Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for the following position

Teaching Assistant
School of English
Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences
12 Months 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.

Overview of the department
The School of English, Dublin City University, is a research active and vibrant School with specialist knowledge in creative writing, children's and young adult literature, poetry, Irish Studies, and studies in the long-nineteenth century.

The School of English teaches into a number of undergraduate programmes (including the Bachelor of Arts Joint Honours (BAJH), the Bachelor of Arts Media Studies, and the Bachelor of Religious Education programmes), two taught postgraduate programmes – Creative Writing (MACW), and

Children's and Young Adult Literature (MAHCL) – and a PhD programme. The School is also home to the Centre for Research in Children's and Young Adult Literature and the Irish Centre for Poetry Studies.

The School of English is committed to high-quality research and publications and supports its staff in such work.

Role Profile

Teaching Assistants are essential members of the University's academic community. The School of English is now seeking to recruit a Teaching Assistant who will be assigned, in particular, to the MACW programme, but who will also contribute to the BAJH and MAHCL programmes, as required. The successful individual will have experience of supervising minor undergraduate and postgraduate research essays and dissertations, particularly in creative writing (playwriting).

The Teaching Assistant will work under the direction of the faculty members who have overall responsibility for the programmes and will report to the Head of School. The purpose of the role is to provide assistance in the preparation, assessment and delivery of teaching and learning within the programmes. This post offers an attractive opportunity for personal development while working within an innovative and supportive environment.

Duties and Responsibilities
Please refer to the job description for a list of duties and responsibilities associated with this role.

Qualifications and Experience

Post holder will hold a primary degree (Level 8) or equivalent in a relevant discipline and be educated to postgraduate level and have sufficient knowledge of English literature, but particularly experience in creative writing (playwriting) and the teaching of same. They must have good communication and interpersonal skills, be interested in student learning and be motivated to contribute to the successful running of the School. The successful individual will be technically skilled to assist with online learning.

Essential Training

The post holder 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.

Salary Scale:
Teaching assistant salary scale: €30,306 - €33,545 *refer to* [DCU Payscales](#) *for the applicable payscale.*

Appointment will be commensurate with qualifications and experience and in line with current Government pay policy

Closing date: 31st May 2022

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Informal Enquiries in relation to this role should be directed to:
Dr Keith O'Sullivan, Head of School, Dublin City University. Email: keith.osullivan@dcu.ie

Application Procedure:
Please submit a cover letter and CV to keith.osullivan@dcu.ie

Please clearly state the role that you are applying for in your application and email subject line: Job Ref #ST1675 Teaching Assistant, School of English.