# Professor of Spanish (1926)

Department of Hispanic Studies, The School of Languages, Literatures and Cultural Studies

## Post Specification

| Post Titles: | Professor of Spanish (1926) |
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| **Post Status:** | Permanent Contract, Full-time |
| **Discipline/Faculty:** | Department of Hispanic Studies, School of Languages, Literatures and Cultural Studies, Trinity College Dublin, the University of Dublin |
| **Location:** | Arts Building, Trinity College Dublin, the University of Dublin College Green, Dublin 2, Ireland |
| **Reports to:** | Head of School of Languages, Literatures and Cultural Studies |
| **Salary:** | Appointment will be made on the Professor salary scale at point in line with Government Pay Policy (€115,887 to €145,646 per annum), appointment will be made no higher than point 6 |
| **Hours of Work:** | Hours of work for academic staff are those as prescribed under Public Service Agreements. For further information please follow the link below:<br><br>http://www.tcd.ie/hr/assets/pdf/academic-hours-public-service-agreement.pdf |
| **Closing Date:** | 12 Noon (GMT) on Monday, 1st April 2019 |

*An interview date is to be confirmed. Please check back on this advertisement for an update.*

*The appointment to the Chair of Spanish will be tenable from 1st September 2019 or as soon as possible thereafter*

## Post Summary

The School of Languages, Literatures and Cultural Studies at Trinity College Dublin is looking to make an appointment to the Chair of Spanish, tenable from 1 September 2019. Joint Chairs were first appointed in Modern Languages in 1776: Italian with Spanish, and French with German. The first entirely autonomous Chair of Spanish was established in 1926.

In the distinguished history of the Chair of Spanish this will be the first appointment of a specialist in Latin American Studies. The College is thus not only reaffirming its commitment to the role of languages in the humanities, but also to the central role of the humanities in realising the academic and societal goals of a 21st century university. The successful candidate will be expected to have and maintain a distinctive global profile of research excellence: previous holders have included eminent scholars who have provided national and international leadership in the discipline.

## Further Information

Informal enquiries about this post may be made to Dr Susana Bayo Belenguer, Head of Spanish at bayobels@tcd.ie

## Professorship at Trinity College Dublin

Professors are senior members of Trinity College Dublin whose demonstrable excellence in research, teaching and administration underpins significant contributions to the wider College community and the governance of the School.

## Role of the Professor of Spanish

The Professor of Spanish will provide strong academic and administrative leadership within the Department of Hispanic Studies. The successful candidate will have a broad-ranging vision of the role of the discipline within a contemporary university setting and will be committed to strengthening collaborative approaches to teaching, research and administration in the School of Languages, Literatures and Cultural Studies.

The Berkeley Library

The Professor will make a distinctive contribution to the intellectual life of the College, will play a prominent role in shaping the academic mission of the School, and will work both within the Department to foster a stimulating, supportive research, teaching and learning environment and outside the School and beyond to promote languages and Spanish in particular.

The Professor will take a leading part in driving the strategic development of the Department and the School of Languages, Literatures and Cultural Studies.

## Duties and Responsibilities of the Post

**Research (essential):**

- Help to lead the development of existing and potential interdisciplinary programmes.
- Engage with relevant Arts & Humanities-led College Research Themes.

**Teaching (essential):**

- Teach, supervise and examine in relevant undergraduate and postgraduate programmes of the School
- Foster excellence in teaching at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels.

**Engagement with Discipline and Society (essential):**

- Exercise a defining leadership role in the development and representation of the field of Latin American Studies institutionally and at national and international levels.
- Stand for election to the positions of Head of Department and Head of School at an appropriate time, in accordance with College regulations.
- Participate actively in the overall life of the University, contributing to College-level initiatives and fostering collaboration with institutional partners such as the Trinity Long Room Hub Arts and Humanities Research Institute.
- Maintain, expand and strengthen the Discipline's links with non-university stakeholders.

## Person Specification

**Qualifications (essential):**

- A doctorate in Latin American Studies broadly conceived.
- Native or near-native spoken and written English and Spanish.
- An outstanding research and publication record relating to Latin American Studies.

