



Vice- President for Research & Innovation (VPRI)
Dublin City University

Dublin City University (www.dcu.ie) is a research-intensive, globally-engaged, dynamic institution that is distinguished both by the quality and impact of its graduates and by its focus on the translation of knowledge into societal and economic benefit. Excellence in its education and research activities has led to its ranking in the top 2% of universities globally and its consistent position in the top 50 of the world's young universities (QS Top 50 under 50). 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. DCU is Ireland's fastest growing university and its next phase of major development involves strategic investments of more than €0.3bn, including a €0.2bn campus development plan.

Through its mission to transform lives and societies through education, research and innovation, DCU acts as an agent of social, cultural and economic progress. With a strong commitment to research excellence across its five faculties, the university is home to a broad range of internationally-renowned research centres in specific areas of Science, Engineering, ICT, Humanities, Social Sciences, Education and Business. As Ireland's University of Enterprise, DCU is renowned for its commitment to innovation and entrepreneurship and its proactive engagement with the enterprise sector. It consistently leads the Irish university sector in terms of Intellectual Property (IP) licences and contributes strongly to the national innovation ecosystem through DCU Ryan Academy for Entrepreneurs and DCU Alpha (the university's successful Innovation Campus).

Position

DCU is seeking to appoint a new Vice-President for Research and Innovation (VPRI). This position presents an exciting opportunity for a dynamic individual, with experience of research leadership and an outstanding research reputation, to make a significant contribution to the future of DCU as it enters its next stage of development. The university has set ambitious goals in terms of research excellence, research funding targets, and innovation impact. The successful candidate will be a results-driven individual who can operate effectively within the dynamic research environment of the university, the wider Irish higher education sector and the global research community. S/he will normally have already achieved the rank of Professor/Associate Professor. This is a senior position within the university, and the office holder reports directly to the President.

The VPRI is responsible for the ongoing advancement of the DCU's research and innovation strategy, champions a culture of research and coordinates research initiatives within the university, and represents the university in its engagement with external bodies and funding agencies, as appropriate.

Terms and Conditions

An attractive salary, commensurate with the successful applicant's experience will be offered to the holder of the post of Vice- President for Research & Innovation (VPRI).

A professorial appointment will be possible for a suitable applicant and the position of Vice- President for Research & Innovation (VPRI) will be filled on a five-year contract basis, however, the position within the University may be filled on either a permanent or contract basis.

Application Process

Informal enquiries should be addressed by email to the University President, Professor Brian MacCraith, president@dcu.ie

Application forms are available from: Human Resources Department, Dublin City University, Dublin 9. Tel: +353 (1) 700 5149; Fax: +353 (1) 700 5500 Email: hr.applications@dcu.ie

Application forms should be completed and returned to the Human Resources Department by the closing date stated below.

Full job descriptions are available at: <https://www.dcu.ie/hr/vacancies/index.shtml>

Closing date: 11th March 2016

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Appendix One

Roles and Responsibilities

He/she shall report directly to the President.

The VPRI will be expected to:

- Have a cross-University role and will develop and implement the University's strategy for Research and Innovation;
- Will manage 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;
- Work closely with DCU Invent on matters relating to contract research, intellectual property management and technology transfer;
- Chair the Research Committee;

- Work closely with the Research and Enterprise Hub and Platform Directors to ensure that progress is being made to the agreed targets for research and innovation (as outlined in DCU's Strategic Plan);
- Act as the DCU representative at VP/Deans of Research meetings at the Irish Universities Association and at Governance Boards for Research Centres such as ADAPT and Insight;
- Externally promote research at DCU through all available media in collaboration with the Communications and Marketing Office;
- Expand the national and international impact of research at DCU;
- Liaise with the Quality Promotions Office to ensure proper quality assurance mechanisms are in place for all research activities;
- Develop a mutually supportive environment for Deans of Faculties and Directors of Centres;
- Expand and develop the existing inter-institutional links both national and international in line with University policy;
- Foster and develop an appropriate supportive environment for research students and post-doctoral fellows;
- Develop and maintain strong research links with industry;
- Develop and strong links with individual researchers at DCU.

Main Duties

- To lead the formulation of the university's strategic research directions, with the objective of facilitating and supporting researchers;
- To exercise overall responsibility for the Office of the Vice President for Research & Innovation;
- To represent research interests in decision-making by being *inter alia*:
 - (a) an *ex officio* member of Senior Management Group
 - (b) an *ex officio* member of Academic Council and Academic Council Standing Committee
 - (c) an *ex officio* member of Executive
- To chair the Research Committee;
- To liaise with Deans and the Director of Human Resources in the formulation of appropriate staff development initiatives;
- To liaise with the HEA, SFI and funding agencies in relation to research issues as appropriate;
- To liaise with EI, the EU and other external bodies in relation to research as appropriate, including promoting the DCU's research expertise and case for funding;
- To liaise with Deans and other officers to assist, advise and inform staff in strengthening and supporting their research;
- To develop and oversee the implementation of systems to measure, support and develop the quality of research at discipline level, including research output;
- To undertake other duties as assigned by the President.