculty and researchers in the university and researchers in neighbouring natural resource focused research institutes (The Irish Marine Institute (www.marine.ie) and the Rural Economy Research Centre of Teagasc (www.agresearch.teagasc.ie/lerc/) will also collaborate with the Unit in implementing the Research Programme.

The Research Unit will be located within the Centre for Rural Transformation and Sustainability (ICERTS - www.nuigalway.ie/icerts/) in the Cairnes Graduate School of Business and Public Policy, in close association with the Economics Department (www.economics.nuigalway.ie), which has over 25 full-time economists and has a large undergraduate and postgraduate programme. ICERTS also works closely with the Martin Ryan Institute (Marine Science – www.mri.nuigalway.ie/) and the Environmental Change Institute (www.nuigalway.ie/eci/) both located on the NUI, Galway campus, and with Teagasc and the Irish Marine Institute both of which are located in Galway.

Candidates for this post should have

- PhD (or equivalent) in a relevant field of applied economics, good publications record and at least three years postdoctoral experience
- Proven research expertise and competence in research techniques and methods which are pertinent to the marine economics area
- Capacity to lead a research team and successfully bid for research funding

This is a 7-year appointment (The actual length and conditions of appointment are negotiable). However, it is expected that the Marine Socioeconomic Research Unit will be established on a permanent basis subject to the implementation of a successful research programme. The work of the Researcher will contribute to the realisation of this objective.

Starting salary: up to €80K (Senior Research Fellow scale)

Expressions of interest (i.e., covering letter, CV, and the contact details of three referees) for the above post should be sent to Ms. Maureen Mescall, ICERTS, National University of Ireland, Galway, Galway City, Ireland or E-mail: maureen.mescall@nuigalway.ie by **5.00 p.m. , January 30, 2009.**

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