



Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for the following position:

**Assistant Professor in Education
School of Policy and Practice
DCU Institute of Education
Three Year Fixed Term Contract**

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 Institute of Education

The DCU Institute of Education is the newest faculty of Dublin City University. It is based in a €70 million purpose built facility on the DCU St Patrick's Campus in Drumcondra in Dublin. Established in 2016 as Ireland's first University faculty of Education, it has a staff of more than 130 full-time academics and a student body in excess of 4,000.

The Institute brings together students of education across all sectors from early childhood, to primary and post-primary and further and higher education. As well as providing a range of undergraduate programmes in education, the Institute offers a rich menu of taught and research-based postgraduate programmes, at doctoral, masters, diploma and certificate levels.

As a centre of expertise and excellence in teacher education and education more generally, the Institute hosts a range of research centres in key areas of priority and has an ambitious and growing programme of research. With internationally recognised experts in education policy, inclusive and special education, curriculum and pedagogy, assessment, literacy, evaluation and teacher education, the Institute provides a dynamic learning and working environment. Staff can expect to encounter opportunities for multi-disciplinary work, not just in the Institute, but across the University. As one of the world's leading young Universities, DCU has established its fifth and newest faculty out of a conviction that studies and research

in education and the preparation and support of teachers are central to the transformation of lives and communities.

Committed to academic excellence and innovation, the DCU Institute of Education is confident its students and staff, and its graduates can flourish and lead in the challenging and complex contexts of 21st century education.

School of Policy and Practice

The School of Policy and Practice is one of the six schools within the DCU Institute of Education. The School represents a unique and innovative departure within the Irish educational landscape. Bringing together academics whose expertise range through primary, post-primary and further education and training, the School's range of experience and engagement spans all levels of educational provision creating an innovative and research-driven community.

Assistant Professor in Education

The School of Policy and Practice is seeking to recruit an Assistant Professor in Education for a three-year fixed term contract. The successful candidate will have particular expertise in professional studies in education, and emerging trends in junior cycle and senior cycle education. In addition, a significant element of the role will involve the coordination and development of school placement across IoE and DCU post primary teacher education programmes as part of a team of school placement coordinators.

Duties and Responsibilities

The post will have a range of responsibilities including but not limited to the following:

-Teaching and Learning

The candidate will be required to contribute significantly to the development, teaching, assessment and administration of existing and new undergraduate and postgraduate programmes and in the area of school placement. Programmes include the BEd Languages, the BRel Ed, PME, B. Sc Ed and BEd Technology/Engineering/Graphics (the latter programme is delivered in conjunction with Athlone IT). This teaching will include module design and delivery and placement practice including its attendant duties of supporting and evaluating students on placement visits and writing reports. The successful candidate will also be expected to contribute to the design, delivery, and development of modules in child protection for student teachers in preparation for their school placement experience.

In addition, the candidate is 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.

-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 field and to contribute to, develop and support research initiatives within the School of Policy and Practice and the wider faculty. They will contribute to the scholarship and intellectual life of the University, contributing to the development of the DCU Institute of Education research agenda. Familiarity with Evidence Informed Practice and Policy implementation and analysis across the continuum of education is desirable.

-Contribution to the School and IOE

The responsibilities of this position will require engagement with schools, with the Teaching Council, and other education stakeholders. The candidate will undertake administrative functions related to the activities of the School of Policy and Practice and the IOE as required. These activities defined by the Head of School will include participating in School and programme meetings, representing the School and IOE in marketing and recruitment of students, developing relationships with stakeholders, participating in open days, organisation of conferences and seminars.

Candidate Requirements

Applicants for the post should ideally hold or be in the final stages of completing a doctorate in education or associated field, with a background in post-primary teaching and solid foundations in mentoring and professional development. Familiarity with the Irish education system will be important. The successful candidate will also have a familiarity with online course delivery systems.

The position is subject to the candidate being Garda Vetted.

Essential 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.