Post Specification

Post Title:	**Research Fellow in Behavioural and Applied Economics (**Post-doctoral researcher)
Post Status:	12-month, fixed-term contract (full-time)
Research Group / Department / School	School of Social Sciences and Philosophy, CONSEED Project**,** Trinity College Dublin, the University of Dublin
Location:	Arts Building, School of Social Sciences and Philosophy, Trinity College Dublin, the University of Dublin College Green, Dublin 2, Ireland
Reports to:	Principal Investigator, CONSEED Project
Salary:	Appointment will be made on the IUA Postdoctorate Researcher Level 2 Salary scale (range €33,975 to €41,630 per annum) at a point in line with Government Pay Policy. Further information is available at http://www.iua.ie/research-innovation/researcher-salary-scales/
Closing Date:	5pm (Irish Standard Mean Time) on Friday 7th July, 2017

Post Summary

The CONSEED Project, School of Social Sciences and Philosophy, seeks to recruit a full time post-doctoral researcher to conduct applied research in the area of behavioural economics and energy efficiency. The CONSEED project is funded by the European Commission under Horizon 2020 topic EE-08-2016.

The CONSEED project is looking for a highly motivated post-doctoral researcher with a demonstrated ability to do innovative and rigorous work related to behavioural economics and applied economics in the energy area. The research to be carried out will involve the analysis of a discrete choice experiment and a large field experiment on consumer

interactions with energy efficiency labelling. It will entail interaction with academics, industry and project partners around Europe, in particular with project partners CICERO in Norway.

The CONSEED project is in the School of Social Sciences and Philosophy which is a large multi-disciplinary School, comprised of four Departments (Economics, Philosophy, Political Science and Sociology), currently housed in two locations.

Standard duties and Responsibilities of the Post

The principal duties of the candidate will be to:

- Engage in research of a quality commensurate with publication in leading international economics journals
- Present their research at international conferences and research workshops
- Play a full role in the intellectual life of the School of Social Sciences and Philosophy including working collaboratively with academic colleagues in areas of shared research interest, and taking part in department seminars and workshops;
- Co-operate in the administration of the CONSEED research project.
- Perform other duties that will arise from time to time and as directed by Project Manager and Principal Investigator of CONSEED.

Person Specification

Qualifications

- Candidates must hold a PhD in behavioural/applied economics with excellent econometric skills. Candidates will also ideally have research experience post PhD.

Knowledge & Experience (Essential & Desirable)

- Experience of high-quality research preferably including experience of field experiments and/or discrete choice experiments (experience should be proven by a record of high quality publications in respected journals).
- Have experience of working as part of a research team in a busy and challenging work environment, including flexibility and willingness to work outside normal office hours when required.
- Have a high level of initiative and self-motivation.

- Be enthusiastic, flexible and highly motivated individual with strong interpersonal and administrative skills.
- Have strong organisational skills, ability to prioritise tasks, meet deadlines and work to time constraints while maintaining high levels of accuracy coupled with attention to detail.
- Have excellent interpersonal, organisational and communication skills (oral and written).

Skills & Competencies
- Suitable applicants will have a strong motivation to work in academic research, good communication and project management skills. They should demonstrate a passion for the field of behavioural economics applied to the energy sector.

Application Information

In order to assist the selection process, candidates should submit a cover letter together with a full curriculum vitae to include the names and contact details of 3 referees (email addresses if possible) to paddi.leinster@tcd.ie.

Further Information for Candidates

Informal queries about this post can be addressed to Paddi Leinster at paddi.leinster@tcd.ie or Eleanor Denny at dennye@tcd.ie.

School of Social Sciences and Philosophy

The School of Social Sciences and Philosophy, formed in 2005, consists of the departments of Economics, Philosophy, Political Science and Sociology. With over 45 full-time academic staff the School aims to create a sharper focus for Social Science research and teaching and to both facilitate and strengthen ties between the Social Sciences and Philosophy. The School based upon these four departments is unique in Ireland, and offers a larger and more flexible platform upon which to promote existing areas of excellence while developing innovatory teaching and research programmes and activities. High priority is given to postgraduate research training with expansion envisaged of the existing set of taught Masters Programmes, providing major pathways into research degrees. The School has a total staff complement of 45 full-time, 13

part-time academic staff and 10 postdoctoral research fellows, a senior administrator, a global officer, a course administrator and 6 executive officers.

