



DCU Institute of Education  
School of Inclusive and Special Education  
Assistant Professor in Deaf Education  
Part-Time (0.5) Fixed Term (5 year) Position

**Introduction**

The DCU Institute of Education is the newest faculty of Dublin City University. It is based in a €70 million 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 research 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.

**The School of Inclusive and Special Education**

The School of Inclusive and Special Education is one of six schools within DCU Institute of Education. It is the first such school in an Irish university. It has a critical mass of expertise in areas of inclusive education and special education and is committed to supporting the rights of all children and young people to an appropriate education and to learning for all. It has a strong research focus with staff and

students creating a vibrant community of inquiry.

The School provides a full range of continuing professional development programmes for teachers working in inclusive and special education roles, including a Graduate Diploma in Inclusive Education, Learning Support and Special Education, Masters in Special Educational Needs, Masters in Specific Learning Disabilities (Dyslexia), Graduate Certificate and Master of Education in the Education of Pupils on the Autism Spectrum and an online Certificate/Diploma in Special and Inclusive Education. Staff are committed to ongoing scholarship and inquiry in reciprocal partnership with early childhood education and care settings, schools, colleagues across the institute and other stakeholders in the education system. It also contributes to the College's initial teacher education programmes and taught doctorate.

### **Assistant Professor in Deaf Education Position**

The School of Inclusive and Special Education is seeking to recruit a part-time (0.5) fixed term (5 year) Assistant Professor (Lecturer) to work on the delivery of the pilot Bachelor of Education (Irish Sign Language) programme. The successful candidate will be a qualified teacher (primary or post-primary) and have a minimum of three years' relevant experience in deaf education contexts. Competency in Irish Sign Language is essential. They will have a deep knowledge of professional practice, curriculum, and education through Irish Sign Language. Applicants for the post must hold a level 9 post-graduate qualification in deaf education or related field. A doctoral qualification will be an advantage. A specialism in any of the following areas will be particularly welcome: literacy and/or numeracy and deaf children; social, personal and health education (SPHE) and deaf children; assessment of deaf children; education through Irish Sign language or other areas of expertise relating to deaf education. Experience of lecturing in higher education and supervising undergraduate research projects is desirable.

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

#### **Teaching**

The successful candidate will be expected to contribute significantly to the module design, development, delivery, assessment and administration of the Bachelor of Education (Irish Sign Language) programme, as well as to other undergraduate and graduate programmes as required. The person will also work collaboratively with colleagues in the School, Faculty and University.

The supervision of students in their Professional Practice Placements in deaf education and other settings is an integral part of the position. Supervising students has attendant duties of supporting and evaluating them on placement visits, writing reports, and attending relevant meetings. In addition, the candidate is expected to supervise undergraduate theses, contribute to tutorials and to the wider teaching of the Institute as required by the Head of School.

## **Research**

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 deaf education and to contribute to, develop and support research initiatives within the school and the wider faculty. They will contribute to the scholarship and intellectual life of the University, which will enhance its reputation as a research-led teaching institution and which will make a significant contribution to the development of the DCU Institute of Education's research agenda.

## **Administration**

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

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### **Further information:**

More information about the DCU Institute of Education can be found at [http://www.dcu.ie/institute\\_of\\_education/index.shtml](http://www.dcu.ie/institute_of_education/index.shtml).

### **Salary Scales:**

Lecturer Below Bar: \*€39,123 - €53,784 pro rata per annum

Lecturer Above Bar: \*€52,188 - €83,039 pro rata 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: 09<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

### **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](mailto:hr.applications@dcu.ie)

**Please clearly state the role that you are applying for in your application and email subject line: Job Ref 1160 Assistant Professor in Deaf Education**

Applications should be submitted by e-mail to [hr.applications@dcu.ie](mailto: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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