



UNIVERSITY of LIMERICK  
Ollscoil Luimnigh



**TITLE OF POST:** Chair in the Sociology of Gender

**LOCATION:** Department of Sociology

**REPORTS TO:** Head of Department

**CONTRACT TYPE:** Multiannual

**SALARY SCALE:** €106,516 - €136,276 p.a.

## **JOB DESCRIPTION**

### **QUALIFICATIONS:**

A doctoral degree (level 10 NFQ) in Sociology or close cognate area

### **OVERALL PURPOSE OF THE JOB:**

The Department of Sociology at the University of Limerick has a track record of gender expertise (including non-binary conceptions of gender) throughout its programmes of teaching and research. The Department incorporates a gender perspective into their research on such wide-ranging topics as migration, marriage, fertility, reproductive politics and family structure, management and organisational structures, bodybuilding, obesity discourse and fat politics, education and cultural capital, queer theory, youth studies, media, and hate crime.

To further strengthen this movement, we seek to appoint a Chair in the Sociology of Gender, with an additional commitment to at least one of the following core strengths of the department:

- the sociology of inequality (subsuming stratification and social mobility, political economy, urban sociology, media sociology and hate studies)
- the sociology of health and illness
- the sociology of family (subsuming children, marriage and partnership, domestic and market labour *inter alia*)
- the sociology of migration and citizenship

As will be noted gender dynamics are a central concern in each of these four core strengths.

The position requires an international-quality research record, evidenced by a substantial record of high quality publications in relevant areas, and of graduating PhD students. A demonstrable ability to bring research, teaching and strategic leadership to the department is also required. A record of winning relevant research funding is desirable. We seek a candidate with a strong record of empirical research, an interest in theory and research methods and a commitment to excellence in teaching. The successful candidate will be expected to contribute to teaching at undergraduate and postgraduate level, and to engage in programme development. They will also be expected to take on administrative responsibilities, particularly with respect to the department's postgraduate programmes, but also to take a share in general academic administration, including serving a term as head of department within five years of appointment.

We would expect the successful candidate to engage with colleagues and research clusters across the University as well as within international networks. Gender Studies can make an illuminating contribution to the Health Research Institute with its preoccupations with lifestyle and service delivery. Gender Relations can also inform the programme of the Centre for Social Issues Research. A Professor of the Sociology of Gender can be expected to play a leading role in promoting the University's commitment to the Athena Swan programme. In Horizon 2020 Gender is defined as a cross cutting issue that should be addressed in all its thematic programmes. The appointment of a senior colleague in this field therefore will be a strategic addition to the Faculty's expertise.

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## **DESCRIPTION:**

### **Essential:**

- A doctoral degree (level 10 NFQ) in Sociology or close cognate area
- Expertise in sociological approaches to gender
- An international-quality research record, evidenced by a substantial record of high quality publications, and of graduating PhD students
- A record of incorporating gender as a key focus of published research
- A demonstrable ability to bring research, teaching and strategic leadership to the department

### **Desirable:**

- A commitment to excellence in teaching
- A record of winning relevant national and international research funding
- A strong record of theoretically-informed empirical research
- A research record in at least one of the identified core strengths of the department (enumerated above)
- Experience in academic leadership roles and programme development

