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An Chomhairle um Thaighde in Éirinn

University of Limerick (UL) & United Nations University Vice-Rectorate in Europe, Sustainable Cycles Programme (SCYCLE) invite interested experienced researchers to prepare an application for an International Fellowship to the Irish Research Council 'Collaborative Research Fellowships for a Responsive and Innovative Europe' (Caroline) programme.

http://www.research.ie/sites/default/files/caroline_leaflet_for_applicants_july_2016_amended10august2016.pdf

The CAROLINE Programme is seeking to attract experienced researchers from any discipline to **conduct research relevant to the themes of the United Nations 2030 Agenda** for shared economic prosperity, social development, and environmental protection.

Specifically, we are interested in potential applications relevant to Sustainable Development Goals 11 (Sustainable Cities & Communities) & 12 (Responsible Production & Consumption) with a particular emphasis on relevant social and behavioural dimensions to reducing waste (especially e-waste), including barriers purchase the service instead of the product and by this closing loops and improving collection rates.

Candidates who are awarded with an International Fellowship from the Irish Research Council will spend the first two years based at the UNU-ViE SCYCLE Programme in Bonn (Germany), with a return year at the University of Limerick in Ireland.

The amount of the award is individually calculated based on Marie Curie International Outgoing Fellowships rates. Among the benefits include:

- Estimated salary range of between €53k-€55k per annum
- Family allowance where applicable of €500 per month
- Paid maternity leave in line with Irish policy
- Health insurance for those not in possession of EHIC Card
- Estimated contribution to direct research costs of €9,600 per annum

Interested parties should email a CV and 1 page outline of proposed research topic to Dr. Colin Fitzpatrick (Colin.Fitzpatrick@ul.ie) & Dr. Ruediger Kuehr (kuehr@unu.edu) by October 1st 2016

Further enquiries can also be made to Colin.Fitzpatrick@ul.ie or kuehr@unu.edu



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Established in 1972 and located in Ireland's mid-west region, the University of Limerick is an independent, internationally focused university with over 13,000 students and 1,500 staff. It is a young, energetic and enterprising university with a proud record of innovation in education and excellence in research and scholarship. Its mission is to be a distinctive, pioneering and connected university that shapes the future through educating and empowering people to meet the real challenges of tomorrow.

The University is recognised as possessing one of the most spectacular and environmentally sympathetic university campuses in the world. It is placed in the top 200 most international universities in the world by means of the diversity of both the student and staff body and success in international research collaborations. The research focus at the University of Limerick is on research with consequences for economic and social benefit. This is characterised by the convergence of discrete disciplines working together to achieve fundamental breakthroughs whilst adopting a translational approach to ensure research results are translated more rapidly towards economic and social impacts for Ireland and beyond.



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The United Nations University (UNU) is as a UN Organization a global think tank and postgraduate teaching organisation headquartered in Tokyo hosted by Japan. The mission of the UNU is to contribute, through collaborative research and education, to efforts to resolve the pressing global problems of human survival, development and welfare that are the concern of the United Nations, its Peoples and Member States. UNU operates through a worldwide nexus of institutes and programmes that are coordinated by the UNU Centre in Tokyo.

Sustainable Cycles (SCYCLE) is a Programme hosted by the UNU Vice Rectorate in Europe based in Bonn, Germany. It's activities are focused on the development of sustainable production, consumption and disposal patterns for electrical and electronic equipment, as well as other ubiquitous goods. UNU-VIE SCYCLE is leading the way in global quantification of e-waste product flows, with more detailed e-waste generated/arising analyses carried out in individual EU Member States, such as the Netherlands, Belgium, France, Italy, Romania and the Czech Republic. Their expertise and pioneering quantification activities have been recognised by the European Commission, especially in the awarding of e.g. the CWIT project under FP7, ProSUM under Horizon 2020 and DOT.COM Waste under DG Home. SCYCLE also contributed to the development of UN-recognized guidelines on e-waste statistics and initiated the development of UN-E-waste, unifying the UN organizations' e-waste work. Moreover, UNU hosts the Solving the E-waste Problem (StEP) Initiative, a global, multi-stakeholder network consisting of 50+ members from government, OEMs, refurbishers and recyclers, academia, international organizations and NGOs. UNU also initiated the UN internal discussion towards UN-E-waste, a joint initiative of all UN organizations harmonizing the e-waste work from a life-cycle perspective.