



JOB DESCRIPTION

Assistant Professor in Education for Digital Learning School of STEM Education, Innovation and Global Studies, DCU Institute of Education Permanent Contract

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 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 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, sustainability, literacy, evaluation, digital learning 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 research 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 education in the 21st century.

Role Profile

The School of STEM Education, Innovation and Global Studies is one of six schools within the DCU Institute of Education. The School contributes to a range of high-quality undergraduate and postgraduate programmes across the education landscape. Through its teaching and research the School is centrally engaged in transforming the Irish education system and is a significant contributor to knowledge creation and policy development in the field of education.

We are now seeking to appoint an Assistant Professor in the area of Digital Learning (Teacher Education), from September 1st, 2022, who can assist and enhance our dynamic team.

Duties and Responsibilities

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

Teaching and Learning

The candidate will be required to contribute significantly to the development, teaching, assessment and administration of existing undergraduate and postgraduate programmes, as well as a range of professional learning programmes, mainly at primary level. This teaching will include module design,

development and assessment. The candidate will be expected to model and develop innovative practices in digital learning. They will contribute to developments in this regard to support the digital learning agenda of the Institute of Education, particularly for Irish primary classrooms. Active participation in school placement including its attendant duties of supporting and evaluating students on school visits and writing reports is also part of teaching responsibilities. In addition, the candidate is expected to supervise undergraduate and postgraduate theses, contribute to tutorials and to the wider teaching of the Institute as required by the Head of School.

Research and Scholarship

The DCU Institute of Education is a centre of excellence in educational research and as such the candidate will be expected to be research-active in Digital Learning and in the general field of teacher education and to contribute to, develop and support research initiatives within the school and the wider faculty. They will contribute to the scholarship and intellectual life of the University, which will enhance its reputation as a research-led teaching institution and make a significant contribution to the development of the DCU Institute of Education's research agenda.

Service and Contribution to the University and Society

The candidate will undertake administrative functions related to the activities of the School of STEM Education, Innovation and Global Studies. These activities defined by the Head of School may include participating in School meetings, engaging in meetings related to programmes, representing the School in marketing and recruitment of students, developing relationships with stakeholders, participating in Open Days, organisation of conferences and seminars etc.

Qualifications and Experience

- Postgraduate qualification in Education, preferably at Doctoral level, in areas related to Digital Learning
- A strong academic background in the area of Digital Learning, ideally at primary level
- A minimum of three years' experience as a classroom teacher. Ideally this should be in a primary setting, but experience in early years and/or post-primary education can be considered
- Knowledge of the school system in Ireland
- Experience in initial teacher education
- Research experience relevant to the position
- Strong communication skills
- Capacity to collaborate and work closely with others

The position is subject to the candidate being Garda Vetted.