

Halpin Research Centre

Maritime Researcher - Communications Coordinator

(18 Months Fixed Term Contract)

The Halpin Research Centre is the research and innovation pillar of the National Maritime College of Ireland, a constituent college of the Munster Technological University. Halpin has a broad and diverse research portfolio across a number of thematic areas including maritime safety and security, learning development, maritime mechatronics, and blue growth. The research centre is funded primarily by a range of EU programmes and houses a multi-disciplinary team capable of leading and delivering outputs across large-scale global projects. Halpin is currently seeking to recruit a maritime researcher - communications coordinator who can operate within a fast-paced global context, while also disseminating research outputs across a number of transnational projects.

Location

Located on the NMCI's campus in Ringaskiddy Co. Cork, the successful candidate will report to the Research Innovation Manager, and will fall within the general management structures of the NMCI. This role will be primarily situated within the NMCI, however regular international travel will be necessary as per EU project requirements. Additionally, on occasion, there will be a requirement to attend meetings with local and national stakeholders.

Duties and responsibilities for the role

This position will provide an exciting and diverse opportunity to coordinate the dissemination and communication of EU funded research efforts, while also supporting project managers across a number of Halpin and NMCI research outputs. The successful candidate will collaborate with a multi-disciplinary team in an environment committed to contributing national efforts in building a strong and sustainable maritime sector. Duties and responsibilities include:

- Coordinate the communication of EU funded research outputs throughout multi-stakeholder contexts, via a diverse range of dissemination channels.
- Support the development of research dissemination, communication and exploitation strategies.
- Manage web and social media communication tools.
- Support the coordination and delivery of project outputs.
- Coordinate research dissemination and communication events.
- Attending transnational meetings/stakeholder events.
- Prepare and deliver presentations and workshops throughout Halpin's extended network.
- Collaborating with MTU and external stakeholders.

- Support NMCI outreach and dissemination activities.
- Contribute to research publication efforts.

Key Skills and Experience

- Experience of working with researchers/project managers in delivering successful dissemination and communication outputs.
- An ability to support the development of research communication strategies for a research centre.
- Experience in web design, content development, and management.
- An ability to manage online social media tools and network content.
- Practical experience of communicating research innovations and targeted outreach.
- Experience in planning managing and delivering national and international research dissemination and exploitation events, both face-to-face and online.
- An ability to collaborate with internal project managers and EU funded consortium members in the development of exploitation strategies.
- A proven record of accomplishment of successful engagement and relationship management skills.
- Demonstrated ability to build networks and identify new opportunities.
- Proven ability to reach critical milestones and deliver outputs based on defined work plans.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Proficiency in Microsoft office tools
- Fluent in spoken and written English

Qualification Requirements

Hold an Honours Primary Degree in a Marketing, Business, Digital Media, Communications or other relevant field, with 1-2 years' experience post qualification.

Terms of the Appointment

The position will be for a period of 18 months. The successful candidate would be expected to start as soon as possible upon receiving an offer.

Salary Range

Remuneration will be on the researcher salary scale (€37,528 – €45,633) in line with experience.

The Interview Process

If invited to interview, applicants will be assessed at the interview under the following criteria:

- Appropriateness of the candidate to the role and assessment of current knowledge, skills and attributes
- Experience within disseminating and communicating research innovation activities

- Ability to support large scale projects
- Demonstrated ability to work autonomously
- Experience of web and social media tools
- Proven track record of successful collaboration and team work
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Applications by MTU eRecruitment systems only. Applications will not be accepted in any other format. Please log on to www.mtu.ie/vacancies

Closing date for receipt of completed applications is 1 p.m. on Monday, 29th November 2021.

Informal Enquiries

Informal enquiries only may be addressed to Robert Lynch, email: robert.lynch@mtu.ie

NOTE:

In addition to the minimum qualifications, it may be necessary to introduce further shortlisting criteria.

Therefore, candidates may be shortlisted on the basis of qualifications and suitable experience, based on details given in the application form. Candidates should note that they may be called for more than one interview.

Munster Technological University is an equal opportunities employer.

Applications received after the closing date will not be accepted