**Knowledge & Experience (essential):**

Candidates will be assessed on their demonstrable potential contribution to the Department, to the School, to the University and to the wider community.

The successful candidate will have demonstrated excellence in teaching at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels and will have a record of curriculum design and innovation, as well as of supervising undergraduate and Master projects and dissertations and doctoral theses. They will also have a strong commitment to student care.

They will have a demonstrable history of sustained engagement with and commitment to their institutional setting and be a motivating and supportive team leader and colleague.

They will have an outward-looking interdisciplinary orientation, grounded in strong disciplinary roots and will have a demonstrable record of leading development in their field. It is envisaged that the profile of the successful candidate will map onto one of the following research orientations of the School: literary, cultural, intercultural and comparative studies, with a particular emphasis on Latin American writings, political and cultural history, philosophy and contemporary politics.

In their previous role they will have demonstrated a strong ability to provide strategic leadership, and they will be expected to make a decisive contribution to current and future strategic developments in the Department and in the School or in the Identities in Transformation College Research Theme.

Their research leadership will also manifest itself in their ability to bid successfully for external and/or philanthropic research funding.

They will have excellent interpersonal and communication skills and an ability to present and communicate ideas and concepts clearly in an educational and societal context. They will have experience of and commitment to engagement with University initiatives and with wider communities.

## Further Information for Candidates

- URL Link to the School of Languages, Literatures and Cultural Studies
  **https://www.tcd.ie/langs-lits-cultures/**

- URL Link to Department of Hispanic Studies
  **https://www.tcd.ie/Hispanic_Studies/**

- URL Link to Human Resources
  **https://www.tcd.ie/hr/**

# Trinity College Dublin, the University of Dublin

Trinity is Ireland's premier university, with a proud tradition of excellence stretching back to its foundation in 1592. The oldest university in Ireland, and one of the oldest in Europe, today Trinity sits at the intersection of the past and the future, and is ideally positioned as a major university in the European Union. Our 47-acre campus is located in the heart of Dublin city centre and is home to historic buildings dating from the University's establishment, as well as some of the most cutting-edge teaching and research facilities in Ireland. Students at Trinity benefit from a unique educational experience across a range of disciplines in our three faculties – Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences; Engineering, Mathematics and Science; and Health Sciences. The pursuit of excellence through research and scholarship is at the heart of a Trinity education, and our researchers have an outstanding publication record and strong record of grant success.

Trinity has developed 18 broad-based multidisciplinary research themes that cut across disciplines and facilitate world-leading research and collaboration within the University and with colleagues around the world. These internationally recognised themes include such diverse areas as Cancer, Immunology, Telecoms, Identities in Transformation, Nanoscience, Neuroscience, and Making Ireland. Researchers from across the University work together in innovative ways to develop new and exciting approaches to their research and explore the frontiers of knowledge in the 21st century. In creating these dedicated research themes, Trinity's researchers are able to become a more powerful force on the global stage, successfully competing for large-scale grants and attracting top students and faculty to the University. Trinity is home to Ireland's first purpose-built Nanoscience research institute, CRANN, which opened in January 2008. This state-of-the-art facility houses 150 scientists, technicians, and graduate students in specialised laboratories, fostering creative innovations that have seen Trinity's researchers make significant breakthroughs.

The Trinity Long Room Hub for Arts and Humanities Research Institute is the University's flagship institute for research in the Arts and Humanities, providing a world-class environment for cross-disciplinary collaborative projects. The Long Room Hub provides a central location through which the University's internationally respected Arts and Humanities research can become more visible, demonstrating its relevance for contemporary and future societies. Researchers from across the University regularly participate in debates on topical issues facing the world today. As well as operating an International Visiting Research Fellowship programme, the Long Room Hub also hosts major EU-funded Digital Humanities projects.

One of the most instantly recognised parts of Trinity's campus is the famous Old Library, home to the historic Book of Kells as well as other internationally significant holdings in manuscripts, maps, and early printed material. Trinity's Library is the largest research library in Ireland and is an invaluable resource to Trinity's students and research community. Built up over the four centuries of the University's existence, the Library's collections have benefitted from its status as a Legal Deposit library for the past 200 years, granting Trinity the right to claim a copy of every book published in Ireland and the UK. At present, the Library's holdings span approximately 4.25 million books, 22,000 printed periodical titles, and access to 60,000 e-journals and 250,000 e-books.

