Ollscoil Chathair Bhaile Átha Cliath
Dublin City University

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for the following position

Research Assistant – EU Banking and Finance Law and Policy
IUA LEVEL 1 – point 1
DCU Brexit Institute / Dublin European Law Institute
Fixed Term Contract 10-Month Full-Time

Dublin City University
Dublin City University is a leading innovative European University with a mission to 'transform lives and societies'. DCU ranks as one of the world's Top 350 Universities, *Times Higher Education*, and is proud to be Ireland's No. 1 Young University. The University is known for the 'transformative student experience' it offers, and is also recognised for its impact in addressing global challenges in collaboration with national and international stakeholders.

Overview of the department
The Brexit Institute is a research and policy centre established in DCU in 2017, founded by Prof. Federico Fabbrini. The Brexit Institute (https://dcubrexitinstitute.eu/) is Europe's first and Ireland's only centre created to focus on Brexit—the United Kingdom withdrawal from the European Union— and the future of Europe. The Institute operates as a hub and magnet to explore the implications that Brexit produces on law, politics, the economy and society at large. The Institute has a full time, international team of researchers, visiting fellows and interns, and broadly connects staff from across DCU Schools and Faculties working on Brexit-related issues. The Dublin European Law Institute (DELI) is a University recognized research centre established in 2024, and founded by Prof. Federico Fabbrini. DELI (https://www.dcu.ie/deli) has a broad research mandate to explore legal developments in the European Union and international affairs. DELI brings together a significant group of legal scholars from DCU, working on multiple dimensions of EU law and policy, including institutional questions, economic and financial matters, digital rights and technology, as well as human rights and the rule of law.

The Brexit Institute / DELI regularly organise high-level events, including workshops, training seminars, conferences and briefings; they engage with government, civil society and business; and produce research and policy on a topic of great societal relevance. The Brexit Institute / DELI run several research projects funded by the EU Erasmus+ program, by Horizon Europe, as well as by the Irish Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. In particular, currently DELI is hosting the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence COMPETE (https://competecentre.eu/) which is funded by the EU, and was launched by the former Italian Prime Minister Enrico Letta in February 2026. This 3-year project is the first initiative focusing on competitiveness in the EU.

Role Profile
The Brexit Institute / DELI seek a full-time research assistant in EU banking and finance law and policy who will be tasked with assisting with a variety of support and research tasks: these include conducting legal, policy and economic research; reviewing relevant academic literature, legislation, regulatory materials and policy reports; collecting, analysing and synthesising qualitative and quantitative data on Ireland's financial services sector and its international positioning; preparing background research notes, comparative analyses and draft sections of

the report; identifying relevant national and international developments, trends and challenges affecting Ireland as a global financial centre; and supporting stakeholder mapping, engagement and the coordination of research activities.

The candidate is expected to have significant experience of working in a dynamic team and an international research environment, as well as sound knowledge of the Irish legal framework and its financial sector, including the regulatory and institutional architecture governing financial services in Ireland and the EU, and an understanding of the international context in which Ireland operates as a financial centre. Excellent research, analytical and drafting skills, and the ability to synthesise complex information for an academic and policy-oriented report, would be highly desirable.

The expected start date of this position is on 1st December 2026 or shortly afterwards.

Duties and Responsibilities
The duties and responsibilities of the position include, but are not restricted to, the following:

- Conducting desk-based research on the historical development, current position and future prospects of Ireland as a global financial centre.
- Reviewing and synthesising relevant academic literature, legislation, regulatory materials, policy documents, official statistics and industry reports.
- Analysing the Irish legal, regulatory and institutional framework governing financial services, including relevant EU and international dimensions.
- Collecting, organising and analysing qualitative and quantitative data on Ireland's financial services sector, its international competitiveness and its contribution to the Irish economy.
- Undertaking comparative research on other international financial centres and identifying relevant developments, emerging trends, opportunities and challenges for Ireland.
- Preparing research notes, literature reviews, comparative analyses, data summaries, presentations and draft sections of the report, as required.
- Identifying relevant stakeholders and supporting the preparation and conduct of interviews, consultations and other research activities, where appropriate.
- Assisting with the preparation, review and finalisation of the report and related research outputs, ensuring accuracy, consistency, appropriate referencing.
- Undertaking other research and project-related duties appropriate to the role, as required.

