



Lecturer in Irish
Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences
Fixed Term Contract of up to 3 Years

Further Information

Introduction

DCU is seeking to appoint a Lecturer in Irish (fixed term contract of up to three years). Applicants should have a doctoral qualification and specialist expertise in one of the following areas and this will be a factor in short-listing and final selection: the Teaching of Irish at third level, Applied Linguistics, Translation Studies, Irish Literature, or Irish Language Media/Journalism.

Background to DCU Incorporation (www.dcuincorporation.ie)

Dublin City University (DCU), St Patrick's College, Drumcondra (SPD), Mater Dei Institute of Education (MDI) and Church of Ireland College of Education (CICE) are actively engaged in a formal process leading to the full incorporation of SPD, CICE and MDI with DCU during 2016.

The DCU Incorporation Programme will bring together Humanities and Social Science disciplines at DCU, St Patrick's College, Mater Dei Institute and Church of Ireland College of Education in an enhanced and significantly enlarged Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences. The development of this enriched Faculty has already commenced and incoming first year Bachelor of Arts students in September 2015 will be able to choose from seventeen arts subjects, including Gaeilge, in our BA (Joint Honours Programme) – drawing from the traditional liberal arts and contemporary disciplines. The Faculty will continue to offer new choices to students at BA, MA and PhD level and new opportunities in innovation and research.

As part of the incorporation process it has been agreed that Fiontar in DCU and Roinn na Gaeilge in St Patrick's College will form a new joint School within the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in 2016. The school will be a truly unique centre of excellence in Irish higher education bringing together more than 35 staff in a vibrant Irish language environment – with expertise in teaching and research in the Irish language, linguistics, literature, business, enterprise, journalism, information technology and digital humanities.

The post will initially be seconded to and is likely to be primarily located within the Department of Irish on the St Patrick's Campus in Drumcondra, pending full incorporation and the creation of the new joint School with Fiontar in 2016, when this position will be based in the new School in DCU's Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences.

The New School

The vision is for the formation of a school of interdisciplinary excellence that will encompass the disciplines previously associated with Fiontar and Roinn na Gaeilge, viz. Business, Enterprise, Technology, Language, Literature and Culture, and will be noted for its strong tradition in teaching and learning and for its innovative interdisciplinary approach.

Irish will be the working language of the School and underpinning all activities in the School will be an understanding of Irish as a living and contemporary language, and a creative resource which

will contribute to the socio-economic development and the cultural advancement of the Ireland of the 21st century.

The mission of the School will be the promotion at national and international level of the disciplines listed above through the pursuit of the highest standards of scholarship in all its teaching and research activities. In order to achieve this mission:

- An environment will be created in which interdisciplinary research and publication will flourish;
- Current taught programmes in the School will be developed and enhanced at undergraduate and postgraduate level;
- The relationship between the taught programmes in language and literature, and the projects in digital research and multi-media will be enhanced by harnessing the expertise and experience in those areas which exists among academic staff;
- New programmes and pathways will be developed which draw on the rich and diverse range of expertise among staff in the School;
- The aim of the programmes of study will be the provision of a broad education to students in order to equip them with the relevant skills and understanding to enable them to operate successfully in a broad range of employment situations in Ireland and further afield;
- Joint research and publication ventures will be encouraged with other universities and institutions in Ireland and abroad.

The Post

The successful candidate will be expected to make an important contribution to the research and teaching profile of the School, as well as to undertake administrative responsibilities. He/she will possess a doctoral degree in one of the areas of specialisation listed above and will have relevant teaching experience demonstrating a high level of teaching skills at third level. He/she will need to demonstrate a strong commitment to academic publication and will in return be supported to achieve his/her research goals. Given the interdisciplinary nature of the new School being formed between Roinn na Gaeilge and Fiontar the successful candidate will also be expected to collaborate with colleagues in other disciplines within the School and the wider University on projects of mutual interest.

During the initial period of secondment to Roinn na Gaeilge, ahead of the formation of the new School, the successful candidate will be required to teach lecture courses and tutorials as well as undertake some administrative work in the Department of Irish and to participate in other events and educational services in St Patrick's College.

Duties and Responsibilities of the Position

The successful candidate will be expected to undertake the following duties and responsibilities associated with the role:

1. Deliver lecture courses on the programmes of study, as assigned by the Head of Department/School.
2. Deliver seminars in in spoken and written Irish to students in the Department, as arranged in conjunction with the Head of Department.
3. Participate actively in the research activities of the Department: seminars, conferences, publication and joint research projects.
4. Act as director or co-director of a group or groups of students as arranged in conjunction with the Head of Department. This will primarily relate to responsibility for the organization and management of a year-group in conjunction with colleagues under the direction of the Head of Department. Contribution to the design, creation or updating of language teaching resources will also be part of this role.
5. Any other duties or responsibilities, within reason, which may be required of the post-holder by the Head of Department or his/her nominee.
6. Participate in other educational activities and services in the College and University more generally.

Informal Inquiries to:

- Dr Uáitéar Mac Gearailt, Head of Department, Roinn na Gaeilge

- Dr Ciarán Mac Murchaidh, Head of School, Fiontar

Salary Scales:

Lecturer above bar: €50,159 - €76,891

Lecturer below bar: €37,352 - €51,724

Appointment will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Closing date: Friday, 28 August 2015

Application Procedure

A full job description and application forms are available at:

<http://www4.dcu.ie/hr/vacancies/current.shtml> and 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

Given the nature of some of the duties the successful candidate must successfully pass the Garda Vetting process in order to be appointed to the position.

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