



National University of Ireland, Galway
Ollscoil na bÉireann, Gaillimh

The development of indicators for science communication, outreach and public engagement: Informing Innovation policy and the Knowledge Society in Ireland. (ref. PHD017)

Applications are invited from students interested in studying for a PhD in the area of science communication, outreach and public engagement; evaluating science in society and innovation.

This project aims to understand science in society and a diverse range of science initiatives, from science communication to outreach and public engagement programmes and their role in fostering innovation. The methodology developed will evaluate science communication, outreach and public engagement activities and inform innovation indicators, policy agendas and actions of the knowledge-based society in Ireland.

The project will develop an understanding of the construction of science in Irish society; how social, cultural economic and political factors affect our science communication offerings. It will provide evidence-based indicators for outcomes, impacts and processes of such programmes, together with tested conceptual evaluation and innovation mapping tools for policy-makers and managers of science programmes.

Students should have completed a Master's degree in a related area such as marketing, management, economics, evaluation, science communication, science education or innovation policy.

The successful student will be funded by PRTL4 programme, managed by the Higher Education Authority, and affiliated with CISC. The student will be based in CISC, NUI Galway.

Salary: €16,000 in addition to fees and travel expenses

Informal enquiries about this position may be made to Dr. Christine Domegan, Department of Accountancy & Finance, NUI Galway. Email: christine.domegan@nuigalway.ie Tel: +353 (0)91 492730

Application Procedure

Applicants should submit a covering letter, full CV and the names and addresses of at least three and not more than five referees by post or email to: Tara Cosgrave, CISC, Cairnes Business School, National University of Ireland, Galway, Ireland.

Email: cisc@nuigalway.ie Tel: +353 (0)91 492817

Closing date for receipt of applications is Friday, November 30th 2007

