Empowering Policy Excellence (EPEx) Expert Residency Application Form

Our **EPEx Expert Residency Programme** was launched in January 2025. This residency programme provides experts from the Irish civil and public service, and relevant non-governmental and commercial organisations, with the opportunity to spend a period of between three and six months at the Geary Institute for Public Policy at University College Dublin.  This programme will run yearly.

This residency programme provides policymakers, policy implementers and other practitioners with an opportunity to take a break from ‘thinking fast’ about responses to the most pressing political priorities and gives them an opportunity to ‘think slow’ about how to address unresolved, particularly challenging policy issues which are often termed ‘wicked problems’.

During your residency, you will write a 5,000-10,000 word reflection on a particularly critical and knotty policy and/or practice challenge that you have faced in your career or a current/ ongoing challenge. These reflections will form a new *Policy and Practice Expert Reflections (PAPERs)* series which will be published on [PublicPolicy.ie](http://publicpolicy.ie). The final output will be presented at a seminar at UCD.

**Please note that this residency is not a funded position.** This residency will give you a desk space at the Geary Institute and/or the opportunity to work remotely if you prefer, access to UCD’s world class library facilities (including extensive on-line repositories), a UCD email address, and an academic mentor, and will provide you with the opportunity to network with the wider academic community at UCD and attend our training events and seminars. The Geary Institute will also fund events relating to your residency and issue area e.g. roundtable discussions, workshops etc.

We are open to applicants who wish to undertake the residency on a part-time or full-time basis and to applications from retired/former policy experts as well as current staff. Applicants who are currently in employment must provide evidence that their employer is willing to facilitate their participation.

Applications should be submitted by email to Geary@ucd.ie by **5pm on the 31st of August, 2025**. Applications submitted after that time **cannot** be accepted.

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| **Applicant Name** |  |
| **Job Title and Grade/Level** |  |
| **Organisation** |  |
| **Email Address** |  |
| **Mobile Phone Number** |  |
| **What are your aims or reasons for applying for the Fellowship? (max 100 words per section)** | **Your aims or objectives for your policy residency**    **Describe the influence of your current role on public policy** |
| **What question(s) do you wish to** **explore through the Residency**? (max 100 words) | *Please list up to 3 short questions to address during the Residency. If your application is successful, you will have the opportunity to revise these questions.*   1. ? 2. ? |
| **How do you propose to address the issues that you have identified in your expert reflection paper? (150 – 200 words)** |  |
| **Please list three potential academic mentors. You can search for academics here:**  <https://www.ucd.ie/geary/aboutus/people/>  <https://people.ucd.ie/> |  |
| **Do you have permission from your employer to undertake this residency (if relevant)?**  Please provide evidence of this. |  |