

# Support for continued data collection and analysis concerning mobility patterns and career paths of researchers

## Country profile – Remuneration Ireland

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# 1 RESEARCHER REMUNERATION IN ACADEMIA

## 1.0 Introduction

This is one of a series of more than 40 country profiles summarising data on the remuneration of researchers and work-related benefits in the academic sector. Data were collected for the European Commission in 2012 by an extensive network of national experts as part of the MORE 2 study. The profiles provide also complementary data from official sources.<sup>1</sup>

A report containing a comparative analysis of the data and more qualitative information related to the remuneration of researchers will also be published as part of the MORE2 study.

The profiles are structured as follows:

1. Main indicators
2. Salaries, stipends and benefits by job position and employment contract
3. Tax system
4. Labour legislation in the Higher Education Sector
5. Social security system
6. Quality of life
7. Where available: Gross annual earnings and hourly earnings of non-academic researchers
8. Where available: Salary data of university researchers by country – A literature survey

In the first section, the main indicators on remuneration (salaries, stipends, and the degree of autonomy of universities to decide on remuneration-related aspects) are compared with the EU-average and the US. In the second section, the profiles summarise minimum, average and maximum annual gross salaries (both in national currency and in purchasing power parities) for all available job positions and employment statuses.

The following sections present an assessment of the value of the gross annual salaries. As it is very difficult to collect data on net salaries that are meaningfully comparable across countries due to very specific regulations, the country profiles include information on the dues that are typically deducted from gross salaries in order to provide an indication of the level of net salaries. Furthermore, data are also presented on the public benefits researchers receive for these deductions. It is important to note that the data provide an indication of the remuneration package and do not offer an exact, comparable measure for researcher salaries across countries.

Finally, where available the profiles also contain information on the gross annual and hourly earnings of non-academic researchers based on Eurostat's Structure of Earnings Survey, and a summary table on salary data collected in other studies.

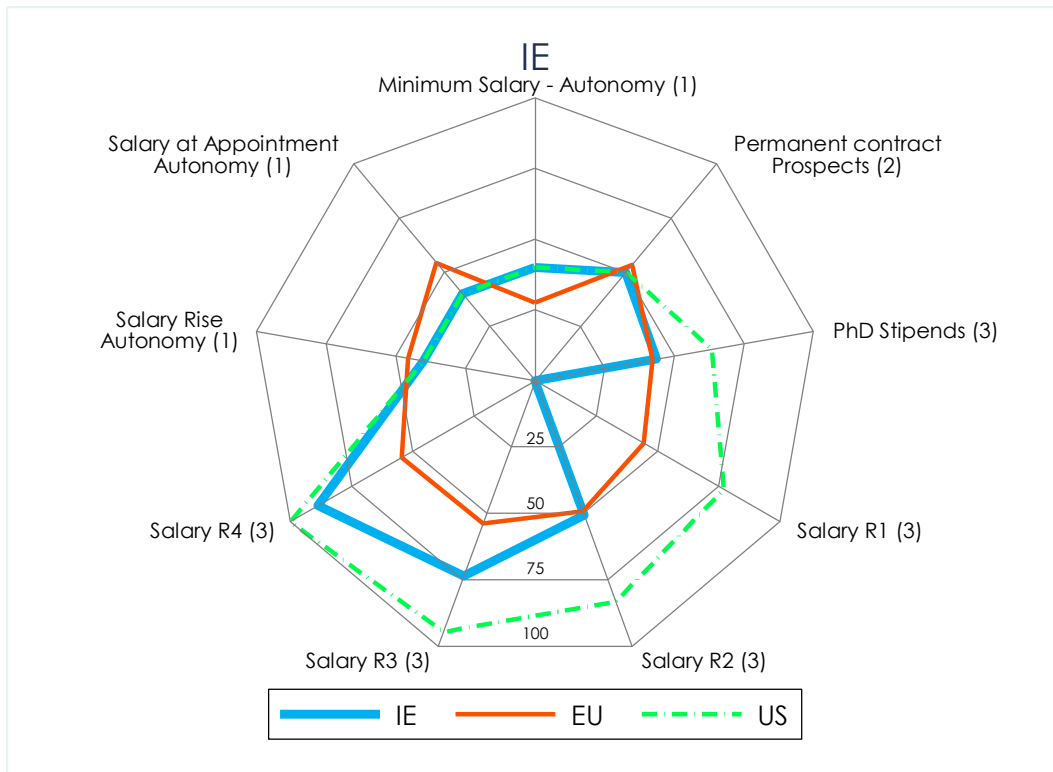
Further information on data collection and results of the study is available in:

