EU Jobs Events

27 January EU Jobs Seminars at UCD & Trinity

On Monday 27 January, EU Jobs Ireland will hold seminars at <u>University College</u> <u>Dublin</u> and <u>Trinity College Dublin</u> to outline the EU career opportunities open to Irish graduates. The Minister for European Affairs Paschal Donohoe will be joined by experts from the European Commission, the European Parliament and European Movement Ireland in explaining just what's available and how to set about securing it. You can register to attend by emailing us at this address with subject line 'TCD' or 'UCD' before 23 January.

3 February - EU Jobs Seminar at 51 St Stephen's Green

EU Jobs Ireland holds a special public information seminar on 3 February focusing on the upcoming AD5 Administrator and Audit Competitions. Hear experts from EPSO, the European Court of Justice and the European Commission describe the work of an EU official and provide insights and hints on how to approach the upcoming competitions. Full details of the programme are available <u>here</u>. Confirm your place by emailing us with the subject line 'EU Careers' before Thursday 30 January.

26 February - Grad Chances Language Fair

EU Jobs Ireland will be taking part in Ireland's first 'Careers with Languages' Fair, organized by Grad Ireland, at the RDS Dublin on 26 February. You can find out more about what's planned and register to attend at the <u>Grad Ireland website</u>.

EU Jobs Opportunities

The Stage: Paid Traineeships at the European Commission

Many of the EU's leading officials started their careers as 'stages' at the institutions. The paid internships the EU offers are amongst the best ways to get a start in Brussels. And, even for those who don't go on to work with the EU, the stage is a great experience that also looks great on your CV.

The European Commission is currently accepting applications for its five-month graduate traineeship beginning in October 2014. Trainees in the Commission receive a basic monthly grant of around €1,000. To be eligible you must have a third-level degree and good knowledge of at least two EU languages, one of which must be English, French or German (and for Gaeilgeoirí, it's worth noting here that Irish is an official EU language). The deadline for applications is Monday 3rd February. You can apply and get more information <u>here</u>

Tips on Applying

European Movement Ireland, one of the EU Jobs campaign's key stakeholders, offers a range of support to anyone considering a stage. This includes their outstanding <u>Green Book</u>, sometimes known as the 'Stage Bible', and a shorter <u>top</u> <u>tips</u> page, which sets out the key points to keep in mind when making your application. If you've further questions, why not get in touch directly with <u>EMI</u> to ask their advice – with more than sixty years experience of Europe, they've a wealth of knowledge to draw on.

A final word of advice to those applying - make sure to attach evidence of your academic qualifications (e.g. your degree) and language skills (which could be a degree or your Leaving Certificate results) as part of your submission. We've had feedback from assessors at the Commission before that the applications of many otherwise excellent Irish candidates could not be considered because they did not provide such evidence in their applications. Don't make the same mistake!

Fixed Term Contracts (CAST) at the European Commission

The European Commission continues to offer fixed-term contracts for candidates with relevant experience in areas including administration, audit, secretariat, economy, finance, ICT, languages, law, policy, program/project management statistics. More information on the profiles sought, eligibility criteria and application procedures can be found <u>here</u>, with information on the role of Contract Agent <u>here</u>. If you apply for a CAST position, please make sure to get in touch with EU Jobs Ireland to see how we might be able to support you in your application.

Specialist Temporary Posts

Specialist temporary posts are currently available at many Institutions and Agencies, including the ECB, the European Investment Bank, the European Ombudsman and Eurojust. If you're planning to submit an application for any of these posts, consider getting in touch with EU Jobs Ireland to see how we might be able to support your application.

College of Europe Places & Scholarships

The <u>College of Europe</u> in Bruges or Natolin is accepting applications for postgraduate study from students of politics, law, economics, European studies and related subjects; thanks to the Department of Education & Science, Irish students can apply for special scholarships for these prestigious programmes. The scholarships offer an excellent opportunity for graduates interested in working in the EU to develop their knowledge and skills and experience education in a truly international environment. Information about the courses on offer is available from the College of Europe's <u>website</u>. Scholarship applications should be submitted to European Movement Ireland before the closing date of 31 January – full details available are <u>here</u>.

European Movement Ireland Stage

European Movement Ireland is accepting applications for its stage programme until 21 January. Past EMI stages have gone on to do great things in the European Parliament, Ireland's Permanent Representation to the EU. Find out more <u>here</u>.

EU Jobs Support

EU Jobs Ireland is committed to supporting Irish candidates in applying for EU posts. Our website – <u>www.eujobs.ie</u> – contains useful information on how to plot your path to a career at the institutions. We aim to provide targeted support and training to candidates who reach the second stage of EU competitions and more general tips and advice to those starting out. If you think we can be of help to you in securing an EU career, please get in touch at this email address.

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