



**DCU ICE (Innovation, Creativity and Enterprise)
ICE Student Enterprise Development Co-ordinator
Professional 3
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. ICE will provide a locus to assist student innovators to bring their ideas to reality.

Role Profile

This role will be student focused and will play a central role in reigniting and operationalising the DCU Student Entrepreneurship Accelerator Programme. This will involve creating a ‘maker space’ and hub of entrepreneurial activity where students will have access to resources, advice and expertise, to bring their ideas to commercial reality. The co-ordinator will assist to the ICE Working Group and its Chair, arranging and documenting meetings.

Duties and Responsibilities:

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

- Assist with Identifying funding opportunities.
- Assist the ICE Project Lead in preparing students for relevant competitions and awards process.
- Contribute to pitching ideas to acquire funding and other backing.
- Equip the existing space appropriately, based on input from the ICE working group
- Assist the ICE Project Lead in identifying the suite of support activities required to ensure maximum support for students involved in the programme
- Co-ordinate and assist with the development of a plan to attract and prepare students to enter the annual Student Enterprise Awards
- Assist in the development of a student entrepreneurship strategy
- Alongside the Project Lead, aid with the design of a competitive process for seed funding of student projects
- Co-ordinate the activities of an entrepreneurship accelerator programme of workshops, advice clinics, matching of student needs to existing expertise (internal and external)

Qualifications and Experience

The successful candidate will ideally have:

- Knowledge and experience of successful; student accelerator programmes
- Familiarity with relevant activities such as hackathons, design thinking and start-up models
- Passion and enthusiasm for entrepreneurship
- Knowledge of relevant funding schemes and sources
- Excellent networking skills