Further information relating to the School of Social Sciences and Philosophy is available from:

http://www.tcd.ie/ssp

URL Link to School	www.tcd.ie/ssp
URL Link to CONSEED project	http://conseedproject.eu/
URL Link to CICERO (CONSEED partner)	http://www.cicero.uio.no/en
URL Link to Human Resources	https://www.tcd.ie/hr/

Trinity College Dublin, the University of Dublin

Founded in 1592, Trinity is at the nexus of tradition and innovation, offering undergraduate and postgraduate programmes across 24 schools and three faculties: arts, humanities, and social sciences; engineering, maths and science; and health sciences. Spread across 47 acres in Dublin's city centre, Trinity's 17,000-strong student body comes from all 32 counties of Ireland, and 16% of students come from outside the country. Of those, 40% are from outside the European Union, making Trinity's campus cosmopolitan and bustling, with a focus on diversity.

As Ireland's leading university, the pursuit of academic excellence through research and scholarship is at the heart of the Trinity education. Trinity is known for intellectual rigour, excellence, interdisciplinarity, and research-led teaching. Home to Nobel prize-winners such as scientist Ernest Walton and writer Samuel Beckett, Trinity draws visitors from across the world to its historic campus each year, including to the Book of Kells and Science Gallery which capture the university's connection to both old and new.
Trinity accounts for one-fifth of all spin-out companies from Irish higher education institutions, helping to turn Ireland into an innovation-intensive, high-productivity economy. That culture of innovation and entrepreneurship is a defining characteristic of our campus as we help shape the next generation of job creators.

Ireland's first purpose-built nanoscience research institute, CRANN, houses 150 scientists, technicians and graduate students in specialised laboratory facilities. Meanwhile, the state-of-the-art Biomedical Sciences Institute is carrying out breakthrough research in areas such has immunology, cancer and medical devices.

The Old Library, which houses the Long Room in Trinity, is the largest research library in Ireland, with a collection of six million printed items, 500,000 maps, 80,000 electronic journals, and 350,000 electronic books. Some of the world's most famous scholars are graduates of Trinity, including writer Jonathan Swift, dramatist Oscar Wilde, philosopher George Berkeley, and political philosopher, and political theorist Edmund Burke. Three Trinity graduates have become Presidents of Ireland - Douglas Hyde, Mary Robinson and Mary McAleese.

Ranking Facts

Trinity College Dublin is the top ranked university in Ireland. Using the QS methodology we are ranked 98th in the world and using the Times Higher Education World University Rankings methodology we are 131st in the world.

World University Rankings (April 2017)

Overall

- Trinity is Ireland's No.1 University in the QS World University Ranking, THE World University Ranking and the Academic Ranking of World Universities (Shanghai).
- Trinity is ranked 98th in the World, and 35th in Europe, in the 2016/2017 QS World University Ranking across all indicators.
- Trinity is ranked in the Top 100 for Graduate Employability in the QS 2017 Rankings.
- Trinity is in the Top 50 most innovative universities in Europe according to Reuters. [1]
- Between 2010 and 2015, Trinity was ranked the top university in Europe for entrepreneurship according to Pitchbook's independent analysis. [2]

[1] http://www.reuters.com/article/us-innovative-stories-europe-idUSKCN0Z00CT
[2] http://pitchbook.com/news/reports/2015-2016-pitchbook-universities-report

Internationalisation

- Trinity is ranked 52nd in the world in the THE World University Ranking for international outlook.

Research Performance

- Of the 981 institutions included in the THE World University Rankings for 2017, Trinity is in the top 15% internationally for research performance.
- Trinity is ranked in the top 20% internationally by QS for citations.

In the QS World University Rankings:

- Trinity College Dublin featured in the world's elite (Top 200) institutions in 25 of the 28 subjects in which it was evaluated by the QS World University Rankings by Subject in 2015. Of these, Trinity ranked in the top 100 in the world in 14 subjects and in the top 50 in the world in 6 subjects: English Language and Literature; Nursing; Politics and International Studies; History; Biological Sciences; and Modern Languages.
- In three out of the last four years, Trinity has been consistently ranked in the Top 50 worldwide for the following areas: English Language and Literature; Nursing; Modern Languages; and Politics and International Studies.
- In the QS Faculty rankings, Trinity has been consistently ranked in the Top 100 globally for Arts and Humanities over the last four years.

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, 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 Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation and further information on the Highly Skills Eligible Occupations List is set out in Schedule 3 of the Regulations https://www.djei.ie/en/What-We-Do/Jobs-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://www.djei.ie/en/What-We-Do/Jobs-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 College 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 College'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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