



Trinity College Dublin
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The University of Dublin

Job Description

Comp ID:	038982
Job Title:	Assistant Professor in Economics (x2)
School/Department:	School of Social Sciences and Philosophy, Department of Economics
Job category & level:	Academic; Assistant Professor (Specific Purpose, Full-time)

The Purpose of the Role:

The Department of Economics, School of Social Sciences and Philosophy, is seeking to appoint an Assistant Professor in Economics, to commence on 4th August 2026. The Department invites applications in any field of Economics to add to its existing research strengths.

There are two specific-purpose appointments available, each intended to provide temporary backfill cover for the permanent postholder. As the postholder is expected to return, these roles are not offered on an indefinite basis. Should the postholder not return, the positions will be filled through open competition.

We welcome applicants with vision, enthusiasm, and a strong commitment to excellence in both research and teaching. Candidates should demonstrate an established record of high-quality research in Economics, with clear potential for further significant contributions, and show creativity and innovation in curriculum and module design.

Context:

The School of Social Sciences and Philosophy, founded in 2005, comprises the Departments of Economics, Philosophy, Political Science, and Sociology. With over 115 academic and professional staff, the School holds an international reputation for research excellence and is committed to disseminating its expertise to benefit the wider community. It has a distinguished track record of securing major research funding, including ERC, IRC Laureate, and Horizon Europe awards.

As one of the largest Schools in the University, it is recognised for its teaching excellence and is home to flagship undergraduate programmes, including PPES (Philosophy, Political Science, Economics and Sociology), the high-demand Bachelor in Economic and Social Sciences (BESS), and Trinity Joint Honours programmes across its disciplines. The School also delivers eight taught postgraduate programmes and supports a vibrant cohort of over 80 postgraduate researchers undertaking structured PhDs.

Graduates of the School are highly employable and progress into leadership roles across business, industry, public service, and international organisations. Each Department is ranked first in Ireland, with Political Science in the top 50 globally, Philosophy in the top 100 globally, and Economics and Sociology in the top 150 (QS 2024). The School Maintains a strong tradition of internationalisation, welcoming non-EU students and supporting student mobility through global exchange programmes, alongside a long-standing commitment to outreach and engagement with Irish society.

Research in the School is distinguished by its focus on important real-world questions, supported by rigorous conceptual frameworks and cutting-edge methods. The Department of Economics is seeking applicants with vision and enthusiasm, a genuine commitment to the vital roles of research and teaching, with an established record of research and clear potential for future research accomplishment, and a flair for innovation in module design and teaching methods.

Main Responsibilities:

Teaching

- Contribute to undergraduate and postgraduate teaching in the Department Economics, demonstrating the ability to teach core modules.
- Design and deliver modules, ensuring a student-centred approach that is inclusive, engaging and accessible.
- Deliver high-quality, innovative teaching that reflects best practices at undergraduate and postgraduate levels, including the development of new, relevant and evidence-based courses.
- Provide student supervision at undergraduate, MSc, and PhD levels, including opportunities to supervise students across the Department of Economics, supporting diverse student backgrounds and research interests.
- Utilise contemporary technology to create a flexible, dynamic, and accessible learning environment that enhances student engagement.

Research

- Contribute to the overall international research profile of the Department of Economics.
- Maintain a research agenda aligned with the expectations of an Assistant Professor, including high quality publications and, where appropriate, research funding
- Collaborate with colleagues and mentor junior researchers or postdoctoral researchers.
- Advance research in the Department of Economics and related disciplines, supporting realisation of a coherent research agenda.

Administration

- Contribute to the development and delivery of undergraduate and postgraduate programmes within the Departments of Economics and the School of Social Science and Philosophy.
 - Assume a leadership role and managerial role within the Department of Economics, and the School of Social Science and Philosophy, appropriate to the level of appointment.
 - Contribute to the academic administration of the School and Department, including participation in committees, quality assurance processes, and other governance and service-related activities that support the effective functioning of the academic community.
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Person Requirements

The role-holder will require the following knowledge, skills and attributes for successful performance in the role.

Qualifications

- Excellent academic record and have completed or be near to completion of a PhD in Economics.
- A strong record of research in the field of Economics.
- Previous teaching experience, with the ability to teach in the Department of Economics and engage students at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels.

Knowledge & Experience

The successful candidate will be expected to clearly demonstrate the following:

Teaching

- Demonstrated potential or experience in teaching and supervision at undergraduate and postgraduate level, as well as developing new modules and teaching material.
- Demonstrated potential or experience in teaching across a variety of class sizes and formats, with an openness to engaging large lecture settings, smaller interactive groups, and e-learning or online teaching methods.
- Ability and willingness to teach outside of immediate area of specialisation.
- Evidence of a commitment to educational excellence.
- Evidence of personal contribution and commitment to excellence in teaching.

Research & Scholarship

- A strong record of research in the field of Economics.
- Evidence of a strategic research plan that outlines a trajectory of research excellence, with a record of external funding or clear potential to attract research funding.

Administration, Contribution to University and Engagement with Discipline & Society

- Ability to undertake administrative responsibilities as required by the Discipline, School and

College.

- Ability to represent the School and University on appropriate national and international advisory boards and professional bodies.
- Organisational skills necessary to the performance of teaching, research and administration requirements of the role of Assistant Professor.

Skills

- Excellent written and verbal communication skills.
- Strong interpersonal skills and ability to work effectively as part of a team.
- Excellent planning and organisational skills, including the ability to coordinate processes and systems.

Personal attributes

- Capability and confidence to take ownership of problems and seek long term solutions.
 - Career driven, enthusiastic and motivated.
 - Commitment to own professional development
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Further Information

Informal enquiries about this post may be directed to:

Acting Head of the Department of Economics, Associate Professor Dr. Davide Romelli, via email: romellid@tcd.ie.

Application Information

Candidates must submit the following to <http://jobs.tcd.ie>:

1. **Cover letter – 2 x A4 pages maximum.** This letter should specifically discuss the applicant's motivations for applying for the job and their expected contributions to and fit with the Departments of Economics at Trinity College Dublin.
2. **Full curriculum vitae** to include the names and contact details of 3 referees.
3. **Research statement - 2 x A4 pages maximum.** This statement summarizes current and future research plans.
4. **Teaching statement - 2 x A4 pages maximum.** This statement should include a discussion of the applicant's capacity to teach current modules in the Departments of Economics and a discussion of additional modules that could be provided.

In addition, candidates should also submit three letters of recommendation via Econ Job Market:

5. Letters of recommendation from referees (submitted via <https://econjobmarket.org/>)

Please note: Candidates who do not submit the requested information will not be considered for shortlisting. The application will only be accepted by applying online through the Trinity Jobs Portal.