

## Post Specification

<b>Post Title:</b>	<b>Research Fellow (Post-Doctoral Researcher)</b>
<b>Post Status:</b>	Specific Purpose Contract - Full-time
<b>Research Group / Department / School:</b>	GLOMoL, Department of Sociology, School of Social Sciences and Philosophy, Trinity College Dublin, the University of Dublin
<b>Location:</b>	Phoenix House, 7-9 South Leinster Street, Trinity College Dublin, the University of Dublin, Dublin 2, Ireland
<b>Reports to:</b>	Professor Mark Ward
<b>Salary:</b>	Appointment will be made on the IUA Post-Doctoral Researcher Scale, at PD1 Points 1–6 (€47,273–€53,925) or PD2 Point 1 (€55,399), depending on experience and in line with Government Pay Policy.
<b>Hours of Work:</b>	39 h/w (full-time)
<b>Closing Date:</b>	12 Noon (GMT), Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July 2026

## **Post Summary**

We seek to appoint an experienced **Research Fellow** to join the GLOMoL research team in the Department of Sociology, Trinity College Dublin. GLOMoL is a European Research Council (ERC) funded project led by Professor Mark Ward. This programme of research is a country-comparative 'Global study of the macro- and individual-level causes and consequences of loneliness'. **The appointment is a specific purpose contract, to commence on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026 or shortly thereafter.**

The successful candidate will have a background in quantitative sociology or related social science with demonstrated experience in comparative and / or longitudinal data analysis. The successful candidate should also have a keen interest in ageing and the social determinants of health.

## **Project Description**

GLOMoL is a global country-comparative study of the interaction between individual- and macro-level causes and consequences of loneliness. GLOMoL will create a unique longitudinal country-comparative data infrastructure that combines individual- and macro-level indicators to advance our understanding of loneliness in different societies. This will be achieved by applying advanced multi-level and longitudinal data analytic techniques to complex data structures.

## **Standard Duties and Responsibilities of the Post**

- Conduct a specified programme of research and scholarship under the supervision and direction of your Principal Investigator.
- Engage in appropriate training and professional development opportunities as required by your Principal Investigator, the Department of Sociology, The School of Social Sciences and Philosophy, and the University.
- Engage in the dissemination of the results of the research in which you are engaged as directed by and with the support of and under the supervision of your Principal Investigator.
- Mentor and assist, as appropriate and as directed, other members of the research team.
- Carry out administrative work associated with your programme of research.

## **Funding Information**

European Research Council (ERC) Consolidator Award (2026-2031).

## **Person Specification**

### **Qualifications**

- PhD in quantitative sociology or related social science discipline

### **Knowledge & Experience**

#### **Essential**

- At least two years post-PhD research experience
- Evidence of research activity (publications, conference presentations, awards) appropriate to the candidate's career stage
- Demonstrated interest in ageing and / or the social determinant of health
- Advanced data analysis skills using Stata, R, or similar
- Experience analysing complex longitudinal survey data

#### **Desirable**

- Cross-cultural research experience
- Experience in setting own research agenda
- Knowledge of GIS spatial analysis tools
- Experience using Mplus software
- Project management experience
- Stakeholder engagement
- Understanding of data harmonisation techniques

### **Skills & Competencies**

- A good understanding of the operational requirements of a successful research project
- Excellent Communication Skills (Oral, Written, Presentation etc)
- Excellent organisational and administrative skills, including a proven ability to work to deadlines
- Project management experience

## Application Procedure

Applicants should submit the following documentation to Ms Lorraine Ivers at [recruit.sociology.sssp@tcd.ie](mailto:recruit.sociology.sssp@tcd.ie), quoting “PD - GLOMoL” in the subject line.

- A cover letter that clearly indicates how the applicant’s profile and skills fit the requirements of this Research Fellow position (max. two pages)
- A full Curriculum Vitae, including a list of publications
- Name, affiliation, and contact details of 2 referees (with their email addresses included);

## Further Information for Applicants

Informal enquiries: contact Prof Mark Ward ([wardm8@tcd.ie](mailto:wardm8@tcd.ie))

URL Link to Human Resources	<a href="https://www.tcd.ie/hr/">https://www.tcd.ie/hr/</a>
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## **Trinity College Dublin, the University of Dublin**

Trinity College Dublin is Ireland's leading university and is ranked **75th in the world in the QS World University Rankings 2026**. Founded in 1592, the University is steeped in history with a reputation for excellence in education, research and innovation.

Located on an iconic campus in the heart of Dublin's city centre, Trinity has over 20,000 undergraduate and postgraduate students across three faculties – Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences; Engineering, Mathematics and Science; and Health Sciences.

Trinity is recognised globally for its international outlook and academic excellence, with students and staff from over 120 countries.

