Introduction
Dublin City University (www.dcu.ie) is a research-intensive and globally-engaged institution distinguished by the quality and impact of its graduates and its focus on the translation of knowledge into societal and economic benefit. DCU prepares its students for success in life and in the workplace by providing a rounded education appropriate to the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century.

The School of Communications
The School of Communications at DCU is home to almost 1,000 students at undergraduate, postgraduate and PhD levels. With a tradition stretching back almost 40 years, the School is defined by excellence in both teaching and research in journalism, multimedia and communications studies. In the QS global subject rankings in 2017 DCU was in the top 250 of almost 4,500 universities worldwide in the area of communications. The School's academics undertake research that contributes to national and international debates and to public policy formation. They have also led research projects supported by national and international funders.

DCU has a strong track record in attracting both Irish and European Union funding under FP7, Horizon 2020, Marie Curie Actions and Erasmus. We offer a dynamic and internationally focused environment in which to advance your academic career.

The School offers undergraduate degrees in Journalism, Multimedia and Communication Studies as well as Media Studies on the Bachelor of Arts (Joint Honours) programme. It offers seven postgraduate degrees in Journalism, Political Communication, Public Relations, Emerging Media, Science and Health Communication, Contemporary Screen Industries, and Social Media Studies. The School also offers structured PhD programmes in Communication Studies and Journalism Studies.

Position
Assistant Professor in Public Relations/Political Communication: The School is seeking to increase staffing on its postgraduate programmes in Political Communication and Public Relations, and on associated modules across a number of undergraduate programmes. The successful candidate would be expected to have completed a PhD in a relevant area (or be very close to submitting a PhD for examination) and will have shown evidence of research potential, university teaching ability and will have proven industry expertise.
Main Duties and Responsibilities
Applicants for the position must hold an honours degree, should be qualified to a postgraduate level and have completed a doctoral qualification in a relevant area. The successful candidate will have an excellent research and publications record. They must have at least three years relevant industry experience, appropriate higher-level teaching experience and a proven ability to interact with academic and non-academic partners in the media sector. The successful candidate should be capable of working in a team and of providing leadership in developing the teaching and research agenda for Public Relations and Political Communications related areas within the School.

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Further information:
More information on the School may be found at: https://www.dcu.ie/communications/index.shtml

Salary Scales:
Assistant Professor / Lecturer above bar: €51,671 - €82,217*
Assistant Professor / Lecturer below bar: €38,736 - €53,251*

*Appointment will be commensurate with qualifications and experience, and will be made on the appropriate point of the Lecturer above bar or Lecturer below bar salary scales in line with current Government pay policy.

Closing date: 12th March 2018

Informal Enquiries to:
Professor Kevin Rafter, Head of School of Communications, E-mail: kevin.rafter@dcu.ie
Please do not send applications to this email address, instead apply as described below.
Application Procedure
Application forms are available from the DCU Current Vacancies (open Competitions) website at http://www.dcu.ie/vacancies/current.shtml and also from the Human Resources Department, Dublin City University, Dublin 9. Tel: +353 (0) 1 7005149.

Please clearly state the role that you are applying for in your application and email subject line: Job Ref 794 Assistant Professor in Public Relations/Political Communication.

Applications should be submitted by email to hr.applications@dcu.ie or by Fax: +353 (0)1 7005500 or by post to the Human Resources Department, Dublin City University, Dublin 9. Human Resources Department, Dublin City University, Dublin 9. Tel: +353 1 700 5149; Fax: +353 1 700 5500 Email: Insert hr.applications@dcu.ie

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