



## **Deputy Vice-President for Research & Innovation (Initially for a period of 1 year)**

### **Background**

Dublin City University (DCU) 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).

In order to strengthen its support for research and innovation, DCU is now seeking to recruit a dynamic, innovative and experienced individual to the position of Deputy Vice-President for Research (DVPR).

### **Description of Post**

This position presents an exciting opportunity for a senior academic with extensive research experience and a well-developed research reputation to make a significant contribution to the future development of DCU and its research strategy, and the implementation of same.

As the DVPR is a senior position in the University, the holder of this office will normally have achieved the rank of Professor, or Associate Professor, or equivalent.

Together with the Vice-President for Research and Innovation (VPRI), the DVPR will be responsible for the ongoing implementation of the University's research strategy, will champion research within and on behalf of the University, and provide a focus for the academic community involved in research.

The DVPR will engage with the expansion and refinement of the research support infrastructure at DCU and will represent the University on external bodies such as the Irish Universities Association (IUA), etc.

He/she shall report directly to the Vice-President for Research and Innovation.

### **The DVPR will be expected to:**

- have a cross-University role and, along with the VPRI, will develop and implement the University's strategy for research and innovation;
- will support the research and enterprise engagement aspects of the Incorporation process involving St. Patrick's College Drumcondra, Mater Dei Institute of Education and Church of Ireland College of Education;
- in collaboration with the VPRI, expand the national and international impact of research at DCU;
- work closely with the Director of Research Support to enhance the assistance available to academic staff for developing their research activities;
- work closely with Invent on matters relating to contract research, intellectual property management and technology transfer;
- develop strong links with individual researchers at DCU.

## **Key Responsibilities:**

- Ensure the continued development of Research Support and Invent, in association with the relevant Directors.
- Work closely with the Research and Enterprise Hub and Platform Directors to ensure that progress is being made to the agreed 2017 targets for research and innovation.
- Assist in the validation of annual research metrics for publications, Postgraduate Research supervision, enterprise engagements, funding applications and awards, across all of the Faculties.
- Together with the VPRI have oversight of the internal funding schemes that encourage improvements in research and enterprise engagement (in association with the Research Committee).
- To deputise for the VPRI and represent research interests in decision making by being *inter alia* an *ex officio* member of the Academic Council and Academic Council Standing Committee.
- Member of the Research Committee and the Education Committee.
- To deputise for the VPRI as DCU representative at VP/Deans of Research meetings at the Irish Universities Association and at Governance Boards for Research Centres such as ADAPT, BDI and INSIGHT.
- Monitoring of on-going research initiatives such as IC4 and the Innovation Campus.
- Working with the Director of Innovation to raise a fund to support more rapid commercialisation of DCU opportunities.
- To liaise with Deans and the Director of Human Resources in the formulation of appropriate staff development initiatives, as required by the VPRI.
- To liaise with the HEA, SFI and other funding agencies in relation to research issues as appropriate and when agreed with the VPRI.
- To liaise with Deans and other offices to assist, advise and inform staff in strengthening and supporting their research.
- To undertake any other duties as assigned by the Vice-President for Research and Innovation.

Term of office will be initially for a period of 1 year on a full time basis

## **Informal Inquiries**

Informal inquiries should be addressed by email to:

- **University President**, Professor Brian MacCraith: [brian.maccraith@dcu.ie](mailto:brian.maccraith@dcu.ie), **and/or**
- **Vice President for Research and Innovation**, Professor Alan Harvey, [alan.harvey@dcu.ie](mailto:alan.harvey@dcu.ie), **and/or**
- **Director of Human Resources**, Marian Burns: [marian.burns@dcu.ie](mailto:marian.burns@dcu.ie)

## **Application Procedure**

Application forms are available from the DCU Current Vacancies (Internal Competitions) website at <https://www4.dcu.ie/hr/vacancies/internal.shtml> and also from the Human Resources Department.  
Tel: +353 (0) 1 7005149.

Please clearly state the role that you are applying for in your application and email subject line:  
Job Ref #92: Deputy Vice-President for Research

Applications should be submitted by email to [hr.applications@dcu.ie](mailto:hr.applications@dcu.ie) or by Fax: +353 (0)1 7005500 or by internal post to the Human Resources Department.

**Closing Date:** Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2015

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