The pursuit of excellence through research and scholarship is at the heart of a Trinity education, and our researchers have an outstanding publication record and strong record of grant success. Trinity has developed 19 broad-based multidisciplinary research themes that cut across disciplines and facilitate world-leading research and collaboration within the University and with colleagues around the world. Trinity is also home to five leading flagship research institutes:

- Trinity Biomedical Sciences Institute (TBSI)
- Trinity College Institute of Neuroscience (TCIN)
- Trinity Translational Medicine Institute (TTMI)
- Trinity Long Room Hub Arts and Humanities Research Institute (TLRH)
- Centre for Research on Adaptive Nanostructures and Nanodevices (CRANN)

Trinity is recognised as one of Europe's leading universities for entrepreneurship and innovation, with a strong track record in producing graduate founders and supporting start-up creation.

Trinity is home to the famous Old Library and the historic Book of Kells, as well as internationally significant holdings in manuscripts, maps and early printed material. The Trinity Library is a legal deposit library, granting the University the right to claim a copy of every book published in Ireland and the UK. At present, the Library's holdings span millions of printed and digital resources, including extensive e-books and e-journals.

With over 140,000 alumni worldwide, Trinity's tradition of independent intellectual inquiry has produced some of the world's finest and most original minds, including the writers Oscar Wilde and Samuel Beckett, mathematician William Rowan Hamilton, physicist Ernest Walton, political thinker Edmund Burke, and former President of Ireland Mary Robinson. This tradition finds expression today in a campus culture of scholarship, innovation, creativity, entrepreneurship and dedication to societal reform.

### **Rankings**

Trinity is Ireland's leading university and is ranked **75th in the world in the QS World University Rankings 2026**. Trinity also performs strongly across subject rankings and is consistently represented among the world's leading universities across a broad range of disciplines. Full details are available at: [Trinity rankings page](#)

## The Selection Process in Trinity

The Selection Committee (Interview Panel) may include members of the Academic and Administrative community together with External Assessor(s) who are expert in the area. Applications will be acknowledged by email.

Given the degree of co-ordination and planning to have a Selection Committee available on the specified date, the University regrets that it may not be in a position to offer alternate selection dates. Where candidates are unavailable, reserves may be drawn from a shortlist. Outcomes of interviews are notified in writing to candidates and are issued no later than 5 working days following the selection day.

In some instances the Selection Committee may avail of telephone or video conferencing. The University's selection methods may consist of any or all of the following: Interviews, Presentations, Psychometric Testing, References and Situational Exercises.

It is the policy of the University to conduct pre-employment medical screening/full pre-employment medicals. Information supplied by candidates in their application (Cover Letter and CV) will be used to shortlist for interview.

Applications from non-EEA citizens are welcomed. However, eligibility is determined by the Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation and further information on the Highly Skills Eligible Occupations List is set out in Schedule 3 of the Regulations <https://dbei.gov.ie/en/What-We-Do/Workplace-and-Skills/Employment-Permits/Employment-Permit-Eligibility/Highly-Skilled-Eligible-Occupations-List/> and the Ineligible Categories of Employment are set out in Schedule 4 of the Regulations <https://dbei.gov.ie/en/What-We-Do/Workplace-and-Skills/Employment-Permits/Employment-Permit-Eligibility/Ineligible-Categories-of-Employment/>. Non-EEA candidates should note that the onus is on them to secure a visa to travel to Ireland prior to interview. Non-EEA candidates should also be aware that even if successful at interview, an appointment to the post is contingent on the securing of an employment permit.

## **Equal Opportunities Policy**

Trinity is an equal opportunities employer and is committed to employment policies, procedures and practices which do not discriminate on grounds such as gender, civil status, family status, age, disability, race, religious belief, sexual orientation or membership of the travelling community. On that basis we encourage and welcome talented people from all backgrounds to join our staff community. Trinity's Diversity Statement can be viewed in full at <https://www.tcd.ie/diversity-inclusion/diversity-statement>.

## **Pension Entitlements**

This is a pensionable position and the provisions of the Public Service Superannuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2004 will apply in relation to retirement age for pension purposes. Details of the relevant Pension Scheme will be provided to the successful applicant.

Applicants should note that they will be required to complete a Pre-Employment Declaration to confirm whether or not they have previously availed of an Irish Public Service Scheme of incentivised early retirement or enhanced redundancy payment. Applicants will also be required to declare any entitlements to a Public Service pension benefit (in payment or preserved) from any other Irish Public Service employment.

Applicants formerly employed by the Irish Public Service that may previously have availed of an Irish Public Service Scheme of Incentivised early retirement or enhanced redundancy payment should ensure that they are not precluded from re-engagement in the Irish Public Service under the terms of such Schemes. Such queries should be directed to an applicant's former Irish Public Service Employer in the first instance.

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**Email Address** [recruit.sociology.sssp@tcd.ie](mailto:recruit.sociology.sssp@tcd.ie)



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