Trinity attracts top students from Ireland and abroad and prides itself on the consistently high standard of student admitted to the University every year. These students are drawn to Trinity for the excellence of our research-led teaching and for the quality and prestige a degree from this University confers. Trinity has also pioneered accessibility to education in Ireland, becoming the first university in the country to reserve 15% of its undergraduate places for students from non-traditional learning groups. Trinity is the top-ranked European

university for student entrepreneurship and Europe's only representative in the world's top-50 universities.

Our alumni have gone on to shape the history of Ireland and of Western Europe in a wide range of fields. These include such notable figures as Jonathan Swift, Oscar Wilde, William Rowan Hamilton, Edmund Burke, William Stokes, Denis Burkitt, Louise Richardson, Lenny Abrahamson, and Anne Enright. Three of Trinity's graduates have been awarded Nobel prizes: Ernest Walton for Physics in 1951; Samuel Beckett for Literature in 1968; and William Campbell for Physiology / Medicine in 2015. Trinity also counts the first female President of Ireland among its alumni in Mary Robinson, as well as other notable former Presidents Douglas Hyde and Mary McAleese. At Trinity, we are justifiably proud of our tradition, and we strive to uphold this excellence as we face the demands of the 21st century.

# Trinity's Research Themes



Ageing

Cancer

Creative Arts Practice

International Development

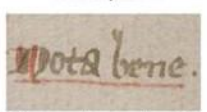International Integration

Making Ireland

Creative Technologies

Digital Engagement

Digital Humanities

Manuscript, Book and Print Cultures
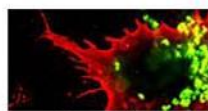
Nanoscience

Neuroscience

Genes & Society

Identities in Transformation

Immunology, Inflammation & Infection

Telecommunications

Smart Sustainable Planet

Next Generation Medical Devices

# Trinity College Dublin World University Rankings

*Trinity is the top ranked university in Ireland. Using the QS methodology, the University is ranked 104th in the world and using the Times Higher Education World University Rankings methodology Trinity is 117th in the world.*

## Overall

- Trinity is Ireland's No.1 University in the QS World University Ranking, THE World University Ranking and the Academic Ranking of World Universities (Shanghai).

- Trinity is ranked 104th in the World, and 36th in Europe, in the 2018/2019 QS World University Ranking.

- Trinity is ranked in the Top 120 for Graduate Employability in the QS 2018 Rankings.

- Trinity is in the Top 50 most innovative universities in Europe according to Reuters.[1]

- Between 2010 and 2015, Trinity was ranked the top university in Europe for entrepreneurship according to Pitchbook's independent analysis.[2]

## Internationalisation

- Trinity is ranked 52nd in the world in the THE World University Ranking for international outlook.

## Research Performance

- Of the 981 institutions included in the THE World University Rankings for 2017, Trinity is in the top 15% internationally for research performance.

- Trinity is ranked in the top 15% internationally by QS for citations.



## In the QS World University Rankings:

- Trinity is ranked in the top 50 worldwide in four subject areas according to the QS World University Subject Rankings 2018. The University is ranked in the top 100 globally for 20 subjects overall.

- Trinity's Top 50 subjects include Nursing (25th), Classics (28th), English (28th) and Politics (43rd).

- Trinity is ranked in the top 100 for each of the following 16 subjects: History, Languages, Philosophy, Theology, Computer Science, Biology, Medicine, Pharmacy, Chemistry, Geography, Materials Science, Education, Law, Social Policy, Sociology and Sport.

- The University is ranked in the top 100 for three broad subject areas: Arts & Humanities (57th), Life Sciences & Medicine (87th), and Engineering & Technology (89th).

[1] http://www.reuters.com/article/us-innovative-stories-europe-idUSKCN0Z00CT

[2] http://pitchbook.com/news/reports/2015-2016-pitchbook-universities-report

# Department of Hispanic Studies

The second-largest constituent unit of the School of Languages, Literatures and Cultural Studies, the Department is a lively teaching and research community with a strong record in organizing international conferences, and in doctoral and postdoctoral research. It has as one of its principal current objectives the redevelopment of a significant presence in Latin American Studies at undergraduate and postgraduate levels.

