Dublin City University

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 characterised 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).

School of Health and Human Performance

A dynamic and rapidly growing School within the Faculty of Science and Health, the School of Health and Human Performance at DCU is developing an international reputation in health, sport and exercise science and physical education. As such, the School of Health and Human Performance is committed to researching, understanding and disseminating knowledge about exercise and physical activity across the continuum from health to elite sport performance, and to the area of musculoskeletal medicine. The mission of the School is to foster optimum wellness in all phases of the human life cycle through the provision of academic programmes, research and the translation of research into public health or high performance strategies with practical implementation. It aims to achieve this through:

- Pioneering undergraduate and graduate level academic programmes;
- Undertaking research that transcends traditional boundaries leading to enhancement of health, physical performance and quality of life of the citizens of Ireland and beyond;
- Developing a wide range of community-based sport, health-related and injury research programmes;
• Building on our national reputation for excellence for sports performance, preventive medicine, health and physical literacy, and healthy aging across the life course.

The School has already received significant support from the University through the appointment of a range of key academic and support staff and the development of extensive facilities for exercise and sport. As a member of this school you will become part of this multi-disciplinary team. Faculty and postgraduate research students in the School of Health and Human Performance investigate a wide range of topics concerning human movement and education, athletic performance, musculoskeletal medicine and health promotion. The School has a thriving research environment and the candidate must have the ability and desire to achieve excellence in their chosen area. The School initiated the BSc in Sports Science and Health in 1999 (www.dcu.ie/courses/undergraduate/shhp/sport-science-and-health). Since then it has added the BSc in Athletic Therapy and Training (2005) (www.dcu.ie/courses/undergraduate/shhp/athletic-therapy-and-training), the BSc in Physical Education with Biology (2006) (www.dcu.ie/courses/undergraduate/shhp/physical-education-biology), and the BSc in Physical Education with Mathematics (2012) (www.dcu.ie/courses/undergraduate/shhp/physical-education-mathematics). The School attracts high calibre students who are offered undergraduate teaching, research opportunities and practical placements in industry, in education or in clinical settings according to programme. At the heart of development plans for the University, the School is in unique position for significant growth with the establishment and development of a new dedicated Health and Human Performance facility planned on campus at DCU.

**Duties and Responsibilities:**

The present role at the level of Assistant Professor on a part-time basis at the equivalent of 0.4 FTE for an initial 11-month period. Following the initial 11-months it is possible that the post may be subsequently continued for a longer term.

Experience in teaching and applied practice in sport and exercise science, with specialism in strength and conditioning theory and application in the field setting is required. The duties and responsibilities associated with this post are described under three sections; teaching, research and administration.

**Teaching**

The successful post-holder will be required to:

- Contribute to development, design, delivery and management of modules at undergraduate within the School;

- Have a broad expertise in sport and exercise science, with an ability to deliver foundational modules/courses across this discipline, but to also extend across the related disciplines of physical education and athletic therapy.
• Have evidenced specialism in the theory and application of strength and conditioning, specifically as it applies to the domains of sports performance, and/or injury prevention and rehabilitation.
• Have a detailed understanding of strength and conditioning, and demonstrate their ability to promote this profession and the area of study at DCU

Research
Evidence of an active research profile (in terms of publication, collaboration, and funding) is desirable and the ability to demonstrate success in attracting research funding would be an advantage.

The candidate will be required to:
• Develop collaborations with the current academic staff and staff in the associated research institutes;
• Contribute to on-going research in the School where applicable.

Administration
The candidate will undertake administrative functions relating to the activities of the School of Health and Human Performance. These activities, defined by the Head of School, may include participating in School meetings, carrying out key School administrative roles at a Faculty level, engaging in meetings related to programmes, and representing the School in marketing and recruitment of students. The post-holder will also be expected to contribute to, and lead on, the development of taught BSc programmes in the School.

Qualifications:
• Applicants must hold a BSc in Sport and Exercise Science, or a related area.
• Applicants must hold an MSc and/or PhD in Sport and Exercise Science, or Strength and Conditioning.
• Applicants must possess a recognised accreditation in Strength and Conditioning from a professional body e.g. CSCS, UKSCA, ASCA or similar.

Salary Scales:
*Assistant Professor (below bar): €39,123 - €53,784 pro rata
*Assistant Professor (above bar): €52,188 - €83,039 pro rata

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

Closing date: 7th June 2019
Informal enquiries: Informal enquiries may be addressed to Dr. Sarahjane Belton, Head of School of Health & Human Performance, Dublin City University, Dublin 9, Ireland. E-mail: sarahjane.belton@dcu.ie
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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 http://www.dcu.ie/vacancies/current.shtml and also from the Human Resources Department, Dublin City University, Dublin 9. Tel: +353 (0) 1 7005149; Fax +353 (0) 7005500 Email: hr.applications@dcu.ie.
Along with the application form, please submit a CV and cover letter. Please clearly state the role that you are applying for in your application and email subject line: Job Reference #ST1221 Assistant Professor in Strength & Conditioning, School of Health & Human Performance