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HR EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH

**RESEARCH ASSOCIATE IN TECHINNOVATE**  
**COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND INFORMATICS**  
**NUI Galway**  
**Ref. No. NUIG 161-17**



Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for a full-time, fixed term position as a Research Associate with TechInnovate at the National University of Ireland, Galway.

Within the College of Engineering & Informatics, and in conjunction with colleagues in the College of Business, Public Policy & Law, the TechInnovate programme was established in 2016 to teach technology innovators and professionals how to create companies, and was modelled on the successful BioInnovate Ireland programme. It offers a taught Postgraduate Diploma in TechInnovation, with both full-time and part-time versions. The College now wishes to recruit outstanding individuals to a full-time, three-year contract research position within TechInnovate, to contribute to a research programme being undertaken from 2018 to 2020. This position is funded by the EC and is available from 1st January 2018 to the contract end date of 31st December 2020.

The successful candidates will contribute to the establishment of a European entrepreneurship skills training framework (offline and online) for research & development organisations across Europe, as part of the **Started Project (STArtup skills for Researchers and innovaTors in Entrepreneurship Development)**, funded by the ERASMUS+ Knowledge Alliances programme (EC EACEA). This will include delivering entrepreneurship training along with our project partners in six European regions, as well as producing resources to be delivered via an online platform (the proposed European Research-to-Startup Centre, ERSC). The appointed candidate will be expected to lead NUI Galway's activities around the provision of entrepreneurship education resources to researchers and innovators, as well as working on the administrative, marketing and outreach activities for the Started Project.

A demonstrated ability and substantial experience of entrepreneurship/intrapreneurship and innovation in research organisations and an excellent understanding of the core topics in entrepreneurship education are essential for this post. Candidates with relevant academic and industry experience are especially encouraged to apply. The appointees must have good interpersonal skills and be prepared to collaborate with his/her colleagues within the College, University, nationally and internationally.

Successful candidates will also engage in research at TechInnovate as part of this role. Candidates should have a track record of research and publications. They are expected to work towards acquiring national and international research funding, and will be expected to develop national and international collaborations between TechInnovate and academia/industry.

Applications are invited from those with a PhD in engineering, entrepreneurship or education, or the equivalent in terms of significant industry expertise.

**Duties:** The successful candidate will:

- Conduct a specified programme of research and scholarship in the areas of technology innovation, entrepreneurship and intrapreneurship, under the supervision and direction of the Director and Principal Investigators at TechInnovate
- Engage in project management, administrative duties associated with the research programme
- Develop and deliver entrepreneurship education and training to organisations nationally/internationally
- Support the Director, Principal Investigators and others in the TechInnovate Unit with the design and development of the research programme
- Support the development of proposals for research funding
- Disseminate research results and activities through papers, tutorials and seminars where appropriate
- Engage in the wider research and scholarly activities of TechInnovate and NUI Galway
- Co-supervise, mentor and support students in NUI Galway where appropriate
- Engage in or assist with other teaching activities when appropriate

**Qualifications/Skills required:**

**Essential Requirements:**

- Normally a PhD in Engineering or Education or Entrepreneurship or a related area, or equivalent industry experience
- Demonstrable knowledge of entrepreneurship education and training, innovation in corporates, R&D environments
- Evidence of ability to work in a team-based environment developing and delivering solutions on time and to specification
- Motivated and proactive attitude, willing to take ownership and initiative in all work assignments
- Excellent analysis and problem solving skills
- Excellent communication skills, verbal and written (English)
- Creative thinking
- Demonstrable track record of technical experience and skills to transfer ideas into reality
- Excellent interpersonal communicator and good team player
- Evidence of ability to identify and fulfil the academic writing requirements for target publications

**Desirable Requirements:**

- Knowledge of Disciplined Entrepreneurship, Lean Startup, Business Model Canvas
- Understanding of technology innovations and state-of-the-art ICT frameworks
- Experience of working in large EU/other research projects
- Research project management experience
- Experience of website creation and maintenance, newsletters, social media dissemination techniques
- Experience engaging in research collaborations with industry

**Salary:** €37,750 to €42,394 per annum

**Start date:** Position is available from 1st January 2018.

**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.

Further information on research and working at NUI Galway is available on [Research at NUI Galway](#)

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

Further information about TechInnovate is available at [www.techinnovate.org](http://www.techinnovate.org)

Further information on the Started Project is available at <http://eurireland.ie/2017/09/22/781/>

Informal enquiries concerning the post may be made to Dr John Breslin, [john.breslin@nuigalway.ie](mailto:john.breslin@nuigalway.ie)

**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 Breslin, [john.breslin@nuigalway.ie](mailto:john.breslin@nuigalway.ie)  
Please put reference number **NUIG-161-17** in subject line of e-mail application.

**Closing date for receipt of applications is 5.00 pm on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017.**

**Interviews are planned to be held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017**

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

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