*IDEA Consult et al, 2013. MORE2 - Support for continued data collection and analysis concerning mobility patterns and career paths of researchers, Remuneration Cross-Country Report (WP4). European Commission, DG Research and Innovation.*

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<sup>1</sup> Data have been collected in 2012. If there are more recent data available, they have not been included in the country profiles but the respective sources are listed in chapter 7 of the MORE2 WP4 report (IDEA et al. 2013).

## 1.1 Main indicators



Source: MORE II expert survey; Spokes are normalised minimum = 0, and maximum = 100% in case of „PhD-Stipends“ and „Salaries R1-R4“, maximum = R1 in case of „Permanent contract“, and maximum = 5 in case of „Salary rise“, „Salary at appointment“, and „Minimum salary“. Missing values are set to zero.

- 1) **Degree of autonomy:** „Salary rise“, „Salary at appointment“, and „Minimum salary“ based on question: „Please indicate the institutional level at which the following aspects of public university researchers are de-termined?“ Scale: (1) National, (2) Regional (state), (3) Sector/collective agreements, (4) University, (5) Individual negotiation, (0) missing value;
- 2) **Prospect of a “permanent contract”** shows the lowest career stage (R1-R4) at which university researchers can obtain permanent contracts.
- 3) **Salaries:** „PhD Stipends“, „Salaries R1-R4“ show gross annual salaries (in PPP €) paid in the country as a percentage of the best paying country at this career stage.

## 1.2 Salaries, stipends and benefits by job positions and employment contract

Rank	Name	Type of contract		Annual Gross Salary in national currency and (in PPP €)			Mandatory insurances		
		Employment status	Contract duration	Minimum	Average	Maximum	Health care	Unemployment	Pension
R1	PhD-Candidate <sup>1)</sup>	Stipendiary		16,000 (12,064)	.	18,000 (13,572)			
R2	Assistant Lecturers / Lecturers <sup>2)</sup>	Civil Servant	Fixed 2-4	33,624 (24,308)	.	81,456 (58,887)	X	X	X
R2	Post Doctoral Researcher <sup>3)</sup>	Employee	Fixed 1-2	33,975 (22,319)	.	46,255 (30,386)	X	X	X
R2	Research Assistant <sup>4)</sup>	Employee	Fixed 1-2	19,665 (12,918)	.	32,930 (21,633)	X	X	X
R2	Research Fellow <sup>5)</sup>	Employee	Fixed 1-2	51,716 (33,974)	.	56,442 (37,078)	X	X	X
R3	Senior Lecturer <sup>6)</sup>	Civil Servant	Permanent	64,032 (46,291)	.	94,032 (67,979)	X	X	X
R3	Senior Research Fellow <sup>7)</sup>	Employee	Fixed 2 - 5	63,125 (41,469)	.	68,817 (45,208)	X	X	X
R4	Associate Professor / Professor <sup>8)</sup>	Civil Servant	Permanent	78,948 (57,074)	.	146,028 (105,568)	X	X	X

