



JOB DESCRIPTION

Assistant Professor (above bar) in Social Sciences School of Nursing, Psychotherapy & Community Health 3-year fixed-term contract (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.

School of Nursing, Psychotherapy & Community Health

The School of Nursing, Psychotherapy and Community Health at DCU has an excellent reputation in teaching and learning, research and societal engagement. The School offers a range of undergraduate, postgraduate programmes and professional development courses, which can be viewed at <https://www.dcu.ie/snpch/index.shtml>. Research strengths include: community health, nursing, psychotherapy, health and social inclusion, health systems, nutrition, epidemiology, global health, child health/wellbeing, mental health, neurological/developmental conditions, sexual health and well-being, health informatics and technology. Of particular relevance to this job posting, the School recently developed a new MSc programme in Health and Social Inclusion. The MSc is a unique, interdisciplinary programme that aims to help students to:

- Develop knowledge regarding the social determinants of health and social/health inequities across the lifespan

- Expand their approaches to achieving equity and inclusion in health and social care provision among a range of marginalised populations
- Advance skills in leadership and research for the promotion of health and social inclusion.

Role Profile

The School is seeking to recruit an Assistant Professor with expertise in the area of social sciences, with particular expertise in the area of health/social equity, activism, and related theory and policy. The appointee will be expected to contribute to teaching, curriculum development, research, and administrative activities in the School, primarily in the MSc in Health and Social Inclusion but potentially across different programmes in the School. The appointee will be expected to contribute to the new MSc in Health and Social Inclusion through research-led teaching, student mentoring and supervision of student projects.

Duties and Responsibilities

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

Teaching

The appointee will teach primarily on the MSc in Health and Social Inclusion programme and will participate in student mentoring and tutoring. They will prepare, deliver and assess a range of modules. The total teaching hours are determined by the Head of School. In addition, they will supervise MSc projects (theses or practice development projects).

Research

The appointee will be expected to establish an independently-funded collaborative research programme. This programme should align with the Research and Innovation strategies of the School, Faculty and University and should foster collaboration(s) both within and beyond the School of Nursing, Psychotherapy and Community Health. Research should also be aligned with relevant local, national and EU priority areas.

Service and Contribution to University & Society

Appointees will undertake administrative functions related to the activities of the School of Nursing, Psychotherapy and Community Health and Faculty of Science and Health. Such duties are defined by the Head of School and may include: programme co-ordination; participation in University committees; representation of the School in marketing to and recruitment of students; participation in open days; organisation of conferences and seminars, etc.

Candidate Requirements

Essential:

- A primary/advanced degree in social sciences or a related field
- Qualified to post-graduate level and have completed a PhD in the field
- Experience of university-level teaching related to health and social inclusion/equity
- A record of original research with publications in top international journals or, based on career stage, show exceptional promise in this regard
- Supervisory experience of student research
- Experience of working in a community health/social inclusion practice area

Desirable

- Have well established national and international networks in community health/social care.

Essential Training

The postholder will be required to undertake the following essential compliance training: Orientation, Health & Safety and Data Protection (GDPR). Other training may need to be undertaken when required.