



JOB DESCRIPTION

**Assistant Professor in Politics
Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences
School of Law and Government
3 Year Fixed Term Contract (Full-Time)**

Dublin City University

Dublin City University (DCU) is a leading innovative European University. It is proud to be one of the world's leading Young Universities and is among the world's top 2% globally. DCU is known as Ireland's University of Impact, with a mission to 'transform lives and societies' and focuses on addressing global challenges in collaboration with key national and international partners and stakeholders.

DCU has over 20,000 students in five faculties spread across three academic campuses in the Glasnevin-Drumcondra area of North Dublin. Thanks to its innovative approach to teaching and learning, the University offers a 'transformative student experience' that helps to develop highly sought-after graduates. DCU is currently No. 1 in Ireland for Graduate Employment Rate, and for graduate income (CSO).

DCU is a research-intensive University and is home to a number of SFI-funded Research Centres. The University participates in a range of European and international research partnerships. DCU is also the leading Irish university in the area of technology transfer as reflected by licensing of intellectual property.

As a 'People First' institution, DCU is committed to Equality, Diversity and Inclusion - a University that helps staff and students to thrive. The University is a leader in terms of its work to increase access to education, and is placed in the world's Top 10 for reducing inequalities in the Times Higher Education Impact Rankings.

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 fifty research students and offers a structured PhD in Politics and International Relations.

The School of Law and Government intends to appoint a new Assistant Professor in Politics, to begin on 1 August 2023. The successful candidate will be expected to teach a final year Undergraduate and a postgraduate module in an area of their research expertise, and a number of other modules as agreed with the Head of School. The post is open in terms of specialism but we have teaching needs in the area of comparative politics (particularly in a non-Western context), political theory, and the politics of China. 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 position will report to the Head of School and work closely with other colleagues, the Teaching Convenor/Associate Dean of Teaching, Learning, and industry partners. Building positive relationships with professional support staff and technical and pedagogy specialists and engagement with key stakeholders within and outside of DCU is an important part of this role.

Duties and Responsibilities

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

Teaching and Learning

The successful candidate will be required to contribute to the development, teaching, assessment, and administration of our modules across a range of undergraduate and postgraduate programmes:

- To include the design and delivery of modules on the School's suite of postgraduate and undergraduate programmes.
- Supervising undergraduate and taught postgraduate theses, and
- Contributing to the wider teaching of the School, as required by the Head of School.

Research and Scholarship

The successful candidate will be committed to high-quality research and publication in the field of public policy on an individual and a collaborative basis. The successful candidate will be expected to:

- Publish articles in leading peer-review journals and/or books with high-profile publishers;
- Develop and promote research initiatives with the School Law and Government and the wider university.

Service and Contribution to University and Society

Activities taken on the successful candidate's own initiative, or allocated by the Head of School, may include:

- Engaging with policy-makers and the media,
- Participating in school and university meetings,
- Representing the School in marketing and the recruitment of students,
- Developing relationships with stakeholders within and outside the University.

Qualifications and Experience

- Applicants must hold an honours degree in a relevant discipline, and should be qualified to a post-graduate level with a PhD specialism in Political Science, Political Theory, Comparative Politics, or a related discipline.
- The successful candidates should ideally have a minimum of three years' relevant post-doctoral experience.
- 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.
- Applications are specifically invited from those with strong research credentials and publication record, particularly in one or more of the following research areas:
- The successful applicants will also have demonstrated potential to establish an independent research programme and attract research funding from competitive research funding schemes and/or industry.
- Candidates should demonstrate excellent interpersonal and communication skills consistent with the highest quality of teaching and learning, along with evidence of successful teamwork and a collegial approach