**Source:** MORE II - Expert Survey; National currency: EUR; **Annual Gross Salary:** **Source:** 1) 2011, Document "SFI Grant Application Budget Policy" downloadable from <http://www.sfi.ie/funding/grant->; "Terms and Conditions" downloadable from <http://www.irchss.ie/scheme/irish-research-council-government-ireland-postgraduate-scholarship-scheme-including-enterpris>; 2, 6, 8) 2010; <http://www.eui.eu/ProgrammesAndFellowships/AcademicCareersObservatory/AcademicCareersbyCountry/Ireland.aspx#AccessibilityforNon-Nationals>; 3, 4, 5, 7) 2011; <http://www.iaa.ie/research-innovation/researcher-salary-scales/>; **Notes:** ad 2) Contracts are either fixed or permanent; ad 2, 6, 8) The exact term used in Ireland for these positions would be 'public sector workers', as 'civil servant' is only used for people working in government departments.; ad Stipends: PhD-Candidates do not get salaries as such but most (but not all, some PhD candidates don't receive money, in particular in the Social Sciences and Humanities) of them receive grants either from funding agencies such as the Irish Research Council or by the Schools/Departments they are studying at (very decentralised); **PPP:** Salaries and Stipends in national currency are converted into PPP US-Dollar (2011) and the resulting PPPs are converted into EURO using the currency exchange rate of Eurostat 1,3920\$ = 1EURO; if the year of the salary or the stipend is not 2011, the amount was grossed up to 2011 using the unit labour costs index of the AMECO database.

### 1.3 Tax System

Taxes					
Income bracket in national currency from	0	32,801			
Income bracket in national currency to	32,800	max			
Marginal Tax rate	20.0	41.0			

Levy of income tax      The employer automatically deducts the income tax from the gross salary

Tax Wedge in % of labour costs			
Single, no children (average wage)	29.35	Married couple, two children (average wage)	13.39
Single, no children (167% of average wage)	39.90	Married couple, two children (167% of average wage)	21.10
Married couple, no children (133% of average wage)	21.20		

**Tax rate:** Source: OECD, 2011\*; **Levy of income tax:** Source: MORE II - Expert Survey based on question "Please indicate how personal income tax is usually levied?"; **Tax Wedge in % of labour costs:** Source: OECD, 2010\*; **Note:** Income tax plus employee and employer contributions less cash benefits in % of the labour costs for selected personal circumstances.  
\* More recent data available, cf. IDEA et al. 2013, ch. 7.

### 1.4 Labour legislation in the Higher Education Sector

Institutional levels determining remuneration aspects			
Salary (at appointment)	Sector/collective agreements	Unemployment insurance	University
Salary rise	Sector/collective agreements	Health care insurance	University
Minimum salary	Sector/collective agreements	Retirement pension insurance	National; University
Working time	University		

Relevant factors for salary rise (incl. rank)      Seniority(1); Performance(2)

Source: MORE II - Expert Survey based on question "Please indicate the institutional level at which the following aspects of public university researchers are determined?".

Dismissal of University Researchers					
	9 months tenure	4 years tenure	20 years tenure		
Notice period (in months)	0.23 all workers / 0.47 redundancy cases	0.47 all workers / 0.47 redundancy cases	1.87 all workers / 1.87 redundancy cases	2008	OECD
Severance pay (in months)	0 all workers / 0 redundancy cases	all workers /3.6 weeks redundancy cases	0 all workers /16.4 weeks redundancy cases	2008	OECD
Duration of Compensation in case of Unemployment (in Months)	12	2010	OECD		
Average Net Replacement Rate in case of Unemployment (in % of previous income for a 40 year old)					
Two-earner married couple, no child	52		Two-earner married couple, two children	58	

**Dismissal of University Researcher:** Note: Conversion into months if original data are listed in weeks or days: weeks/7 days \* 30 days; days \* 30 days; **Duration of Compensation in case of Unemployment (in Months):** Note: For a 40-year old (where benefits are conditional on work history, the table assumes a long and uninterrupted employment record); **Average Net Replacement Rate:** Source: OECD, 2010\*; Note: The percentage of a worker's pre-unemployment income that is paid out by the unemployment insurance when the worker becomes unemployed in two different categories of personal circumstances.  
\* More recent data available, cf. IDEA et al. 2013, ch. 7.

