JOB DESCRIPTION

Assistant Professor in Law
Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences
School of Law and Government
Fixed term 3-year 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.

The School of Law and Government

The School of Law and Government offers programmes in Law both at undergraduate and graduate level, including a BCL (recognised by the Honourable Society of King’s Inns as an approved law degree), a BA in Economics, Politics and Law, Law as a Joint Honours BA subject, an LLM, an MA in European Law & Policy, an MA in Data Protection and Privacy Law, and a PhD programme. The School has a particular interest in European studies, as proven by the DCU Brexit Institute and its multiple EU-funded projects, and promotes interdisciplinary research, through the DCU Law Research Centre. The
School is committed to high quality research, expects its staff to publish regularly in leading journals and supports its staff in such work.

Role Profile

Dublin City University intends to appoint an Assistant Professor in Law, to begin on 1 September 2022. We especially welcome candidates with a strong international research profile. The successful candidate will have proven experience of university teaching. We are particularly interested in candidates with research and teaching expertise in the field of private law including company law, property law, tax law and other relevant areas. The successful candidate will be given the opportunity to teach in their research specialisation and interests but will also be required to take up teaching responsibilities in other areas, particularly on the BCL programme.

The School also offers opportunities to supervise PhD candidates, and encourages and supports applications for external research funding. 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.

Duties and Responsibilities

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

Research and Scholarship

The successful candidate will be expected to:

- Publish articles in leading peer-review journals and/or books with high-profile publishers;
- Develop and support research initiatives, including within the framework of the existing areas of research excellence at the Law Research Centre
- Apply for external funding to support the school research agenda

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 undergraduate law programmes,
- The design and delivery of other interdisciplinary modules, where appropriate,
- Actively supporting and evaluating students on placement visits and writing reports,
- Contributing to the design, development, and management of future programmes and other developments in the field of law,
- Supervising undergraduate and postgraduate theses.

Service and Contribution to University and Society

The successful candidate will have a role in:

- Contributing to the organization of research and policy events
- Engaging with the policy-makers and the media,
- Participating in school and university meetings,
- Developing relationships with stakeholders within and outside the University.

**Qualifications and Experience**

- Applicants for the position must hold an honours degree, and must have completed or submitted a PhD in law, and have some experience of university teaching.
- They must have at least three years’ relevant experience, with appropriate higher-level teaching experience.
- The successful individual will be able to convincingly demonstrate a strong commitment to academic research and will have a track-record of international peer-reviewed publications.
- The successful candidate should be capable of working in a team and contributing to developing the teaching and research agenda of the School, as well as supporting the School’s fund-raising activities through grant applications.

**Essential Training**

The successful individual 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.