



DCU Institute of Education
School of Language, Literacy and Early Childhood Education
Assistant Professor in Early Childhood Education
Permanent Contract

Introduction

Dublin City University (www.dcu.ie) 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).

DCU has a strong track record in attracting both Irish and European Union research funding under Horizon 2020 (and all previous Framework Programmes), Marie Curie Actions and Erasmus. We offer a dynamic and internationally-focused environment in which to advance your academic career.

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 Language Literacy and Early Childhood Education

The School of Language, Literacy and Early Childhood Education is one of six schools within the DCU Institute of Education. The school contributes to a wide range of education related degrees and courses at undergraduate and post-graduate levels. It brings together a large dynamic faculty with a significant range of expertise in relation to theory, practice, research and policy in the fields of language (Irish & English), literacy and early childhood 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.

Assistant Professor in Early Childhood Education

The School of Language, Literacy and Early Childhood Education is seeking to recruit a permanent Assistant Professor to work collaboratively as a member of the Bachelor of Early Childhood Education (BECE) team.

Main Duties

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 existing BECE undergraduate programme, future postgraduate programmes, as well as related continuing professional development programmes and other developments in the field of ECE. The person will also work collaboratively with colleagues in the School, Faculty and University.

The supervision of students in their Professional Practice Placements in ECEC 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 and postgraduate 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 their field and in the general field of ECEC 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. The successful candidate will also have the opportunity to engage with research in the Centre for Early Childhood Education.

Administration

The candidate will undertake administrative functions related to the activities of the School of Language, Literacy and Early Childhood 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.

Further information concerning the DCU Institute of Education can be found at http://www.dcu.ie/institute_of_education/index.shtml. Further information about the School of Language, Literacy and Early Childhood Education can be found at https://www.dcu.ie/language_literacy_and_early_childhood_education/index.shtml

Person Specification

The successful candidate will have a minimum of three years relevant experience in Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) contexts and will have a deep knowledge of professional practice, learning, curriculum and pedagogy as they pertain to very young children. Applicants for the post must hold a post-graduate qualification in Early Childhood Education or related field, preferably at Doctoral level. A specialism in any of the following areas is an advantage: leadership and management in ECEC, historical perspectives in ECEC, contemporary issues in ECEC, and/or partnerships in ECEC. Experience of lecturing in higher education and supervising undergraduate research projects is desirable.

Please note this appointment will be subject to the candidate successfully completing the Garda Vetting and Foreign Police Certification Processes.

Salary Scales:

Lecturer Above Bar: €51,671 - €82,217 per annum*

Lecturer Below Bar: €38,736 - €53,251 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: 21st May, 2018.

Informal enquires: Informal enquiries should be directed to Dr. Geraldine French.
Email: Geraldine.French@dcu.ie. Please do not send applications to this email address, instead apply as described below.

Application Procedure

Application forms are available from the DCU Current Vacancies (open Competitions) website at <http://www.dcu.ie/vacancies/current.shtml> and also from the Human Resources Department, Dublin City University, Dublin 9. Tel: +353 (0) 1 7005149.

Please clearly state the role that you are applying for in your application and email subject line: Job Ref 866 Assistant Professor in Early Childhood Education.

Applications should be submitted by email to hr.applications@dcu.ie or by Fax: +353 (0)1 7005500 or by post to the Human Resources Department, Dublin City University, Dublin 9. Human Resources Department, Dublin City University, Dublin 9. Tel: +353 1 700 5149; Fax: +353 1 700 5500 Email: hr.applications@dcu.ie

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