



Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for the following position

Part-Time Graphic Designer
DCU Communications and Marketing Department
Permanent Contract

Overview

Dublin City University www.DCU.ie 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 and Transformation', it is committed to the development of talent, and the discovery and translation of knowledge that advances society and the economy. DCU is the Sunday Times Irish University of the Year 2021.

The University is based on three academic campuses in the Glasnevin-Drumcondra region of north Dublin. It currently has more than 18,000 students 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 creating a transformative student experience, and its positive social and economic impact. This exceptional commitment on the part of its staff and students has led to DCU's ranking among the top 2% of universities globally. It also consistently features in the world's Top 100 Young Universities (currently in QS Top 70 Under 50, Times Higher Top 150 Under 100).

DCU is placed 84th in the world, in the Times Higher Education University Impact Rankings – measuring higher education institutions' contributions towards the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Over the past decade, DCU has also been the leading Irish university in the area of technology transfer, as reflected by licensing of intellectual property.

Overview of the department

The University's Communications and Marketing Department provides strategic leadership and support on all aspects of marketing the University and its programmes, and management of the DCU brand and its positioning. Services offered by the department include advertising and marketing campaign development and management, digital and social media marketing, graphic design, and videography/photography. A key feature of the Department is its integrated, collaborative approach across all briefs to deliver effective marketing solutions for the University's Faculties, Units, and Research Centres in line with the University's strategic objectives.

The Department is now seeking to recruit a Part-Time Graphic Designer to play an active role in the preparation and implementation of the University's Marketing, Advertising, and Design activities.

Role Profile

Reporting to the Head of Marketing, the Part-Time Graphic Designer will be a motivated self-starter, with primary accountability for assisting with graphic design activities across offline, digital, and social media platforms. In doing so, s/he will actively liaise with the Head of Marketing and all members of the University's Communications and Marketing Department, Student Recruitment Office, faculties, schools, and units, contracted advertising agencies, and third party designers.

This demanding and varied role requires a dedicated and responsible individual with proven graphic design and multimedia skills, excellent attention to detail, along with strong customer service, social, and organisational skills, and the ability to effectively project manage, multi-task and prioritise work.

The work pattern associated with this role is Monday to Friday, 1pm - 5.15pm (21.25 hours per week).

Duties and Responsibilities

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

- Daily liaison with the University's Social Media/Marketing Assistant, Graphic Designers, Faculty Managers, Marketing Co-Ordinators, and Communications team to assist with the creation of all graphic design needs for the University;
- Creation of suitably engaging graphic design content for use across various campaigns and platforms;
- Management of the design and production of various print materials for internal and external audiences, including magazines, brochures, invitations, posters, faculty related materials and annual reports;
- Concept creation and the development of design assets for events and specific projects, including signage, artwork displays, infographics and various digital and print collateral;
- Liaison with the University's faculties and units to create various digital assets for use across the University's website, social media channels and advertising/marketing campaigns;
- Maintenance and regular updating of the department's database of photography and video assets;
- Coordination of various projects within the Marketing Department, and any other activities assigned by the Head of Marketing.

Qualifications and Experience

Essential Criteria

Candidates must have a primary degree in Visual Communications or Graphic Design or an equivalent (NFQ level 7) qualification.

Desirable Criteria

In addition to the above, candidates will ideally have the following;

- A minimum of two years' graphic design and multimedia experience with the ability to provide evidence of both;

- A demonstrable knowledge of graphic design and multimedia;
- An excellent working knowledge of the Adobe Creative Cloud Suite (InDesign, Photoshop, Illustrator etc.);
- Demonstrable ability to work with multiple digital technologies and a solid comprehension of mobile and web technology;
- Knowledge and experience of creating HTML5 banner ads and Adobe Dreamweaver would be desirable, but not essential
- Knowledge of Adobe After Effects and experience with motion graphics would be considered advantageous
- An interest in or/ comprehension of Drupal CMS;
- Excellent customer service skills;
- Strong presentation and communication skills - both verbal and written;
- Excellent attention to detail and the ability to make sound judgements/decisions;
- Strong creative flair and the ability to create, and evaluate various creative outputs;
- Strong social skills, and the ability to build and manage relationships with colleagues within the department and the broader University environment;
- Be a solution - oriented team player, with the ability to seek and take direction, where necessary from the department Head and other members of the Marketing team;

Mandatory Training

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

Competencies required

Candidates will be assessed under the following competencies;

Innovative and Creative Thinking

Has the ability to think creatively and uses initiative. Promotes improvement ideas to more senior colleagues in own division/department/team. Encourages and values new ideas, perceptions and suggestions.

Communication

Actively listens and communicates in a clear manner. Uses a variety of communication methods in a professional way and appropriate to the audience. Can communicate the demands of the task at hand to relevant stakeholders in an engaging and convincing manner, in order to progress a project effectively.

Personal Effectiveness and Excellence

Continually strives for excellence when delivering role objectives. Is effective in planning, organising and managing their workload. Effective time management skills, the ability to multi- task and prioritise in a busy deadline driven work environment.

Building & Maintaining Relationships

Ability to develop and maintain good working relationships with colleagues and others in a supportive manner, within and outside the organisation. Ability to show respect for the contribution of others. Experience of working successfully in a team environment.