The department staff currently comprise four permanent lecturers, as well as Teaching Fellows, and Language Assistants. Our present student numbers include approximately 250 undergraduates pursuing one of four degrees:

- Joint Honors Degree (Spanish combined with one of fourteen other subjects)
- Business Studies and a Language
- European Studies
- Middle Eastern and European Languages and Cultures

In addition, students in Business, Economics and Social Studies (BESS), and Law and Business are offered a Spanish option.

The Department contributes to several graduate M.Phil. degree programmes, and currently has a small number of Ph.D. candidates. Members of the Department are actively involved in research spanning a wide range of topics in literary and cultural studies (from the medieval period to the twenty-first century), translation and linguistics. They work closely with the Trinity Long Room Hub Arts and Humanities Research Institute and other Trinity partners (such as the Trinity Centre for Literary and Cultural Translation). The Department maintains international links with several partner universities in Spain, as well as with embassies and Spanish cultural organisations in Ireland.

Academic staff are actively involved in the School's research hubs (Centre for European Studies, Centre for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, and Centre for Literary and Cultural Translation) and also collaborate with the College Research Themes, in particular with *Identities in Transformation*.

## Department of Hispanic Studies Staff Members

**Dr Susana Bayó Belenguer**
(Assistant Professor and Head of Department)
The Spanish Civil War, the Franco Era, and the Transition to Democracy, with a focus on the relationship between history and its representation in literature, cinema and other cultural artefacts; Translation Studies, Manuel Vázquez Montalbán.

**Dr Brian Brewer**
(Assistant Professor)
The presence of the discourses of early modern economic theory and political economy ('arbitrismo') in the literature of sixteenth- and seventeenth-century Spain.

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**Dr Katerina García**
(Assistant Professor)

The language, literature, and culture of the Sephardic Diaspora, Sephardic song as a medium of representation of diasporic culture, Hispanic Linguistics (both historical and synchronic), Spanish Literature of the Middle Ages, Ethnomusicology.

**Dr Ciara O'Hagan**
(Assistant Professor)
Representations of America in Spanish Enlightenment Literature with a special focus on the Enlightenment disputes over America and the legitimacy of imperial conquest.

## School of Languages, Literatures and Cultural Studies

The School of Languages, Literatures and Cultural Studies (SLLCS) is one of the largest of the twelve Schools in the Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences. SLLCS has nearly 40 full-time academic staff and some 80 staff in all, including language assistants and lectors, part-time teachers, administrative and executive officer staff.

SLLCS is made up of the Departments of French, Germanic Studies, Hispanic Studies, Italian, Irish, Near and Middle Eastern Studies, Russian and Slavonic Studies, the Centre for European Studies, the Centre for Medieval and Renaissance Studies and the Centre for Literary and Cultural Translation. The School's teaching and research ranges from the middle ages to the present day in literary and cultural studies, linguistics and area studies, as well as the teaching of advanced language skills. It seeks to sustain the distinctiveness of its individual disciplines whilst fostering cooperation and joint programmes within and beyond the School. Currently, well over a thousand undergraduate students take one of twenty-one degree programmes in which the School participates.

The School also offers a range of taught Masters programmes and is expanding in this area. Currently, the following are offered: M.Phil. in Identities and Cultures of Europe; M.Phil. in Comparative Literature; M.Phil. in Literary Translation; M.Phil. in Early Irish. It also contributes to taught Masters programmes in other Schools, including the M.Sc. in International Management (School of Business Studies). There are about 30 research postgraduates registered for Ph.D. degrees in SLLCS, and the School has identified further growth in this area as a priority.

