



DESMOND CHAIR IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

DCU Institute of Education

Background

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. Excellence in its education and research activities has led to its ranking in the top 2% of universities globally and its consistent position in the top 50 of the almost 10,000 young universities worldwide (QS Top 50 under 50).

DCU is Ireland's fastest growing university and has established its fifth faculty by completing the incorporation of St Patrick's College, Drumcondra, Mater Dei Institute of Education and the Church of Ireland College of Education into the university, thereby creating the first dedicated education faculty in an Irish university. The new faculty (DCU Institute of Education) sits alongside the Faculties of Engineering and Computing, Science and Health, Humanities and Social Sciences, and DCU Business School.

School of Language, Literacy and Early Childhood Education

The School of Language, Literacy and Early Childhood Education contributes to a wide range of education-related degrees and courses at undergraduate and post-graduate levels within the DCU Institute of Education. Together with the areas of language and literacy, the school brings together a broad range of expertise in relation to early childhood education. The faculty support students in developing as innovative, critical, creative educators and agents of change with a deep understanding of a range of multidisciplinary perspectives on early learning and development. Staff are committed to ongoing scholarship and inquiry in reciprocal partnership with early childhood education care settings and primary schools. They also work with colleagues across the Institute and other stakeholders in the education system, including key decision makers at national level in Ireland. In collaboration with key partners, our aim is to advance an interdisciplinary evidence base in relation to research, policy and practice in the Irish context, with a view to maximising the power of education to transform lives and society in the 21st century.

The Position

The successful candidate will be an internationally-recognised leader in the field of early childhood education, committed to the pursuit of world-class research and policy scholarship, while providing strategic leadership in the establishment and development of the Centre for Early Childhood Education. S/he will be expected to collaborate with policymakers and other key stakeholders to develop and support new research in early childhood education in Ireland and internationally. This position presents an exciting opportunity for a strategic individual to make a significant contribution to the future of DCU as it enters its next stage of major development.

The successful candidate will normally have achieved the rank of Professor/Associate Professor. An attractive salary, commensurate with the successful applicant's experience will be offered to the holder of this post.

Application Procedure

Informal enquiries should be addressed by e mail to Professor Pádraig Ó Duibhir, DCU Institute of Education, padraig.oduibhir@dcu.ie

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Full job description is available at www/dcu.ie/vacancies/current.shtml

Closing date for applications is Friday 10th February 2017.

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