

Post-doctoral fellow Business Interface and Knowledge Hub

University College Dublin

BEACON Bioeconomy Research Centre is a newly established Science Foundation Ireland Research Centre performing both blue skies and industry focused research to build and support the development of Ireland's bioeconomy. The Centre brings together a team of researchers from across a range of disciplines including biotechnology, systems and synthetic biology, chemistry, chemical and bioprocess engineering, agri-food, agriculture, animal and human nutrition, marine, business and social sciences.

The centre represents a national collaboration between University College Dublin, Trinity College Dublin, Teagasc, National University of Ireland, Galway, University of Limerick and industry partners.

Project Details:

This postdoctoral position will be a two-year position investigating:

- the barriers and drivers of sustainable innovation adoption in networks;
- the link between business, government, NGOs, the media and community groups in multi-stakeholder initiatives to drive adoption and acceptance of sustainable bio-based products.

The new and exciting research will investigate the relationships between providers of sustainable bio-based products and the brand owners and retailers who will ultimately adopt and use that product at scale. It will examine established, successful bio-based networks to explore the dynamics of these networks, including the incentives and barriers to adoption by brand owners and retailers. The research will use multiple methods including case studies, action research and survey methods.

This position will involve creating and supporting a bio-economy knowledge hub and multi-stakeholder network that will provide a basis for stakeholders to connect, share information, market innovations, learn about innovations; as well as hosting workshops and focus groups.

Eligibility Criteria:

Applicants must have a PhD in a business-related area as well as knowledge of sustainability supply chains, networks, value chains or similar and the ability to manage projects and supervise PhD students.

Mandatory

PhD in a business-related area
Excellent knowledge of sustainability
Experience interacting with multiple stakeholder groups
A demonstrated commitment to research and publications
Experience with case study methods
An understanding of the operational requirements for a successful research project
Evidence of research activity (publications, conference presentations, awards) and future scholarly output (working papers, research proposals, and ability to outline a research project.
Excellent Communication Skills (Oral, Written , Presentation etc)
Excellent Organisational and Administrative skills including a proven ability to work to deadlines.

Desirable

Experience managing a network
Experience running workshops
Knowledge of bio-economy
Knowledge of stakeholder and network theories
Experience supervising students

How to apply:

Further Information

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Interested candidates are requested to submit an electronic copy of their CV and a letter of interest simultaneously before **16th July, 2018** to both Donna Marshall and Andy Prothero. Interviews will be held with potential candidates shortly thereafter.

Funding Notes

The is a full-time position. It is intended that the appointee will commence on **September 3rd 2018**, or as soon as possible thereafter.

Appointments will be made on SFI new postdoctoral researcher level 2A scale at point 1 - €36,854.00 per annum.