



Call for Research on Diversity in Economics

The [Irish Economic Association](#) (IEA) together with the [Irish Society for Women in Economics](#) (ISWE) has today launched a call for research on the diversity of the economics profession in Ireland.

Up to €4,500 is available for new research in each of the following:

- 1) Examination of the diversity of authors, submitting to and accepted at, the Irish Economic Association [conference](#).
- 2) Examination of the diversity of authors of the economics technical paper series of Irish universities, the [Central Bank of Ireland](#) and the [Economic and Social Research Institute](#) (ESRI) technical paper series.

The call is open until the 16th July 2021 and it is expected the work will be completed by April 2022.

Details of Research to be undertaken:

- 1) Examine the gender (and other dimensions of diversity available in the data for example, age, nationality) difference in the authors, submitting to and accepted at, the IEA conference. Using the data from the conference submissions over recent years,¹ the research should examine whether the likelihood of a female (young, non-Irish, etc.) authored paper being submitted to and/or gaining acceptance to the conference differs from that of a male (older, Irish, etc.) authored paper.
- 2) Examine the gender (and other dimensions of diversity that are available in the data for example, age, nationality) difference of authors of Irish university and/or Central Bank of Ireland and/or other research institutes' technical paper series,² controlling for the demographics of the population of potential submitting economists. A technical paper series, i.e. a pre-peer-review publication, may not suffer from the same (known) diversity (gender) differences that papers in peer review journals suffer from.

Deliverables

It is envisaged that the research would produce a number of publishable outputs from these two research areas, with a view to publication in academic journals and technical paper series. The resultant work should also be suitable for submission to conferences and seminar series. This work may be particularly relevant for researchers with a background in applied micro-econometrics, with collaborative efforts from early-career researchers particularly welcome.

On behalf of the IEA, Tara McIndoe-Calder (Central Bank of Ireland) is commissioning these two pieces of research. Researchers interested in one or both of the above research topics are invited to email their CV and a short cover letter outlining their suitability to tara.mcindoealder@centralbank.ie by the 16th July 2021. A short call may be arranged to establish suitability.

¹ The IEA has agreed to make anonymised conference data available for the purposes of this research.

² The researcher would be required to obtain this data, via scraping websites or liaising directly with the institutions.