

UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO
ŌTĀKOU WHAKAIHU WAKA

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

for appointment as

Eamon Cleary Postdoctoral Fellow in Irish Studies
Centre for Irish and Scottish Studies
(Fixed-term – Two years)

Mātai Airana, Mātai Kotirana / The Centre for Irish and Scottish Studies was founded in 2009 as a result of donations from the Eamon Cleary Trust and the Stuart Residence Halls Council, whose respective generosity founded the Eamon Cleary Chair in Irish Studies and the Stuart Chair in Scottish Studies. The Chairs have made substantial contributions to academic and community engagements with the literature, history and culture of Ireland and Scotland, as well as its global diasporas. The Centre's events, including conferences, festivals, symposia, and workshops, have featured visits from high profile politicians, major authors and international academics.

SUMMARY OF POSITION

The Eamon Cleary Postdoctoral Fellowship in Irish Studies will enable an outstanding scholar to conduct research of their own design while in residence in Dunedin for two years, beginning February 2027.

The fellowship is open to Ph.D. graduates in any area of Irish studies, but scholars with a medical humanities dimension to their research are particularly encouraged to apply. Scholars will apply with a specific project, which will be undertaken while they are in Dunedin.

It is expected that Postdoctoral Fellows will be independently responsible for their research, but the Centre can offer expert mentoring in literature, history, creative writing, medical humanities. We can also facilitate connections with Programmes and Schools across the University.

The postdoctoral fellow will have an office at the Centre, with library access and IT facilities. The fellow will participate actively in the life of the Centre, including public engagement and research dissemination. There is no required teaching associated with the role but it is expected that the postdoctoral fellow will contribute to the running of the Centre's events and conferences.

KEY TASKS

- Conduct research on their outlined project and publish the results of their work.
- Offer a seminar on their research each year.
- Contribute to the running of the Centre's events and conferences.
- Attend CISS team meetings.

RELATIONSHIPS

Directly responsible to: Professor Maebh Long (line management)

Supervision of: N/A.

Functional relationships with: Professor Liam McIlvanney

Other members of the Centre for Irish and Scottish Studies

Other members of the School of Arts

Centre for Medical Humanities (if appropriate)

BUDGETARY RESPONSIBILITY

Nil

PERSON SPECIFICATION:

- Applicants must have completed the requirements for the award of the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), or its equivalent.
- An excellent record of research related to Irish studies (Irish literature, history, politics, sociology, diaspora etc) and appropriate to career stage.
- A track record in the medical humanities is desirable but not essential.
- An excellent ability to work without direct supervision, set priorities and deliver to timeframes.
- Demonstrated ability to develop and sustain an independent research project.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills in English.
- Ability to work well in a team environment.
- Creative thinker.

MĀORI STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

Act in a manner consistent with the principles and implications, as well as the University's commitment to the Treaty as articulated in the Māori Strategic Framework.

PACIFIC STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

Act in a manner consistent with the strategies and goals contained in the University's Pacific Strategic Framework, role-modelling and promoting Pacific values, equity and diversity principles and cultural safety practices.

HEALTH & SAFETY:

Act and work in a manner compliant with current health and safety at work legislation and University procedures, frameworks and guidelines. Role model safe behaviour and practices, share the responsibility to prevent harm and contribute to a safe campus and work environment, including raising workplace health and safety concerns for self, students, visitors and other staff.

SUSTAINABILITY:

Act in a manner consistent with the University's sustainability commitments; role-modelling sustainable practices, with a particular emphasis on minimising the environmental impact of day-to-day activities.