Faculty of Science and Health
School of Health & Human Performance
Assistant Professor in Sport Psychology
Fixed Term Contract, up to 3 years

Dublin City University
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 characterised 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).

School of Health and Human Performance
A dynamic and rapidly growing School within the Faculty of Science and Health, the School of Health and Human Performance at DCU is developing an international reputation in health, exercise science and physical education. As such, the School is committed to researching, understanding and disseminating knowledge about physical activity across the continuum from health to elite sport performance, and to the area of musculoskeletal medicine. The School of Health and Human Performance was established in 2005 from the former Centre for Sport Science and Health (1999). The mission of the School is to foster optimum wellness in all phases of the human life cycle through the provision of academic programmes, research and the translation of research into public health or high performance strategies with practical implementation. It aims to achieve this through:

- Pioneering undergraduate and graduate level academic programmes;
- Undertaking research that transcends traditional boundaries leading to enhancement of health, physical performance and quality of life of the citizens of Ireland and beyond;
- Developing a wide range of community-based sport, health-related and injury research programmes;
Building on our national reputation for excellence for preventive medicine, health and physical literacy, and healthy aging across the lifespan.

The School has already received significant support from the University through the appointment of a range of key academic and support staff and the development of extensive facilities for exercise and sport. Faculty and postgraduate research students in the School of Health and Human Performance investigate a wide range of topics concerning human movement and education, athletic performance, musculoskeletal medicine and health promotion. The School has a thriving research environment and the post holder must have the ability and commitment to achieving excellence in their chosen area.

The School initiated the BSc in Sports Science and Health in 1999 (www.dcu.ie/courses/undergraduate/shhp/sport-science-and-health). Since then it has added the BSc in Athletic Therapy and Training (2005) (www.dcu.ie/courses/undergraduate/shhp/athletic-therapy-and-training), the BSc in Physical Education with Biology (2006) (www.dcu.ie/courses/undergraduate/shhp/physical-education-biology), and the BSc in Physical Education with Mathematics (2012) (www.dcu.ie/courses/undergraduate/shhp/physical-education-mathematics). The School attracts high calibre students who are offered undergraduate teaching, research opportunities and practical placements in industry, in education or in clinical settings according to programme.

**Duties and Responsibilities**
The duties and responsibilities associated with this post are described under three sections: Teaching, Research and Administration.

**Teaching**
- The post holder is expected to contribute to development, design, delivery and management of courses at undergraduate and postgraduate level within the School;
- The post holder will also be required to:
  - Carry out undergraduate and graduate lecturing and research supervision in Sport Science and Health, Athletic Therapy and Training, Physical Education and related areas;
  - Carry out undergraduate and graduate lecturing and research supervision in research methods and sport psychology (including physical activity psychology and psychology of injury);
  - Supervise students on work placements;
  - Contribute to the development and delivery of taught BSc, and MSc, and Professional Doctorate programmes in the School.

**Research**
- The attraction and supervision of research MSc and/or PhD students
- The post holder will also be required to:
  - Pursue his/her research interests in an area of relevance to the School and contribute to the research output of the School by scholarly publications and
conference presentations, as well as undergraduate and postgraduate student research supervision;
• Develop collaborations with the current academic staff, and staff in the associated research institutes;
• Develop collaborations with academics and research groups internationally;
• Seek funding support for his/her research from both internal and external sources.

Administration
• The post holder will undertake administrative functions relating to the activities of the School. These activities defined by the Head of School may include participating in School meetings, carrying out key School administrative roles at a Faculty level, engaging in meetings related to programmes, chairing programme teams, and representing the School in marketing and recruitment of students.
• The post holder will also be expected to contribute to, and lead on, the development of taught BSc, MSc programmes and Professional Doctorate programmes in the School.

Candidate Requirements

Essential
• Candidates must hold a PhD in a cognate area.
• A broad expertise in research methods, both qualitative and quantitative, with an ability to deliver both foundational and post graduate (level 9) modules/courses across the discipline.
• Evidenced specialism in the theory and application of sport psychology, specifically as it applies to the domains of sport science, athletic therapy, and physical education.
• A detailed understanding of the sport psychology profession, and demonstrate ability to promote this profession and the area of study at DCU
• Evidence of an active research profile (in terms of publication, collaboration, and/or funding) is required.

Desirable
• The ability to demonstrate success in attracting research funding would be a significant advantage.

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.