



**ICE Project Lead
DCU ICE (Innovation, Creativity and Enterprise)
Professional 5
2 Year Fixed Term Contract**

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

DCU ICE is a strategic initiative designed to bring together, highlight, publicise and develop, DCU’s extensive activity across the areas of innovation, creativity and enterprise. The existing activity in these areas will continue and develop across the university, led by academics and students, while

ICE will provide a mechanism to make this activity visible and highlight areas of potential collaboration, synergy and opportunity.

Role Profile

The ICE Project Lead will play a central role in supporting the practitioners to realise the potential of the ICE initiative. The development of an ICE web site, a database of ICE activity, and coordinating the relationships with companies, partners and internal stakeholders are key aspects of this role. The Project Lead will provide support to the ICE Working Group and its Chair, by managing relevant events etc.

Duties and Responsibilities

The principal duties and responsibilities of the position include but are not limited to the following:

- Assist with the development of an ICE strategy which will cultivate a holistic and comprehensive 'DCU brand' of Innovation, Creativity and Enterprise, including appropriate branding and marketing
- Liaise with internal stakeholders across the academic faculties, and with DCU Alpha companies, to identify opportunities for teamwork and access to expertise.
- Develop a marketing and awareness campaign to attract funding into the accelerator programme.
- Develop an entrepreneurship accelerator programme of workshops, advice clinics, matching of staff and student needs to existing expertise (internal and external)
- Develop of a database of existing relevant activity
- Develop of a matrix of related activity to achieve cohesion, economies of scale, leverage resources and increase impact
- Ensure synergy with the curriculum (DCU Futures), DCU Alpha, international relationships (e.g. ECIU) and Student Entrepreneurship activities amongst others
- Identify funding opportunities and assist with the application process, providing coordination across relevant stakeholders in submission and acquisition of a stream of grant income, to make the area and the post self-funding.
- Supervise the ICE Enterprise Development Co-ordinator

Essential

- A primary degree is essential for this role

In addition, the successful candidate will ideally have:

- 5+ years' experience in project management/coordination across multiple departments or organisations
- Experience of successfully delivering in the innovation/entrepreneurship area
- Experience of industry/academic liaison
- Energetic, enthusiastic and dynamic approach
- Ability to work independently as well as part of a team
- Self-starter
- Strong IT skills
- Experience of projects or organisations in the area of innovation, creativity or entrepreneurship would be an advantage as would a qualification in project management