JOB DESCRIPTION

Assistant Professor in Geography Education

School of STEM Education, Innovation and Global Studies

DCU Institute of Education

18 month Fixed Term Contract

Introduction

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 postgraduate 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 21st century education.

School of STEM Education, Innovation and Global Studies

The School of STEM Education, Innovation and Global Studies is one of six schools within the DCU Institute of Education. The School contributes to a range of high-quality undergraduate and postgraduate programmes across the education landscape. Through its teaching and research the School is centrally engaged in transforming the Irish education system and is a significant contributor to knowledge creation and policy development in the field of education.

Role Profile

The School of STEM Education, Innovation and Global Studies is seeking to appoint an assistant professor in Geography Education with expertise in Geography, Global Citizenship and Sustainability Education in early childhood and primary education, on an 18 month fixed term contract. Current staff in Geography Education play leading roles in the development of national
policy and are active members of national and international networks. We are seeking applications from candidates who can support and enhance our dynamic team.

Duties and Responsibilities
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 and postgraduate programmes, including BEd (Primary), PME (Primary) and MEd as well as a range of continuing professional development programmes. This teaching will include module design and delivery and school placement including its attendant duties of supporting and evaluating students on school visits and writing reports. In addition, the candidate is expected to supervise undergraduate and postgraduate thesis, contribute to tutorials and to the wider teaching of the Institute as required by the Head of School.

Research
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, develop and promote research initiatives with the school and the wider faculty. (S)he will contribute to the scholarship and intellectual life of the University, which will enhance its reputation as a research-led teaching institution and which will make a significant contribution to the development of the DCU Institute of Education’s research agenda.

Service and Contribution to University and Society
The candidate will undertake administrative functions related to the activities of the School of STEM Education, Innovation and Global Studies. These activities defined by the Head of School may 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.

Candidate requirements:
- Applicants must hold a postgraduate qualification in Education in areas related to Geography Education and/or Sustainability, preferably at Doctoral level,
- Applicants must demonstrate a strong academic background in the discipline of Geography,
- Candidates should have a minimum of three years’ experience as a school teacher, including some experience at primary level,
- Demonstrate strong communication skills.

Desirable
- Experience in teacher education is highly desirable,
- Candidates should have a track record of research publications,
- Demonstrable capacity to integrate technology and use of the outdoors into the teaching of Geography is highly desirable,
- The capacity to teach through Irish is desirable,
- The capacity to work as part of a team is also valued.

The position is subject to the candidate being Garda Vetted.