

## **Temporary positions available for the scoring of student responses on mathematics and science assessments**

### **About the Positions**

In May and June 2019, the Educational Research Centre (ERC) will be involved in scoring student responses on the Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS).

TIMSS is an international comparative study of mathematics and science achievement at both primary (Fourth class) and post-primary (Second Year) level. It takes place every four years and over 60 countries are participating in the current cycle of the study.

Scorers will work within a small team marking individual student responses to test items. Training in how to score students' responses will be provided (including marking schemes and examples). Two teams of eight scorers will be formed— one team for primary level, and one for post-primary – and mathematics and science will be scored by the same teams.

Scoring is scheduled to take place at the Educational Research Centre (ERC) over approximately six weeks from **Monday May 13<sup>th</sup> to Friday June 21st (9:30 am to 4:30pm, Monday to Friday)**.

**Payment is €14 per hour** with a six-hour working day, with lunch between 12.30-1.30pm.

**Note: the scoring tasks may finish a few days before or after the dates indicated.**

### **Requirements:**

- All scorers need to be fully proficient in English.
- All scorers must be prepared to work in a collaborative environment.
- Scorers should have full-time availability within the relevant dates.
- Scorers should have a third-level qualification (honours) in a relevant discipline (e.g., humanities, mathematics, science, engineering, teaching) **and/or** relevant experience in education.
- Proficiency in Irish is an advantage.

### **How to Apply:**

Applicants should submit their **CV and a short cover letter** to [info@erc.ie](mailto:info@erc.ie) by **5pm on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April**. The cover letter should outline how applicants meet the requirements of the role and confirm the dates that they will be available for work. Please also state in your email or cover letter whether you prefer to code for TIMSS primary, TIMSS post-primary, or either level.

Applicants will be selected on the basis of the information they submit to the ERC. The ERC may telephone applicants in advance of finalising its selection to clarify points in their applications.

### **Further Information:**

More information on TIMSS in Ireland can be found at [www.erc.ie/timss](http://www.erc.ie/timss).

For further information about the scoring positions, please email [info@erc.ie](mailto:info@erc.ie).