



Dublin City University

DCU Institute of Education

School of Human Development

Lecturer/Assistant Professor in Religious Education (Post-Primary)

(Fixed Term Contract of up to 4 Years)

Introduction

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. Through its mission to transform lives and societies through education, research and innovation, DCU acts as an agent of social, cultural and economic progress. As Ireland's University of Enterprise, it is characterized by a focus on innovation and entrepreneurship and a track-record of effective engagement with the enterprise sector. Excellence in its education and research activities has led to its consistent ranking in the top 50 of the world's young universities (QS Top 50 under 50).

DCU has a strong track record in attracting both Irish and European Union research funding under Horizon 2020 (and all previous Framework Programmes), Marie Curie Actions and Erasmus. We offer a dynamic and internationally-focused environment in which to advance your academic career.

The DCU Institute of Education is the newest faculty of Dublin City University. It is based in a state-of-the-art purpose-built facility on the DCU St Patrick's Campus in Drumcondra in Dublin. Established in 2016 as Ireland's first university Faculty of education, it has a staff of more than 130 full-time academics and a student body in excess of 4,000.

The Institute brings together students of education across all sectors from early childhood, to primary and post-primary and further and higher education. As well as providing a range of undergraduate programmes in education, the Institute offers a rich menu of taught and research-based post-graduate programmes, at doctoral, masters, diploma and certificate levels.

As a centre of expertise and excellence in teacher education and education more generally, the Institute hosts a range of research centres in key areas of priority and has an ambitious and growing programme of research. With internationally-recognised experts in education policy, inclusive and special education, curriculum and pedagogy, assessment, literacy, evaluation and teacher education, the Institute provides a dynamic learning and working environment. Staff can expect to encounter opportunities for multi-disciplinary work, not just in the Institute, but across the University. As one of the world's leading young Universities, DCU has established its fifth and newest faculty out of a conviction that studies and researches in education and the preparation and support of teachers are central to the transformation of lives and communities.

Committed to academic excellence and innovation, the DCU Institute of Education is confident its students and staff, and its graduates can flourish and lead in the challenging and complex contexts of 21st century education.

School of Human Development

The School of Human Development is one of the six schools within the DCU Institute of Education. The School is made up of a dynamic and unique group of scholars, researchers and teachers working together in collaboration and whose academic interests span teacher education, the humanities, the social sciences, and the broad field of Human Development including religious education.

Lecturer/Assistant Professor in Religious Education (Post-Primary)

The School of Human Development is seeking to recruit a Lecturer/Assistant Professor in Religious Education (Post-Primary) to join its religious education team for a period of four years with a start date of 1st September 2017. The School's religious education Lecturers/Assistant Professors play leading roles in the development of national policy in religious education in both primary and post-primary education, are active members of international networks, and constitute a cluster of expertise and scholarship in a field of increasing public interest.

Applicants for the position must hold an honours degree at undergraduate level in religious education and have a post-graduate qualification in religious education, preferably at Doctoral level. In addition, the successful candidate will have a minimum of three years' experience as a post-primary classroom teacher. Experience in teacher education is also highly desirable. The candidate will have strong communication skills. Demonstrable capacity to integrate ICT into the teaching of religious education is highly desirable. The position is subject to the candidate being Garda Vetted.

The post will have a range of responsibilities including but not limited to the following:

Teaching

The candidate will be required to contribute significantly to the development, teaching, assessment and administration of existing undergraduate and postgraduate programmes, including the Bachelor of Religious Education and English/History/Music, the MA in Religion and Education (Post-Primary) and the MA in Chaplaincy Studies and Pastoral Work as well as a range of continuing professional development programmes. This teaching will include module design and delivery and school placement including its attendant duties of supporting and evaluating students on school visits and writing reports. In addition the candidate is expected to supervise undergraduate and postgraduate theses, contribute to tutorials and to the wider teaching of the Institute as required by the Head of School.

The Institute of Education has two Centres which support education in denominational contexts, including in the area of religious education: The Mater Dei Centre for Catholic Education and the Church of Ireland Centre. The successful candidate may be invited to teach in conjunction with and contribute to the work of these Centres.

Research

The successful candidate will be committed to high-quality research and publication in the field of religious education. The DCU Institute of Education is a centre of excellence in educational research and as such the candidate will be expected to be research-active in their field and in the general field of teacher education and to contribute to, develop and support research initiatives with the School of Human Development and the wider faculty. They will contribute to the scholarship and intellectual life of the University, contributing to the development of the DCU Institute of Education's research agenda.

The successful candidate will have opportunities to contribute to the research work of the

Mater Dei Centre for Catholic Education and the Church of Ireland Centre as well as to the Irish Centre for Religious Education and other research centres in the Institute of Education relevant to the field of religious education.

Service/Administration

The candidate will undertake administrative functions related to the activities of the School of Human Development. These activities defined by the Head of School may include participating in School meetings, engaging in meetings related to programmes, representing the School in marketing and recruitment of students, developing relationships with stakeholders, participating in open days, organisation of conferences and seminars etc.

Informal Enquiries to gareth.byrne@dcu.ie

Further information:

More information about the DCU Institute of Education can be found at http://www.dcu.ie/institute_of_education/index.shtml.

Salary Scales

Lecturer above bar: *€51,159 - €79,147 per annum

Lecturer below bar: *€38,352 - €52,724 per annum

** 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 scale in line with current Government pay policy*

Closing date: 19th July 2017

Application Procedure:

Application forms are available from the DCU Current Vacancies (Open Competitions) website at <http://www4.dcu.ie/hr/vacancies/current.shtml> and also from the Human Resources Department, Dublin City University, Dublin 9. Tel: +353 (0)1 700 5149; Fax: +353 (0)1 700 5500 Email: hr.applications@dcu.ie

Please clearly state the role that you are applying for in your application and email subject line: Job Ref # 577 Lecturer/Assistant Professor in Religious Education (Post-Primary).

Applications should be submitted by e-mail to hr.applications@dcu.ie or by Fax: +353 (0)1 700 5500 or by post to the Human Resources Department, Dublin City University, Dublin 9.

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