



JOB DESCRIPTION

**Assistant Professor in International Security and Foreign Policy
Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences
School of Law and Government
3 Year Fixed Term (Full-Time)**

Dublin City University

Dublin City University (DCU) is a young, ambitious and vibrant university, with a mission 'to transform lives and societies through education, research, innovation and engagement'. Known as Ireland's 'University of Enterprise', DCU is a values-based institution, committed to the delivery of impact for the public good. DCU was named Sunday Times Irish University of the Year 2021.

DCU is based on three academic campuses in the Glasnevin-Drumcondra region of north Dublin. More than 18,000 students are enrolled across five faculties – Science and Health, DCU Business School, Computing and Engineering, Humanities and Social Sciences and DCU Institute of Education.

DCU is committed to excellence across all its activities. This is demonstrated by its world-class research initiatives, its cutting-edge approach to teaching and learning, its focus on delivering a transformative student experience, and its positive social and economic impact. The university continues to develop innovative programmes in collaboration with industry, such as the DCU Futures suite of degrees, which are designed to equip graduates with the skills and knowledge required in a rapidly evolving economy.

DCU's pursuit of excellence has led to its current ranking among the top 2% of universities globally. It is also one of the world's Top Young Universities (QS Top 100 Under 50, Times Higher Top 150 Under 100). In the Times Higher Education University Impact Rankings 2021, DCU ranked 23rd in the world for its approach to widening participation in higher education and its ongoing commitment to eradicating poverty, while it ranks 38th globally for its work in reducing inequality and 89th globally for gender equality.

The university is ranked 23rd in the world and first in Ireland for its graduate employment rate, according to the 2020 QS Graduate Employability Rankings. Over the past decade, DCU has been the leading Irish university in the area of technology transfer, as reflected by licensing of intellectual property.

Overview of the department

The School of Law and Government is an ambitious, research-intensive school. It has a range of programmes at BA, MA, and PhD level. It offers seven taught postgraduate programmes, including the MSc in Public Policy. The School has over forty research students and offers a structured PhD in Politics and International Relations.

The School is committed to high quality research, expects its staff to publish regularly in leading journals and with leading university presses and supports its staff in such work. We have led research

programmes supported by the Irish Research Council, the EU and other national and international funders.

Role Profile

The School of Law and Government intends to appoint an Assistant Professor in International Security and Foreign Policy, to begin on 1st August 2022. The successful individual will be expected to teach a final year Undergraduate and a Postgraduate module an area of their research expertise, and a number of other modules as established by the Head of School.

Duties and Responsibilities

The duties and responsibilities of the position include, but are not limited to the following:

Teaching and Research:

- Delivering modules in a manner consistent with the highest academic standards;
- Creating, updating, teaching, assessing and coordinating modules at undergraduate, postgraduate and PhD level;
- Broader implementation of teaching and assessment methodologies which foster a deep approach to learning and equip students with the skills and attributes needed to be lifelong learners including challenge based learning and concentrated and immersive learning experiences;
- Supervising undergraduate and taught postgraduate thesis;
- Contributing to the wider teaching of the School, as required by the Head of School;
- Working proactively to enhance and enrich existing modules and programmes;
- Engagement with professional development for teaching particularly in that related to the approaches embedded in the project;
- Publish articles in leading peer-review journals and/or books with high-profile publishers;
- Develop and assist research initiatives with the School Law and Government and the wider university;

Service and Contribution to University and Society

- Engagement with planning, quality review and improvement processes and external programme accreditations;
- Involvement with appropriate professional bodies and associated initiatives;
- Contributing proactively to relevant School and University committees, working groups and meetings
- Adoption of some administrative functions related to the activities of the School, the Faculty, and the wider University. Such duties will be defined by the Head of School and may include some of the following: degree programme coordination; participation in committees; visits to students on industrial placement within the DCU INTRA programme; student recruitment.

Qualifications and Experience

- Applicants must hold an honours degree in a relevant discipline and should have, or be near completion, a PhD in a relevant area of Social Sciences.

- Applicants must have demonstrated teaching experience at undergraduate and/or postgraduate level, ideally including experience in innovative pedagogies and/or assessments, international and/or online or technology-assisted teaching.
- The successful individual will be able to convincingly demonstrate a strong commitment to academic research and will have a track-record of international peer-reviewed publications.
- Individuals should demonstrate excellent interpersonal and communication skills consistent with the highest quality of teaching and learning, together with evidence of successful teamwork and a collegial approach.

Essential Training

The post holder will be required to undertake the following mandatory training: Orientation, GDPR and Compliance. Other training may need to be undertaken when required.