## 1.5 Social Security System

Public social spending (% of GDP)	16.31	2007*	OECD	Public health spending (% of GDP)	5.80	2007*	OECD
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Insurances usually go beyond what is mandated by law			
Additional health care insurance			
Additional health care insurance by university ...	Depends on contract	Do researchers usually have additional private health care insurance?	Yes
Covered by researchers' remuneration package (incl. mandatory insurance)	Hospital treatment; Drugs/pharmaceuticals		
Additional retirement pension insurance			
Additional retirement pension insurance by university	Depends on contract	Do researchers usually have additional private retirement pension insurance?	Yes
Additional (private) retirement pension insurance is...	Important		

**Additional health care/retirement pension insurances by university**: Source: MORE II - Expert Survey based on question "Do universities provide the following social security insurances for university researchers, exceeding what is mandated by law?"; **Do researchers usually have additional private health care/retirement pension insurance?** Source: MORE II - Expert Survey based on questions "Do researchers usually purchase additional health care insurance/pension funds, beyond what is already provided in the remuneration package?"; Country-specific comment: A practice of adding years for pension purposes to compensate for the inability of certain professional or technical staff to qualify for a full pension based on 40 years service by retirement age is operated in the public service. Source: [http://audgen.gov.ie/documents/vfmreports/75Irish\\_Universities\\_Resource\\_Management.pdf](http://audgen.gov.ie/documents/vfmreports/75Irish_Universities_Resource_Management.pdf) (p. 91); **Covered by researchers' remuneration package (incl. mandatory insurance)**: Source: MORE II - Expert Survey based on question "Please indicate the extent to which health care is compulsorily covered by researchers' remuneration packages in your country."; **Additional (private) retirement pension insurance is...**: Source: MORE II - Expert Survey based on question "How important is additional (private) retirement pension insurance for researchers in order to maintain their personal standard of living after retirement?"; Country-specific comment: Permanent staff would have both health care insurance and pension insurance. Generally, fixed-term staff would not get health insurance but may get pension insurance.

## 1.6 Quality of Life

Income and Welfare				Governance			
GDP per capita (in PPP €)	29,844	2011	Worldbank	Voice and Accountability #	14 / 46	2011	Worldbank
GDP per capita (in €)	34,787	2011	Worldbank	Political Stability and Absence of Violence #	15 / 46	2011	Worldbank
Human Development Index #	5 / 46	2011*	HDI	Government Effectiveness #	18 / 46	2011	Worldbank
Life expectancy	80.60	2011*	UNDESA	Regulatory Quality #	9 / 46	2011	Worldbank
				Rule of Law #	9 / 46	2011	Worldbank
				Control of Corruption #	18 / 46	2011	Worldbank
Quality of public child care				Quality of Education			
Net childcare costs (% avg wage)	44.61	2004	OECD	Average Years of Schooling #	21 / 45	2010	OECD
Childcare fees (% avg wage)	24.79	2004	OECD	PISA reading score #	19 / 43	2009	OECD
Public spending on childcare and early education (% GDP)	0.26	2007*	OECD	PISA mathematic score #	27 / 43	2009	OECD
Public spending on family benefits (% GDP)	2.70	2007*	OECD	PISA science score #	16 / 43	2009	OECD
Public spending on pre school services (% GDP)	0.00	2007*	OECD	Public expenditures on education (% of GDP)	5.98	2009	OECD
Ratio of child to carer	4.50	2009	OECD	Private expenditures on education (% of GDP)	0.37	2009	OECD
Ratio of children to teaching staff	14.00	2009	OECD				

