**Research Assistant – Part Time (.19FTE)**

**Judicial Education and Conduct in Twenty-First Century Ireland**

**School of Law**

**Ref. No. NUIG-RES 169-21**

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for a part-time fixed-term .19FTE position as a Research Assistant with the School of Law at the National University of Ireland, Galway.

This position is funded by the Irish Research Council and is available from 1 September 2021 to contract end date of 30 November 2021.

With funding from the Irish Research Council, and in collaboration with the Trust For Civil Liberties, Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, Dr Rónán Kennedy of NUI Galway and Dr Laura Cahillane of the University of Limerick will be convening two seminars. The first, to take place in October 2021, will explore judicial conduct arrangements in Ireland. This seminar will examine the system which is established by the 2019 Act to deal with complaints of judicial misconduct. In particular, it will concentrate on the forthcoming guidelines on conduct and ethics and on informal resolution of complaints, the definition of misconduct, the form of reprimands and admonishments, and the interaction between the Council and the Oireachtas on removal motions. It will also compare this to best practice in other jurisdictions to determine whether the reforms introduced by the Oireachtas adequately provide for both accountability and transparency while also protecting the paramount principle of judicial independence.

The second, in November 2021, will rigorously benchmark judicial education and training in Ireland against best practice in other jurisdictions in order to move beyond the challenges of the past and the present. It will focus on the place of skills in judicial education, the role of technology and blended learning, judicial independence, judicial well-being or resilience, and how judicial education should respond to changes in Irish society. It will look at how this can integrate with work underway in Europe and internationally, where a great deal of work is being done to modernise judicial education and training.

Following peer review, papers may be published in a special issue of the Irish Judicial Studies Journal.

**Job Description:**

The successful candidate will collate and analyse discussion during the two seminars, and develop a literature review for the subsequent report.

**Duties:**

* Collecting, analysing and documenting information presented at the two seminars
* Conducting literature and database searches on judicial education and training and judicial conduct and ethics; interpreting and presenting the findings of the literature searches as appropriate for the project report

**Qualifications/Skills required:**

**Essential Requirements:**

* Master’s degree in Law
* Legal research skills
* Legal writing skills
* Report writing skills
* Project management skills

**Desirable Requirements:**

* Experience with peer-reviewed publishing
* Detailed knowledge of Irish legal system
* Detailed understanding of legal frameworks governing Irish judiciary
* Knowledge of literature of judicial education and judicial conduct

**Employment permit restrictions apply for this category of post**

#### **Salary:** €26,609 to €35,922 per annum pro rata for shorter and/or part-time contracts

**Start date**: Position is available from 1 September 2021.

**Continuing Professional Development/Training**:

NUI Galway provides continuing professional development supports for all researchers seeking to build their own career pathways either within or beyond academia.  Researchers are encouraged to engage with our Researcher Development Centre (RDC) upon commencing employment - see [www.nuigalway.ie/rdc](http://www.nuigalway.ie/rdc) for further information.

Further information on research and working at NUI Galway is available on [Research at NUI Galway](http://www.nuigalway.ie/our-research/)

For information on moving to Ireland please see [www.euraxess.ie](http://www.euraxess.ie)

Further information about the School of Law is available at <http://www.nuigalway.ie/business-public-policy-law/school-of-law/>

Informal enquiries concerning the post may be made to: Dr Rónán Kennedy

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 Ronán Kennedy, [ronan.m.kennedy@nuigalway.ie](mailto:ronan.m.kennedy@nuigalway.ie)

Please put reference number **NUIG-RES-169-21** in subject line of e-mail application.

**Closing date for receipt of applications is 5.00 pm Friday 3 September 2021**

**Interviews are planned to be held on Thursday 9 September 2021**

We reserve the right to re-advertise or extend the closing date for this post.

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