Prometric Chair in Assessment/Director of the Centre for Assessment Research in 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. 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 position in the rankings of the world’s top young universities (eg THE 100 Under 50).

As it enters its next stage of development, and as a core element of its planned new Institute of Education at DCU, the University plans to establish a Centre for Assessment Research in Education (CARE). In partnership with Prometric*, DCU seeks to make a key appointment to provide academic and research leadership in the area of education assessment.

* Prometric, a wholly-owned subsidiary of ETS, is a trusted and market-leading provider of technology-enabled testing and assessment services with significant operations based in Ireland supporting candidates worldwide who take more than 8 million tests each year.

The Position

The successful candidate will be an internationally-recognised leader in the field of assessment in education, committed to the pursuit of world-class research, and will provide strategic leadership in the establishment and development of the Centre for Assessment Research in Education (CARE). S/he will be expected to collaborate with policymakers and other key stakeholders to develop and support new assessment models here in Ireland and internationally. The successful candidate will have responsibility for addressing challenges in the educational assessment field, devising novel solutions and evaluating their implementation. S/he will provide leadership and scholarship in the area of assessment, and will deliver modules across a range of degree programmes. S/he will also be results-driven, with the ability to operate effectively within the fast-paced environment of DCU. 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.
Research Funding Support

As part of the establishment of CARE and the Prometric Chair in Assessment, Prometric will provide startup research funding for the successful candidate. This funding will support a number of PhD students pursuing research projects defined in collaboration with Prometric.

Key Responsibilities

- Lead the establishment and development of the Centre for Assessment Research in Education (CARE)
- Develop the formulation and implementation of a strategic plan for the Centre for Assessment Research in Education (CARE)
- Conduct world-class, leading-edge research in the educational assessment field and publish results in leading academic journals
- Provide academic leadership and scholarship in the area of assessment
- Supervise, develop, and mentor doctoral students and post-doctoral researchers to develop and maintain world-class research in the area of educational assessment
- Provide leadership in the management and mentoring of members of the CARE centre, enhancing the level and quality of research and scholarship amongst colleagues
- Identify challenges in the educational assessment field, devising novel solutions to address the challenges identified.
- Lead the implementation of solutions to address challenges identified, evaluating their implementation and impact
- Collaborate and engage with policymakers and other key stakeholders to develop and support new assessment models in Ireland and internationally
- Provide annual report of research to DCU and to Prometric
- Collaborate with Prometric to maximise PR opportunities through DCU’s communications and marketing departments
- Raise the external profile of the DCU Centre for Assessment Research in Education
- Deliver modules across a range of degree programmes
- Take a leadership role in the development of teaching and learning within the CARE centre
- Work proactively with colleagues to improve existing courses and programmes
- Any other duties appropriate to the position
Experience and Requirements

- Internationally-recognised leader in the field of assessment in education
- Achieved rank of Professor/Associate Professor
- Demonstrable commitment to the pursuit of world-class research in the educational assessment field
- Evidence of International research reputation (publication in top-tier journals; research income; collaborations; invited presentations)
- Demonstrable active research programme with significant potential for future publication
- Successful record of PhD research supervision and income generation through research and/or consultancy
- Demonstrable success in research collaboration, experience of curriculum and programme development
- Strong leadership and management skills with an excellent track record
- Proven ability to successfully engage with key stakeholders and policy-makers
- Demonstrable strong strategic orientation
- Excellent track record of world-class research in the relevant field
- Strong track record of excellent interpersonal/relationship management skills
- Demonstrable track record of personal commitment to high standards of academic excellence
- Highly innovative and results-oriented
Informal Inquiries

Informal inquiries should be addressed by email to the University President, Professor Brian MacCraith, brian.maccraith@dcu.ie

Remuneration

An attractive salary, commensurate with the successful applicant’s experience will be offered to the holder of this post.

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.

Applications should be submitted by email to hr.applications@dcu.ie or by Fax: +353 (0) 1 7005500 or by post to the Human Resources Department, Dublin City University, Dublin 9.

Closing Date           Friday 20th March 2015

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