Faculty of Science and Health
School of Health & Human Performance
Assistant/Associate Professor in Sport Science and Health
Fixed Term Contract up to Three 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 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 of Health and Human Performance 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 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. As a member of this school you will become part of this multi-disciplinary team. 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 candidate must have the ability and desire to achieve 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. At the heart of development plans for the University, the School is in unique position for significant growth with the establishment and development of a new dedicated Health and Human Performance facility planned on campus at DCU.

**Duties and Responsibilities:**
Extensive experience in sport and exercise science, physical activity promotion, and theory and application of behaviour change through applied intervention programmes in the lab or field setting is required. The duties and responsibilities associated with this post are described under three sections; teaching, research and administration.

**Teaching**
The successful post-holder will be required

• to contribute to development, design, delivery and management of courses in at undergraduate and postgraduate level within the School;
• to have a broad expertise in sport and exercise science, with an ability to deliver foundational modules/courses across this discipline, but to also extend across the related disciplines of physical education and athletic therapy.
• to have evidenced specialism in the theory and application of health promotion and behavior change, specifically as it applies to the domains of physical activity or exercise promotion for health and wellbeing across the lifespan.
to have a detailed understanding of physical activity for health and exercise science, and demonstrate their ability to promote this profession and the area of study at DCU

The candidate will be required to:

- Carry out undergraduate and graduate lecturing and research supervision in sport science and health, and related areas including physical education and athletic therapy.
- Carry out undergraduate and graduate lecturing and research supervision in physical activity health promotion, and theory and application of physical activity behaviour change.
- Supervise students on work placements;
- Contribute to the development and delivery of taught BSc and MSc programmes in the School.

Research

- Evidence of an active research profile (in terms of publication, collaboration, and funding) is required;
- The ability to demonstrate success in attracting research funding would be a significant advantage;
- The ability to attract and supervise research MSc and/or PhD students is expected;
- The candidate will 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 candidate will undertake administrative functions relating to the activities of the School of Health and Human Performance. 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, 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 and MSc programmes in the School.

Qualifications: Applicants ideally must hold a PhD in a cognate area.
Salary Scales:
*Assistant Professor (below bar): €39,123 - €53,784
*Assistant Professor (above bar): €52,188 - €83,039
*Associate Professor: €73,387 - €95,917

*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: 3rd May 2019

Informal enquiries: Informal enquiries may be addressed to Dr. Sarahjane Belton, Head of School of Health & Human Performance, Dublin City University, Dublin 9, Ireland. E-mail: sarahjane.belton@dcu.ie
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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; Fax +353 (0) 7005500 Email: hr.applications@dcu.ie.

Along with the application form, please submit a CV and cover letter. Please clearly state the role that you are applying for in your application and email subject line: Job Reference #BC0913

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