The School is one of the most active member schools of the Trinity Long Room Hub Arts and Humanities Research Institute, one of four flagship research institutes of the University, and the one dedicated to promoting and facilitating innovative research across its nine Arts and Humanities member Schools. It offers researchers a supportive research environment, showcases research excellence across the disciplines, champions the development of a small number of overarching priority research themes and seeks to pioneer cross-disciplinary collaborative projects within the university and with national and international partners. It provides a focal point for debates between academia and the wider world on the challenges facing the world today and the contributions the Arts & Humanities can make to addressing them. Members of the school are active contributors to the five College Arts & Humanities research themes: Manuscript, Book and Print Cultures; Creative Arts Practice; Digital Humanities; Identities in Transformation; Making Ireland. The Identities in Transformation Theme originated in the School.

The School enjoys a very high international reputation in its teaching and research and attracts highly qualified and motivated students from Ireland and internationally. Since its inception it has consistently been ranked in the top 50 Modern Languages Schools in the QS subject rankings. It is currently ranked 39th in the world.

## The Selection Process in Trinity

- The Selection Committee (Interview Panel) may include members of the Academic and Administrative community together with External Assessor(s) who are expert in the area. Applications will be acknowledged by email. If you do not receive confirmation of receipt within 1 day of submitting your application online, please contact the named Recruitment Partner on the job specification immediately and prior to the closing date/time.

- Given the degree of co-ordination and planning to have a Selection Committee available on the specified date, the University regrets that it may not be in a position to offer alternate selection dates. Where applicants are unavailable, reserves may be drawn from a shortlist. Outcomes of interviews are notified in writing to applicants and are issued no later than 5 working days following the selection day.

- In some instances, the Selection Committee may avail of telephone or video conferencing. The University's selection methods may consist of any or all of the following: Interviews, Presentations, Psychometric Testing, References and Situational Exercises.

- It is the policy of the University to conduct pre-employment medical screening/full pre-employment medicals. Information supplied by applicants in their application (Cover Letter and CV) will be used to shortlist for interview.

- Applications from non-EEA citizens are welcomed. However, eligibility is determined by the Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation and further information on the Highly Skills Eligible Occupations List is set out in Schedule 3 of the Regulations https://www.djei.ie/en/What-We-Do/Jobs-Workplace-and-Skills/Employment-Permits/Employment-Permit-Eligibility/Highly-Skilled-Eligible-Occupations-List/ and the Ineligible Categories of Employment are set out in Schedule 4 of the Regulations https://www.djei.ie/en/What-We-Do/Jobs-Workplace-and-Skills/Employment-Permits/Employment-Permit-Eligibility/Ineligible-Categories-of-Employment/

- Non-EEA applicants should note that the onus is on them to secure a visa to travel to Ireland prior to interview. Non-EEA applicants should also be aware that even if successful at interview, an appointment to the post is contingent on the securing of an employment permit.

## Equal Opportunities Policy

Trinity is an equal opportunities employer and is committed to employment policies, procedures and practices which do not discriminate on grounds such as gender, civil status, family status, age, disability, race, religious belief, sexual orientation or membership of the travelling community.

On that basis we encourage and welcome talented people from all backgrounds to join our staff community.

Trinity College's Diversity Statement can be viewed in full at https://www.tcd.ie/diversity-inclusion/diversity-statement

## Pension Entitlements

This is a pensionable position and the provisions of the Public Service Superannuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2004 will apply in relation to retirement age for pension purposes. Details of the relevant Pension Scheme will be provided to the successful applicant.

Applicants should note that they will be required to complete a Pre-Employment Declaration to confirm whether or not they have previously availed of an Irish Public Service Scheme of incentivised early retirement or enhanced redundancy payment. Applicants will also be required to declare any entitlements to a Public Service pension benefit (in payment or preserved) from any other Irish Public Service employment.

Applicants formerly employed by the Irish Public Service that may previously have availed of an Irish Public Service Scheme of Incentivised early retirement or enhanced redundancy payment should ensure that they are not precluded from re-engagement in the Irish Public Service under the terms of such Schemes. Such queries should be directed to an applicant's former Irish Public Service Employer in the first instance.

## Application Procedure

Applicants should submit a full Curriculum Vitae to include the names and contact details of 3 referees (including email addresses), together with a cover letter (1 x A4 page) that specifically addresses the application procedure set out above
by e-Recruitment:


APPLICATIONS WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED BY E-RECRUITMENT

**http://jobs.tcd.ie**

If you have any application queries, please contact:

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