



DCU Institute of Education  
School of Human Development  
Lecturer in Religious Education  
(3-Year Fixed Term Contract)

### **Background**

St Patrick's College, Drumcondra (SPD), Mater Dei Institute of Education (MDI), Church of Ireland College of Education (CICE) and Dublin City University (DCU) are actively engaged in a formal process which will lead to the incorporation of SPD, MDI and CICE inside DCU and the creation of a single university entity. The DCU Incorporation Programme will give rise to 2 major developments:

1. The DCU Institute of Education (the first Faculty of Education in an Irish university), and
2. An expanded and significantly enhanced Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences.

The DCU Incorporation Programme will be completed in September 2016, when staff and students of SPD, MDI and CICE will become part of DCU.

### **Introduction**

From September 2016, academic staff from DCU's School of Education Studies, the Education Department at SPD, Mater Dei Institute and Church of Ireland College of Education, form the DCU Institute of Education, Ireland's largest centre of expertise in education, offering degrees that prepare teachers and educators for every level of education from early childhood through primary, secondary and onto further and higher education.

The DCU Institute of Education will be based in a €70 million state of the art, purpose built facility on DCU St Patrick's Campus from September 2016, where students will engage with educators who are leaders in their field in an interactive and dynamic environment.

The School of Human Development is one of six schools within the DCU Institute of Education. The School is currently seeking a Lecturer to join their Religious Education Team.

### **Teaching Programme**

The DCU Institute of Education offers degrees that prepare teachers and educators for every level of education from early childhood through primary and secondary and on to further and higher education.

In addition to the core areas of Initial Teacher Education, programmes are offered at undergraduate, post-graduate and Doctoral levels. There is also a commitment to providing ongoing continuous professional development for individuals working across the education continuum.

Students of the DCU Institute of Education have the opportunity to work closely with internationally recognized experts in teaching and learning in an innovative environment, equipped for 21<sup>st</sup> century learning.

### **Lecturer in Religious Education – Main Duties**

The School of Human Development is seeking to recruit a Lecturer to work collaboratively as a member of the Team for Catholic Religious Education.

The responsibilities attached to this position are outlined below. The person appointed to this position will also be expected to contribute to the teaching of other areas of Education (as requested by the Head of School) in addition to the specialist areas, and to contribute to the wider work of the DCU Institute of Education. The person may also be invited to contribute to the Mater Dei Centre for Catholic Education, working with the Centre's Director and Team in the development of Catholic education across the spectrum. This will involve working collaboratively with students and stakeholders from within the Catholic educational community and with those of other traditions and beliefs.

The successful candidate will be expected to contribute significantly to the development, teaching, assessment and administration of existing undergraduate and postgraduate programmes. S/he will make a substantial contribution to the design, development, and management of future programmes and other developments in the field of Catholic Religious Education. As part of the Religious Education Team, the person will also work closely with colleagues in the School of Human Development in order to promote the disciplines of religious, spiritual, theological and ethical education.

School Placement supervision with its attendant duties of supporting and evaluating students on school visits, writing reports, and attending relevant meetings is an integral part of the position.

### **Person Specification**

The School requires a candidate who has a strong background in Catholic Primary Religious Education and should have teaching experience at primary level.

Applicants for the post must hold a post-graduate qualification in Religious Education, preferably at Doctoral level. Experience in teacher education is highly desirable. Experience of working in and developing resources for a range of teaching environments – including online and blended – would be considered advantageous.

The successful candidate will be committed to high-quality research and publication in the field of Catholic religious education.

S/he may be invited to contribute to the scholarship and profile of the Mater Dei Centre for Catholic Education, in order to enhance the Centre's commitment to support the Catholic Education tradition.

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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 Above Bar: \*€50,159 - €76,891 per annum

Lecturer Below Bar: \*€37,352 - €51,724 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: 24 June 2016**

**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: #349 Lecturer in Religious 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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