



**DCU Institute of Education**  
**The Centre for Human Rights and Citizenship Education**

<b>Post title</b>	Post-Doctoral Researcher
<b>Level</b>	Level 1
<b>Post duration</b>	Fixed Term One Year Contract

**Research Career Framework**

As part of this role the researcher will be required to participate in the DCU Research Career Framework <http://dcu.ie/hr/ResearchersFramework/index.shtml>. This framework is designed to provide significant professional development opportunities to researchers and offer the best opportunities in terms of a wider career path.

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**Introduction**

Dublin City University ([www.dcu.ie](http://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.

### **The Centre for Human rights and Citizenship Education**

The Centre for Human Rights and Citizenship Education (CHRCE) champions educational policy and practice promoting human rights, children's rights, global justice and environmental sustainability. Established in 2004, the CHRCE specialises in research, resource creation and professional development which furthers good practice in relation to global and local citizenship and human rights education. The CHRCE's expertise extends across early childhood, primary, post-primary and third level education including teacher education. Committed to creative, cutting-edge and collaborative approaches, both in terms of pedagogy and research

methodology, the CHRCE draws on the varied expertise of its members, steering committee, university context and national and international partnerships. Working with governmental and non-governmental organisations, teachers and schools, the CHRCE is at the forefront of developments in human rights and global citizenship education both in Ireland and internationally.

### **Principle Duties and Responsibilities**

The CHRCE seeks to appoint a Post-Doctoral Researcher in global citizenship education (GCE). The position is part-funded by Trócaire and aims to contribute to the research base informing the educational approaches promoted by both Trócaire and the CHRCE as well as GCE practitioners more generally. The Post-Doctoral Researcher/ Researcher will be involved in both desktop and field-based research, and be required to collaborate with other researchers and colleagues as necessary. The position will involve:

1. Undertaking research exploring the contribution of digital resources to school-based global citizenship education;
2. Supporting the dissemination of research conducted by the CHRCE including through peer-reviewed journal articles, presentations at conferences and report writing;
3. Support ongoing research projects of the CHRCE;
4. Initiate and support applications for funding to enable further research;
5. Promote the work of the CHRCE and Trócaire including through social media and networking.

The Post-Doctoral Researcher will also be expected to:

- Report on progress at meetings and in writing,
- Participate in CHRCE and Trócaire activities where relevant,
- Engage in appropriate training and development opportunities as required by the CHRCE, the Institute or the University,
- Carry out administrative work associated with the programme of research as necessary,
- Liaise with both internal and external stakeholders, partners and collaborators,
- Assist in identifying and developing future research and funding initiatives.

### **Funding Information**

The position is funded through CHRCE in collaboration with Trócaire.

### **Minimum Criteria**

It is *desirable* that applicants have a doctoral qualification in global citizenship education, human rights education, climate change education or a closely associated area. Excellent research and IT skills are essential. Applicants for this position should be able to demonstrate their

understanding of and experience in employing educational research methods. Evidence of ability to collaborate with other researchers should be provided. Experience in developing research grant applications is also essential.

**Salary:** €36,854 - €47,728

*\*Appointment will be commensurate with qualifications and experience will be made on the appropriate point of the salary scale, in line with current Government pay policy.*

**Closing date:** 02 October 2018

**Candidates will be assessed on the following competencies:**

**Discipline knowledge and Research skills** – Demonstrates knowledge of the research discipline and the ability to conduct a specific programme of research within that discipline.

**Collaborative Skills** – Demonstrates the ability to work with other researchers, and with stakeholders and community groups.

**Communicating Research** – Demonstrates the ability to communicate their research with their peers and the wider research community (for example presenting at conferences and publishing research in relevant journals).

**Managing & Leadership skills** - Demonstrates the potential to operate a research project including managing budgets and liaising with stakeholders.

**Understanding the Research Environment** – Demonstrates an awareness of the research environment (for example funding bodies) and the ability to contribute to further grant applications

**Informal Queries to:**, Rowan Oberman or Fionnuala Waldron [rowan.oberman@dcu.ie](mailto:rowan.oberman@dcu.ie) or [fionnuala.waldron@dcu.ie](mailto:fionnuala.waldron@dcu.ie).

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 <https://www.dcu.ie/hr/vacancies/index.shtml> and also from the Human Resources Department, Dublin City University, Dublin 9. Tel: +353 (0) 1 7005149.

Please clearly state the role that you are applying for in your application and email subject line: Job 996 Post-Doctoral Researcher (CHRCE).

Applications should be submitted by email to [hr.applications@dcu.ie](mailto:hr.applications@dcu.ie) or by Fax: +353 (0)1 7005500 or by post to the Human Resources Department, Dublin City University, Dublin 9. Human Resources Department, Dublin City University, Dublin 9. Tel: +353 1 700 5149; Fax: +353 1 700 5500 Email: [hr.applications@dcu.ie](mailto:hr.applications@dcu.ie)

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