Assistant Professor in Environmental Geography and Climate Change
School of History and Geography
Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences
Permanent position

Introduction

Dublin City University (www.dcu.ie) is a research-intensive, globally-engaged, dynamic institution distinguished by 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. As Ireland's University of Enterprise and Transformation, DCU is characterised by a focus on innovation and entrepreneurship and a track-record of effective engagement with the enterprise sector, including commercial, social and cultural enterprises. Excellence in its education and research activities has led to DCU’s consistent position in the rankings of the world's top young universities. DCU has a strong track record in attracting both Irish and European Union funding under FP7, Horizon 2020, Marie Curie Actions and Erasmus. We offer a dynamic and internationally focused environment in which staff can develop and progress their academic career.

The School of History and Geography:

The School of History and Geography is an ambitious, research-intensive School in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences. While possessing and promoting an international perspective, the School has a particular focus on Ireland – its geography, history and landscape. The combining of History and Geography has created a School that is unique in Ireland in its interdisciplinary range and research potential, and that is well positioned to play a leading role, nationally and internationally, in the disciplines of History, Geography and Irish Studies. Both History and Geography are offered on the Bachelor of Arts: Joint Honours programme, where they are consistently among the most popular subjects. The School teaches History on the Bachelor of Religious Education and History, and contributes to the B.Ed (primary). At postgraduate level both subjects offer a PhD programme; the School delivers an MA in History and contributes to the MSc in Climate Change: Policy, Media and Society. The School has a growing and dynamic postgraduate community.

The School of History and Geography anticipates appointing an Assistant Professor in Environmental Geography and Climate Change, commencing on 1 September 2020. The successful candidate will be expected to contribute to the delivery of the School’s taught programmes at undergraduate and postgraduate level and to contribute to the identification, development and delivery of new programmes. The School offers excellent opportunities for candidates to teach within their own area of research specialisation and to supervise PhD candidates. The School is committed to high quality research: it expects its staff maintain an active research profile, to publish regularly in leading journals and it supports its staff in such work.
Skills and Experience

Applicants for the position must have completed a PhD in physical / environmental geography or cognate discipline with a relevant focus for this role. It is preferable that applicants have relevant experience of university teaching at lecturer/assistant professor level. The successful candidate will contribute to the school’s teaching of the undergraduate geography programme, participate in teaching GIS, and assist with developing new offerings. The postholder will be required to teaching one or more undergraduate modules in an area different to their research specialism. The successful candidate will also demonstrate a strong dedication to academic research and possess a track-record of international peer-reviewed publication. The candidate should be capable of working in a team and contributing to the ongoing development of the School's teaching and research agenda through the identification and pursuit of research funding.

Duties and Responsibilities:

Teaching and Learning
The successful candidate will contribute to the development, teaching, assessment and administration of modules in the undergraduate and postgraduate programmes delivered in the School by

- Engaging in module design and delivery,
- Contributing to the design, development, and management of future programmes and other developments in the field of physical / environmental geography and climate change
- Supervising undergraduate research projects and postgraduate theses, and
- Contributing to the wider teaching of the School, as required by the Head.

Research and Scholarship
The successful candidate will be dedicated to high-quality research and publication in the field of environmental geography and climate change. The successful candidate will be expected to:

- Publish articles in leading peer-review journals and/or books with high-profile publishers;
- Develop and support research initiatives with the School History and Geography and the wider university;
- Apply for grants consistent with the School’s research agenda; and
- Attract and supervise high-calibre PhD students.

Service and Contribution to University and Society
Activities taken on the successful candidate’s own initiative, or allocated by the Head of School, may include:

- Engaging with policy-makers and the media;
- Participating in School and University meetings;
- Representing the School in marketing activity and the recruitment of students;
- Developing relationships with stakeholders within and outside the University.

Mandatory training:
The postholder will be required to undertake the following mandatory compliance training: Orientation, Health & Safety, and Data Protection (GDPR). Other training may need to be undertaken when appropriate.