Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for the following position:

**Biological & General Safety Officer**  
**Faculty of Science and Health**  
**3 Year Fixed Term Contract**

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. Through its mission to transform lives and societies through education, research and innovation, DCU acts as an agent of social, cultural and economic progress. DCU is Ireland’s fastest growing university, and now hosts more than 17,000 students across its three academic campuses: DCU Glasnevin Campus, DCU St Patrick’s Campus and DCU All Hallows campus.

**Faculty of Science and Health**  
The Faculty of Science and Health is an internationally recognised centre of excellence in scientific innovation and health transformation. The Faculty is committed to delivering an education that will equip students with a skill set appropriate to a successful and rewarding career that is of global significance and has direct social, environmental and economic benefit. The Faculty is home to the following Schools:

- Biotechnology;
- Chemical Sciences;
- Health & Human Performance;
- Mathematical Sciences;
- Nursing, Psychotherapy & Community Health;
- Physical Sciences;
- Psychology.

The School also hosts 4 national research centres, 2 large scale research projects and 2 university designated research centres.

**Role Profile**  
The Faculty is seeking to recruit a Biological & General Safety Officer who will join a small team of safety professionals that advises and oversees the broader safety management programme of the University. Reporting to the Facilities Manager, s/he will be required specifically to provide professional expertise in areas relating to the control of biological hazards across DCU arising from work with all types of biological agents including genetically modified organisms, dangerous pathogens and biotoxins. S/he will ensure the development of policies and procedures to meet with legislative requirements and the highest industry standards. S/he will be required to promulgate these standards among the DCU community. Working with colleagues in the Biological Safety Committee and DCU Health & Safety Office, s/he will participate in the provision of safety advice and safety services, including training provision, across a wide range of areas, in addition to the biological safety aspects of the work, to the University community.

**Duties and Responsibilities**  
Please refer to the job description for the full list of duties and responsibilities associated with this role.
**Candidate Requirements**

**Essential**

- A primary degree in Biological Science or a related discipline.
- At least 3 years’ experience of research work with biological hazards, and in particular with genetically modified organisms.
- Detailed knowledge of the regulatory framework relating to the control of biological hazards.
- Excellent knowledge of techniques used to work with micro-organisms, mammalian cells and genetic modification is essential.
- Previous hands-on experience in Biological laboratory work essential.
- Excellent IT skills with ability to use Microsoft office, Google Docs or similar software packages.
- Excellent organisational skills, ability to prioritise tasks and meet deadlines with minimal supervision coupled with attention to detail.
- Good document control and record-keeping abilities.
- Excellent interpersonal, networking and communication skills - both written & oral; effective report writing and presentation skills.
- Proactive approach to problem solving.
- Decision making ability and effective working under own initiative.
- Flexibility and willingness to work outside normal work hours.
- Good presentation and training skills.

**Desirable**

- PhD by research that involved the utilisation of biological hazards including GMOs.
- A nationally recognised qualification in Health & Safety.
- Previous experience in a biosafety or general safety role within laboratories/University settings is desirable.
- Experience in supervising the work of others.
- Ability to develop and evaluate training programmes with knowledge of online learning platforms.

**Mandatory Training**

The post holder will be required to undertake the following mandatory compliance training: GDPR and Compliance. Other training may need to be undertaken when required.

**Salary Scale:** Administrator I €52,902 - €75,120

*Appointment will be commensurate with qualifications and experience, and will be made on the appropriate point of the relevant salary scale in line with current Government pay policy.*

**Closing Date:** 30th May 2020.

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*Note - do not send applications to this email address. Instead, apply using the procedure set out below.*

**Application Procedure**

Application forms are available from the DCU Current Vacancies website at [https://www.dcu.ie/hr/vacancies/current.shtml](https://www.dcu.ie/hr/vacancies/current.shtml)
Applications must be submitted by e-mail to hr.applications@dcu.ie

Please clearly state the role that you are applying for in your application and email subject line: Job Ref #BC0204a Biological & General Safety Officer.

Dublin City University is an equal opportunities employer and is committed to promoting gender equality reflected in its attainment of the Athena SWAN Bronze Award. Information on a range of university policies aimed at creating a supportive and flexible work environment is available at https://www.dcu.ie/policies/policy-starter-packs.shtml