



**Dublin City University  
Institute of Education  
School of Human Development  
TEACH-RSE Research Study (IRC Coalesce Award)**

<b>Research Project</b>	TEACH-RSE: Teacher Professional Development and Relationships and Sexuality Education RSE
<b>Funder</b>	Irish Research Council IRC Coalesce Funded supported by the Health Services Executive HSE – Sexual Health and Crisis Pregnancy Programme SHCPP
<b>Post Title:</b>	Research Assistant
<b>Level on the Framework:</b>	Research Assistant Level 1
<b>Post Duration:</b>	Term of Contract of 11 months

#### **DCU Institute of Education**

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 provides a dynamic learning and working environment.

#### **School of Human Development**

The School of Human Development 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 teachers working together in collaboration and whose academic interests span teacher education, the humanities and social sciences, and the broad field of Human Development.

#### **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.

#### **Background and Role**

This post is funded by an IRC Coalesce Award supported by the Health Services Executive HSE – Sexual Health and Crisis Pregnancy Programme SHCPP. The successful candidate will work as part of a research team on the TEACH-RSE: Teacher Professional Development and Relationships and Sexuality Education research study. TEACH-RSE is the first of its kind, in an Irish context, to examine the preparation of primary and post-primary teachers to teach RSE. TEACH-RSE seeks to investigate *inter alia* current perspectives on the initial professional development of teachers' expertise, skills, and competencies pertaining to RSE. The project will employ qualitative and quantitative methodologies to meet these aims.

The post-holder will have responsibility for the day-to-day running of the project and meeting the deliverables of the project (under supervision from and mentorship of the Principal Investigator and Co-Investigator).

### **Principal Duties and Responsibilities**

The main duties of the position will include, but are not limited to:

- Undertaking a specified programme of research on teacher professional development for RSE under the direction of the Principal Investigator and Co-Investigator, including the design and implementation of qualitative and quantitative research studies and analysis of the TEACH-RSE datasets;
- Conducting a critical review of the literature on current practice in teacher professional development for RSE and on teachers' expertise, skills, and competencies in the provision of RSE;
- Contributing to the mapping of current provision of RSE across initial teacher education programmes at primary and post-primary levels;
- Contributing to appropriate research outputs and dissemination of the research (i.e. producing high quality scientific publications, reports, conference presentations) under the mentorship of the Principal Investigator and Co-Investigator;
- Contributing to the development of guiding principles for teacher professional development for RSE;
- Contributing to the teaching, supervision, and other related activities of the TEACH-RSE research team, as necessary;
- Carrying out administrative work associated with the TEACH-RSE research project, as necessary;
- Carrying out any additional duties related to the TEACH-RSE research project, as necessary.

### **Skills and Experience**

The ideal candidate will have completed a post-graduate qualification at Masters level and/or be in the process of completing a doctorate in Psychology or relevant discipline (e.g. Education, Human Development, Sexuality Studies etc.). Candidates should have a high level of research and data analysis skills. Experience with both qualitative and quantitative methodologies is desirable. Candidates with a strong publication track record, or with experience in the management of research projects, are particularly encouraged to apply.

The candidate will also have strong interpersonal and collaborative skills, excellent administrative and organisation skills and demonstrate capacity for research in the field of teacher professional development and RSE.

Please note this appointment will be subject to the candidate successfully completing the Garda Vetting and Foreign Police Certification Processes.

**Salary:** Research Assistant Level 1 IUA Scale, Pt 1 €28,994 - max. Pt 5 €33,656

**Start date:** September, 2019

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

- **Discipline Knowledge and Research Skills** – Demonstrates knowledge of a relevant research discipline and the ability to conduct a specific programme of research within that discipline.
- **Understanding the Research Environment** – Demonstrates an awareness of the research environment and the ability to contribute to research budgeting and grant applications
- **Communicating Research** – Demonstrates the ability to communicate research with their peers and the wider research community (for example presenting at conferences and publishing research in relevant journals) and the potential to teach and tutor undergraduate and postgraduate students.

**Informal enquiries to:**

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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 8842112.

**Closing date: 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2019**

**Please clearly state the role that you are applying for in your application and email subject line: Job Ref XXX TEACH-RSE Research Assistant/Teaching Fellow**

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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