



Dublin City University

Desmond Chair in Early Childhood Education

DCU Institute of Education

Background

Dublin City University (www.dcu.ie) is a research-intensive, globally-engaged, dynamic institution that is distinguished by both the quality and impact of its graduates and its focus on the translation of knowledge into societal and economic benefit. DCU prepares its students well for success in life, and in the workplace, by providing a high-quality, rounded education appropriate to the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century. Excellence in its education and research activities has led to its ranking in the top 2% of universities globally and its consistent position in the top 50 of the almost 10,000 young universities worldwide (QS Top 50 under 50).

DCU is Ireland's fastest growing university and has established its fifth faculty by completing the incorporation of St Patrick's College, Drumcondra, Mater Dei Institute of Education and the Church of Ireland College of Education into the university, thereby creating the first dedicated education faculty in an Irish university. The new faculty (DCU Institute of Education) sits alongside the Faculties of Engineering and Computing, Science and Health, Humanities and Social Sciences, and DCU Business School.

School of Language, Literacy and Early Childhood Education

The School of Language, Literacy and Early Childhood Education contributes to a wide range of education-related degrees and courses at undergraduate and post-graduate levels within the DCU Institute of Education. Together with the areas of language and literacy, the school brings together a broad range of expertise in relation to early childhood education. The faculty support students in developing as innovative, critical, creative educators and agents of change with a deep understanding of a range of multidisciplinary perspectives on early learning and development. Staff are committed to ongoing scholarship and inquiry in reciprocal partnership with early childhood education care settings and primary schools. They also work with colleagues across the Institute and other stakeholders in the education system, including key decision makers at national level in Ireland. In collaboration with key partners, our aim is to advance an interdisciplinary evidence base in relation to research, policy and practice in the Irish context, with a view to maximising the power of education to transform lives and society in the 21st century.

The Position

The successful candidate will be an internationally-recognised leader in the field of early childhood education, committed to the pursuit of world-class research and policy scholarship, while providing strategic leadership in the establishment and development of the Centre for Early Childhood Education. S/he will be expected to collaborate with policymakers and other key stakeholders to develop and support new research in early childhood education in Ireland and internationally. This position presents an exciting opportunity for a strategic individual to make a significant contribution to the future of DCU as it enters its next stage of major development.

The successful candidate will normally have achieved the rank of Professor/Associate Professor. An attractive salary, commensurate with the successful applicant's experience will be offered to the holder of this post.

Key Responsibilities

- Provide strategic leadership in the establishment and development of the Centre for Early Childhood Education
- Develop the formulation and implementation of a strategic plan for the Centre for Early Childhood Education
- Conduct world-class, leading edge research in the early childhood education field and publish results in leading academic journals
- Provide academic leadership and scholarship in the area of early childhood education
- Supervise, develop and mentor doctoral students and post-doctoral researchers to develop and maintain world-class research in the area of early childhood development
- Provide leadership in the management and mentoring of members of the centre for early childhood education, enhancing the level and quality of research and scholarship amongst colleagues
- Identify challenges in the early childhood education field, devising novel solutions to address the challenges identified
- Lead the implementation of solutions to address challenges identified, evaluating their implementation and impact
- Collaborate and engage with policymakers and other key stakeholders to develop and support new early childhood education models in Ireland and internationally
- Provide annual report of research to DCU and Research Funder
- Raise the external profile of the DCU Centre for Early Childhood Education
- Deliver modules across a range of degree programmes
- Take a leadership role in the development of teaching and learning within the Centre for Early Childhood Education
- Work proactively with colleagues to improve existing courses and programmes
- Any other duties appropriate to the position

Experience and Requirements

- Internationally-recognised leader in the field of early childhood education
- Achieved rank of Professor/Associate Professor
- Demonstrable commitment to the pursuit of world-class research in the early childhood education field
- Evidence of International research reputation (publication in top-tier journals; research income; collaborations; invited presentations)
- Demonstrable active research programme with significant potential for future publication
- Successful record of PhD research supervision and income generation through research and/or consultancy
- Demonstrable success in research collaboration, experience of curriculum and programme development
- Strong leadership and management skills with an excellent track record
- Proven ability to successfully engage with key stakeholders and policy-makers
- Demonstrable strong strategic orientation
- Highly innovative and results-oriented

Remuneration

An attractive salary, commensurate with the successful applicant's experience will be offered to the holder of this post.

Closing date: Friday 10th February 2017

Informal enquiries to:

Informal enquiries should be addressed by e mail to Professor Pádraig Ó Duibhir, DCU Institute of Education, padraig.oduibhir@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: 470: Desmond Chair in Early Childhood Education

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, Ireland. Tel: +353 1 700 5149; Fax: +353 1 700 5500 Email: hr.applications@dcu.ie

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