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HR EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH

Postdoctoral Researcher / Research Associate
Building Shared Knowledge Capital to support
natural resource governance in the Northern Periphery
School of Geography & Archaeology / Whitaker Institute
NUI Galway
Ref. No. 150-17

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for the full-time position of Postdoctoral Researcher / Research Associate with the Discipline of Geography / Whitaker Institute at the National University of Ireland, Galway. This position is funded by the Northern Periphery and Artic Programme / EU and begins **start Jan. 2018 to contract end date of 31st March 2019**.

Job Description:

The successful candidate will become part of a European / Northern Peripheries research team engaging in research on the contested nature of rural resource management and land-use in peripheral rural regions. The challenge of the project is one of reconciling various land-use modes and acknowledging, combining and making use of local, scientific and other expert knowledges in the decision making process. This project will develop planning tools such as participatory GIS to enhance the use of participatory techniques and give assistance to decision makers concerning land-use planning and natural resource governance. The overall objective of the research is to increase the capacity of remote and sparsely populated communities for sustainable environmental management by involving all stakeholders in land use planning and natural resource use decisions.

Duties:

- The duties of the successful candidate will be to ensure timely delivery of project outputs for WP 2 of the BUSK project
- Engage with relevant stakeholders throughout the project timescale
- Maintain ongoing communication with research partners
- Deal with overall project management as relevant to NUIG (timesheets; expenses, accounts, maintaining up-to-date and accurate accounts for the project etc.)
- Attend international meetings
- Initiate and maintain web and other social media outlets for WP2
- Carry out fieldwork for WP2
- Collate and gather relevant data and literature
- Write project reports in a timely manner and produce working papers and other presentations as required
- Demonstrate commitment to deadlines and good team interaction abilities.
- Display an awareness of legal and ethical requirements regarding data protection and confidentiality
- Carry out any additional duties as may reasonably be required within the general scope and level of the post.

Qualifications/Skills required:

Essential Requirements:

- Applicants to have a PhD in Geography (or relevant discipline)
- Evidence of previous involvement in a collaborative research project
- An active research profile
- Track record in a research and development environment and strong rural related experience is essential
- Evidence of extensive knowledge of aspects of EU land designation and management

- Candidates must have excellent communication and organizational skills; be highly motivated and have strong documentation, oral and project reporting skills
- Track record of commitment to deadlines and good team interaction abilities
- Experience of conducting focus groups and interviews
- Awareness of legal and ethical requirements regarding data protection and confidentiality
- Full clean driving licence and car
- Experience of NPA eMS Systems / or similar system.

Desirable Requirements:

- Experience of research project management
- Working knowledge of GIS and PPGIS
- Experience and working knowledge of local and national rural and agricultural agencies and organisations in Ireland would be an advantage
- Knowledge of rural issues (including rural resource management and governance) would be important
- Tasks will include conducting fieldwork (qualitative and quantitative) in the western region and so preference may be given to candidates who can demonstrate expertise in a range of relevant methodologies

Salary: €37,750 fixed per annum. **Start date:** January 2018.

NB: Employment permit restrictions apply for this category of post.

Continuing Professional Development/Training:

Researchers at NUI Galway are encouraged to avail of a range of training and development opportunities designed to support their personal career development plans.

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Further information about the discipline of Geography is available at <http://www.nuigalway.ie/geography/>

To Apply:

Applications to include a covering letter, CV, and the contact details of three referees should be sent, via e-mail (in word or PDF only) to Dr John McDonagh john.mcdonagh@nuigalway.ie
Please put reference number **NUIG 150-17** in subject line of e-mail application.

**Closing date for receipt of applications is 5.00 pm on Wednesday 1st November 2017.
Interviews to be held on Thursday 23rd November 2017.**

All positions are recruited in line with Open, Transparent, Merit (OTM) and Competency based recruitment.

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