JOB DESCRIPTION

Assistant Professor in Visual Arts Education

School of Arts Education and Movement

DCU Institute of Education

Permanent Post

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 post-graduate 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 Arts Education and Movement
The School of Arts Education and Movement is one of the six schools within the DCU Institute of Education. The School is made up of a dynamic and unique group of scholars, researchers and teacher educators working together in collaboration and growing the national and international reputation of the School through the award of prestigious fellowships, securing large scale research grants, and the publication of research in the leading journals in the field. Academic interests span Teacher Education, Visual Arts...
Education, Physical Education, Music Education, Art Education and Arts Education generally, as well as a range of other interdisciplinary dimensions including creativity, inclusion, wellbeing and technology.

Assistant Professor in Visual Arts Education
The School of Arts Education and Movement is seeking to recruit an Assistant Professor in Visual Arts Education to join its Visual Arts Education team in a permanent capacity with a start date of 1st September 2020.

The post will comprise a range of duties and responsibilities, including but not limited to, the following:

Teaching and Learning
The successful candidate will be required to contribute significantly to the teaching, assessment, administration and development of existing undergraduate and postgraduate programmes in the School of Arts Education and Movement. In addition to teaching modules in Visual Arts Education, and research based modules, the teaching workload will include module review, design, delivery, coordination and assessment. The teaching load is significant given the large numbers of students enrolled in the undergraduate programmes.

The person appointed to this position will be expected to contribute to the teaching of other areas of Education (as requested by the Head of School) in addition to the specialist areas, and to contribute to the wider work of the DCU Institute of Education. School placement, including its attendant duties of supporting and evaluating students on school visits as well as writing reports, will be required. The position includes supervision of undergraduate action research projects, student reflection tutorials and supervision of postgraduate theses.

Research and Scholarship
The successful candidate will be dedicated to high-quality research and publication in the field of Visual Arts Education. The DCU Institute of Education is a centre of excellence in educational research. As such, the candidate will be expected to be research-active in the field of Visual Arts and in the general field of Teacher Education. Contributing to research initiatives within the School of Arts Education and Movement as well as the wider faculty may also form part of the candidate’s research activity. The candidate will also contribute to the scholarly and cultural life of the university, furthering the development of the DCU Institute of Education’s research agenda.

Service and Contribution to the University and Society
The successful candidate will undertake administrative functions related to the activities of the School of Arts Education and Movement. These activities, defined by the Head of School, include participating in School meetings, active engagement in meetings related to programmes, representing the School in marketing and recruitment of students, developing relationships with stakeholders, participating in open days, engaging in arts and cultural events, and in the organisation of conferences and seminars etc.

Qualifications and Experience

Essential
• Primary degree (NFQ Level 8) in a relevant area and a post-graduate qualification in areas related to Visual Arts Education, preferably at Doctoral level.
• Three years’ relevant experience

The ideal candidate will have the following qualifications and experience
• Postgraduate qualification in Visual Arts Education, preferably at Doctoral level
• Previous experience of postgraduate teaching of Visual Arts Education at university level would be an advantage
• Knowledge of specialist as well generalist areas of Visual Arts practice
• Strong social and team-work skills, excellent administrative and organisational skills.

The position is subject to the candidate being Garda Vetted.