Dublin City University

DCU Institute of Education
School of Human Development

Assistant Professor in Philosophy (Human Development and Education)

Fixed Term One Year 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 education in the 21st century.

The School of Human Development
The School of Human Development is one of the six schools within the DCU Institute of Education. The School is made up of a dynamic and unique group of scholars, researchers and teachers working together in collaboration and whose academic interests span teacher education, the humanities, the social sciences, and the broad field of Human Development including religious education.

Assistant Professor in Philosophy (Human Development and Education)
The School of Human Development is seeking to recruit an Assistant Professor in Philosophy (Human Development and Education) to join its human development interdisciplinary team, of which the subject of Philosophy is a component, for a period of 1 year with a start date of 1st September 2018. The School's human development/education Assistant Professors work in an interdisciplinary field across the BAJH and the BEd programmes.

Main Duties

The post will have a range of responsibilities including but not limited to the following:

Teaching
The candidate will be required to contribute significantly to the development, teaching, assessment and administration of existing undergraduate programmes in Human Development and Education. In addition to a module in Philosophy of Education, these include philosophy, research based modules and other interdisciplinary modules in Human Development on the Bachelor of Arts Joint Honours. The teaching will include module design, delivery and assessment. School placement including its attendant duties of supporting and evaluating students on school visits and writing reports will be required. In addition the candidate is expected to supervise undergraduate theses, contribute to tutorials and to the work of the Institute as required by the Head of School and the Dean of IoE.

Research
The successful candidate will be committed to high-quality research and publication in the field of philosophy and human development. 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 teacher education and to contribute to research initiatives with the School of Human Development and the wider faculty. They will contribute to the scholarship and intellectual life of the University, contributing to the development of the DCU Institute of Education's research agenda.

Engagement
The candidate will undertake administrative functions related to the activities of the School of Human Development. These activities defined by the Head of School include participating in School meetings, engaging in meetings related to programmes, representing the School in marketing and recruitment of students, developing relationships with stakeholders, participating in open days, organisation of conferences and seminars etc.

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 Human Development can be found at https://www.dcu.ie/human_development/index.shtml

Person Specification

Applicants for the position must have a post-graduate qualification preferably at Doctoral level in philosophy and have worked in philosophy of education. Experience and knowledge of the field of teacher education is also highly desirable. The candidate will have strong communication skills and teaching experience.

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. Maeve O'Brien. Email: maeve.obrien@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 872 Assistant Professor in Philosophy.

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: Insert hr.applications@dcu.ie

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