



JOB DESCRIPTION

**Assistant Professor in Geography Education
School of STEM Education, Innovation and Global Studies
DCU Institute of Education
Permanent Contract**

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 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 and has a strong research focus in the disciplines of STEM Education, History and Geography Education, Education for Sustainability, Global Citizenship Education, and Human Rights and Citizenship Education. 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.

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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 with a particular focus on geography in primary education.

This teaching will include module design, development and assessment. The candidate will be expected to model and develop innovative practices geography education and contribute to developments in this area to assist the priorities of the Institute of Education. In addition, they are 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. The candidate is expected to engage in school placement including its attendant duties of assisting and evaluating students on school visits and writing reports.

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 their specialist field in geography education and/or 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, preferably at Doctoral level, in areas related to geography education
- A strong academic background in the area of geography. This can include Geography, Global Citizenship and Sustainability, and Environmental Education, including outdoor learning.
- 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 with an emerging or established record of publications.
- Strong communication skills.
- Capacity to collaborate and work closely with others.

**The position is subject to the candidate being Garda Vetted.*