# Ranking within countries with available data covered in this study; **GDP per capita (in PPP €):** Note: GDP per capita is converted into PPP US-Dollar (2011) and the resulting PPPs are converted into EURO using the currency exchange rate of Eurostat 1,3920\$ = 1EURO; **Life expectancy:** Note: Number of years a new born infant could expect to live if prevailing patterns of age-specific mortality rates at the time of birth stay the same throughout the infant's life; **Net childcare costs:** Note: for a dual earner family with full-time arrangements of 167% of the average wage in % of the average wage; **Childcare fees:** Note: Childcare fees per two-year old attending accredited early-years care and education services; **Childcare fees in % of average wage:** Note: Childcare fees in % of average wage; **Public spending on childcare and early education:** Note: Total spending in % of GDP; **Public spending on family benefits:** Note: Public expenditure on pre-school services in % of GDP; **Public spending on pre school services:** Note: Public expenditure on pre-school services, in % of GDP; **Ratio of children to carers:** Note: Shows the average child-to-carer/educator ratio for children not yet 4 years of age who attend licensed day care facilities; **Ratio of children to teaching staff:** Note: For children attending pre-school, certified teacher-to-child ratios are calculated by dividing the number of full-time equivalent children enrolled in pre-school programmes by the number of full-time equivalent teachers at that level.

\* More recent data available, cf. IDEA et al. 2013, ch. 7.

## 1.7 Gross annual earnings and hourly earnings of non-academic researchers (2006, in PPP €)

Subsample	Number of Observations	Gross annual earnings in the reference year									Average gross hourly earnings in the reference month								Annual days of holiday leave
		Mean	p1	p5	p25	p50	p75	p95	p99	Mean	p1	p5	p25	p50	p75	p95	p99	p50	
<b>Gender</b>																			
male	5517	50,243	5,791	11,903	30,026	42,895	58,012	98,618	156,484	29.86	6.73	9.9	15.91	22.66	32.75	60.8	89	-	
female	7154	39,244	4,620	9,510	25,429	35,720	46,808	66,653	101,190	24.19	6.11	9.04	14.87	19.85	27.81	45.42	70.29	-	
<b>Age</b>																			
<20	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
20-29	3131	28,594	3,931	7,375	18,087	27,298	34,346	52,256	71,799	18.04	5.79	7.61	11.55	15.3	19.36	31.53	42.96	-	
30-39	4492	41,613	6,065	14,355	29,799	38,513	48,225	75,902	120,327	23.85	7.29	10.42	16.07	20.55	27.13	41.37	67.01	-	
40-49	2791	50,131	6,063	16,402	34,259	45,747	56,741	92,457	149,072	30.04	8.07	11.63	18.73	25.31	33.85	56.99	83.84	-	
50-59	1864	54,989	5,956	16,645	37,662	50,661	60,821	102,210	173,727	35.31	6.83	11.69	20.64	29.61	42.63	73.97	100.58	-	
60+	372	58,503	-	10,046	35,295	52,244	68,211	138,021	-	37.64	-	10.56	20.32	31.58	46.86	81.45	-	-	

Source: Eurostat - Structure of Earnings Survey 2006, own calculations. Table displays mean and percentiles (p1-p99) Note: Non-academic researchers are identified if both criteria are fulfilled: ISCED Codes 5A/B or 6 and ISCO 2 or 3..

## 1.8 Salary data of university researchers by country – A literature survey

Ireland			
Position	Salary (Range)	Currency	Reported salary Year Source Note
Associate Professor	6579	€	Monthly gross salary 2010 Academic Careers Observatory (ACO) minimum
Associate Professor	9172	€	Monthly gross salary 2010 Academic Careers Observatory (ACO) maximum
Professor	8997	€	Monthly gross salary 2010 Academic Careers Observatory (ACO) minimum
Professor	12169	€	Monthly gross salary 2010 Academic Careers Observatory (ACO) maximum
Lecturer	2802	€	Monthly gross salary 2010 Academic Careers Observatory (ACO) minimum
Lecturer	6788	€	Monthly gross salary 2010 Academic Careers Observatory (ACO) maximum
Senior Lecturer	5336	€	Monthly gross salary 2010 Academic Careers Observatory (ACO) minimum
Senior Lecturer	7836	€	Monthly gross salary 2010 Academic Careers Observatory (ACO) maximum