Qualifications and Experience
Candidates must have a Primary Degree (NFQ Level 7) in Law or economics.

In addition, the ideal candidate will:

- Have also a master's degree in European Banking/Financial Law and Policy (NFQ Level 9), or a closely related discipline, or candidates should be nearing completion of such a qualification.
- Have demonstrable experience conducting legal, policy and/or socio-economic research in a higher education or research environment.
- Possess a strong understanding of the Irish legal framework and financial services sector, including familiarity with relevant EU regulatory and policy developments.
- Have experience reviewing and synthesising academic literature, legislation, policy documents and official reports.
- Demonstrate excellent analytical and critical thinking skills, with the ability to synthesise complex information into clear, concise written outputs.

- Have experience collecting, organising and analysing qualitative and quantitative data using appropriate research methods.
- Be proficient in academic writing, editing and referencing (e.g. OSCOLA), with strong attention to detail.
- Have excellent organisational and project management skills, including the ability to manage multiple tasks and meet competing deadlines.
- Demonstrate excellent interpersonal and communication skills, with experience working collaboratively in multidisciplinary and international teams.
- Be proficient in Microsoft Office (particularly Word, Excel and PowerPoint) and reference management software such as Zotero or EndNote.
- Have an interest in financial regulation, international financial centres, EU economic governance, or related public policy issues.
- Have experience supporting the delivery of research reports, policy papers or externally funded research projects, including coordinating research activities and stakeholder engagement where appropriate.

Minimum Internal Service Criteria
Please note that internal service criteria will apply to internal candidates.

Please note staff must have successfully completed their probationary period

Essential Training
The postholder will be required to undertake the following essential compliance training:
- Orientation
- Health & Safety
- Data Protection (GDPR)
- Cyber Security Awareness
- AI Literacy

Other training may need to be undertaken when required.

Salary:
Research Assistant IUA LEVEL 1- €34,129.00 per annum (point 1 of the scale)

Closing date: 13 November 2026

Additional Information
Please note this role does not meet criteria for a Critical Skills permit as stipulated by the Department of Enterprise, Trade & Employment.

Remote Working Policy
DCU operates a Remote Working Policy. Employees may be approved for up to 2 days of remote working per week (or an appropriate pro-rata amount for those part time). Any remote working arrangement will be reflective of the predominant on-campus working environment and the core University value of 'Student Focused'.
Employees will be based on campus for the majority of their working week to ensure a sustained on campus engagement and experience. The terms of the remote working policy will apply.

For more information on DCU and benefits, please visit Why work at DCU?

Informal Enquiries in relation to this role should be directed to:
Christy Ann Petit, Deputy Director DCU Brexit Institute / DELI.
Email: Christy.petit@dcu.ie

Please do not send applications to this email address, instead apply as described below.

Application Procedure:
Please submit your application by email to Brexit.institute@dcu.ie attaching:
1) Curriculum Vitae
2) Cover Letter

Please note, if all items are not uploaded, the application will be deemed incomplete, and will not be processed.

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In line with the Employment Equality Acts 1998 – 2015, the University is committed to equality of treatment for all those who engage with its recruitment, selection and appointment processes. We will provide support and accommodations to ensure all candidates, including those with disabilities, can fully participate in the process.

The University's Athena Swan Silver Award signifies the University's commitment to promoting gender equality and addressing any gender pay gaps. Information on a range of university policies aimed at creating a supportive and flexible work environment are available in the DCU Policy Starter Packs