



DCU Institute of Education
School of Language, Literacy and Early Childhood Education
Lecturer in Early Childhood Education
(Permanent Contract)

Introduction

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 characterized 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).

DCU has a strong track record in attracting both Irish and European Union research funding under Horizon 2020 (and all previous Framework Programmes), Marie Curie Actions and Erasmus. We offer a dynamic and internationally-focused environment in which to advance your academic career.

The DCU Institute of Education is the newest faculty of Dublin City University. It is based in a state-of-the-art 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 researches 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 Language, Literacy and Early Childhood Education

The School of Language, Literacy and Early Childhood Education is one of six schools within the DCU Institute of Education. The School brings together academics with a significant range of expertise in relation to theory, practice, research and policy in the fields of language (Irish & English), literacy and early childhood education. We are committed to ongoing scholarship and inquiry in reciprocal partnership with early childhood education and care settings, schools, colleagues across the institute and other stakeholders in the education system. 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.

Lecturer/Assistant Professor in Early Childhood Education

The School of Language, Literacy and Early Childhood Education is seeking to appoint a Lecturer in Early Childhood Education to work collaboratively as a member of the Bachelor of Early Childhood Education (BECE) team. Applicants for the post must hold an honours degree and a post-graduate qualification in Early Childhood Education or related field, preferably at Doctoral level. Experience of working with a diversity of young children, in early education settings outside of primary schools is essential. Experience of lecturing in higher education is desirable.

The School requires a candidate who has a strong background in Early Childhood Education, with an emphasis on professional practice. In particular, the candidate should have a proven track record in supporting the learning and development of very young children in early childhood education and care contexts. The candidate should have a minimum of three years relevant experience. A specialism in an area such as technology in learning, early mathematics, working with families and community, policy or other relevant areas of interest is desirable.

The post will have a range of responsibilities including but not limited to the following:

Teaching

The successful candidate will be expected to contribute significantly to the development, teaching, assessment and administration of the existing Bachelor of Early Childhood Education undergraduate programme. S/he will make a substantial contribution to the design, development, and management of future postgraduate programmes and other developments in the field of Early Childhood. As part of the broad EC team, the person will also work collaboratively with colleagues in the School and Faculty.

The supervision of students in their Professional Practice Placements in Early Childhood Education and Care settings is an integral part of the position. Supervising students has attendant duties of supporting and evaluating them on placement visits, writing reports, and attending relevant meetings. In addition, the successful candidate is expected to contribute to tutorials and to the wider teaching of the Institute as required by the Head of School or Faculty management.

Research

The successful candidate will be committed to high-quality research, and publication in leading, international peer-reviewed journals and with high-quality book publishers. They will contribute to the scholarship and intellectual life of the University by conducting research 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/ Administration

The candidate will undertake administrative functions related to the activities of the School of School of Language, Literacy and Early Childhood Education. 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.

Informal enquires to Dr Geraldine French

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Further information:

More information about the DCU Institute of Education can be found at http://www.dcu.ie/institute_of_education/index.shtml.

Salary Scales:

Lecturer Above Bar: *€51,159 - €79,147 per annum

Lecturer Below Bar: *€38,352 - €52,724 per annum

**Appointment will be commensurate with qualifications and experience, and will be made on the appropriate point of the Lecturer Above Bar or Lecturer Below Bar salary scale in line with current Government pay policy*

Closing date: 19th July 2017

Application Procedure:

Application forms are available from the DCU Current Vacancies (Open Competitions) website at <http://www4.dcu.ie/hr/vacancies/current.shtml> and also from the Human Resources Department, Dublin City University, Dublin 9. Tel: +353 (0)1 700 5149; Fax: +353 (0)1 700 5500 Email: hr.applications@dcu.ie

Please clearly state the role that you are applying for in your application and email subject line: Job Ref # 579 Lecturer in Early Childhood Education

Applications should be submitted by e-mail to hr.applications@dcu.ie or by Fax: +353 (0)1 700 5500 or by post to the Human Resources Department, Dublin City University, Dublin 9.

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