



JOB DESCRIPTION

**Assistant Professor in Urban Geography
School of History and Geography
Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences
Fixed Term Three Year Contract**

Dublin City University

Dublin City University (DCU) is a leading innovative European University. It is proud to be one of the world's leading Young Universities and is among the world's top 2% globally. DCU is known as Ireland's University of Impact, with a mission to 'transform lives and societies' and focuses on addressing global challenges in collaboration with key national and international partners and stakeholders.

DCU has over 20,000 students in five faculties spread across three academic campuses in the Glasnevin-Drumcondra area of North Dublin. Thanks to its innovative approach to teaching and learning, the University offers a 'transformative student experience' that helps to develop highly sought-after graduates. DCU is currently No. 1 in Ireland for Graduate Employment Rate, and for graduate income (CSO).

DCU is a research-intensive University and is home to a number of SFI-funded Research Centres. The University participates in a range of European and international research partnerships. DCU is also the leading Irish university in the area of technology transfer as reflected by licensing of intellectual property.

As a 'People First' institution, DCU is committed to Equality, Diversity and Inclusion - a University that helps staff and students to thrive. The University is a leader in terms of its work to increase access to education, and is placed in the world's Top 10 for reducing inequalities in the Times Higher Education Impact Rankings.

Overview of the department

The School of History and Geography is an ambitious, research-intensive School in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences. While possessing and promoting an international perspective, the School has a particular focus on Ireland – its geography, history and landscape. The combining of History and Geography has created a School that is unique in Ireland in its interdisciplinary range and research potential, and is well positioned to play a leading role, nationally and internationally, in the disciplines of History, Geography and Irish Studies

Role Profile

Dublin City University intends to appoint an Assistant Professor in Urban Geography. The role includes teaching, supervision of practical sessions, student mentoring and supervision of taught projects and research. The appointee will be expected to support the School in implementing an innovative curriculum project, specifically:

- Supporting the delivery of Geography on the BA Joint Honours programme, and the development and delivery of the new BA in Climate and Environmental Sustainability, ensuring an industry engaged, research-led approach, integration of challenge-based learning, digital tools and hybrid delivery.
- Broader implementation of teaching approaches into other target programmes in the school, and
- Engaging with university-wide elements of the initiative including cross faculty cooperation, project evaluation and reporting.

Duties and Responsibilities

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

Teaching and Learning

Prepare, deliver and assess a range of core subjects in a manner consistent with DCU's high academic standards and in a hybrid environment which involves campus and elements of remote delivery. Teaching extends to supporting innovation in curricula development. Typical activities include:

- Developing and delivering new or reconceptualised modules and resources.
- Contributing to the design and development of new programmes.
- Designing and assessing examinations and other types of coursework.
- Using a wide range of teaching and assessment methodologies which foster a deep approach to learning and equip students with the skills and attributes needed to be lifelong learners including challenge-based learning and concentrated and immersive learning experiences.
- Co-designing with other academics and industry partners a suite of tools and initiatives that support the transversal skills pathway and embedding transversal skills development, diagnostics and assessments into new and existing programmes.
- Designing and supervision of practical and field sessions, and student mentoring.
- Proactively engaging with the renewal of existing courses and programmes.
- Engaging with professional development for teaching particularly in that related to the approaches embedded in the project.

Research and Scholarship

He/she will be expected to sustain and conduct research, engage in scholarship of quality and substance, generate research income, supervise postgraduate students and publish to the highest international standard both individually and, where appropriate, in collaboration with colleagues in DCU and elsewhere. The appointee will be expected to have clearly articulated research interests and research profile development plans that support the school's current research priorities, and which will underpin senior modules and projects.

Service and Contribution to the University and Society

- Engagement with planning, quality review and improvement processes, and external programme accreditations.

- Involvement with appropriate professional bodies and associated initiatives.
- Development and delivery of the international activities of the School including international travel to do so.
- Adoption of some administrative functions related to the activities of the School, the Faculty, and the wider University. Such duties will be defined by the Head of School and may include some of the following: degree programme coordination; participation in committees; visits to students on industrial placement within the DCU INTRA programme; student recruitment.

Qualifications and Experience

- Applicants must hold a PhD in Geography, with a research specialism in contemporary urban geography.
- Applicants must have demonstrated teaching experience at undergraduate and/or postgraduate level, ideally including experience in innovative pedagogies and/or assessments, international and/or online or technology-assisted teaching.
- The successful candidates should ideally have a minimum of three years' relevant post-doctoral experience.
- Applications are specifically invited from those working on sustainable cities and urban communities, issues of health in urban planning.
- Applicants must demonstrate how their research complements existing strengths in the school: urban historical geography; social geography; urban sustainability, political geography.
- The successful applicants will also have demonstrated potential to establish an independent research programme and attract research funding from competitive research funding schemes and/or industry.
- Candidates should demonstrate excellent interpersonal and communication skills consistent with the highest quality of teaching and learning, together with evidence of successful teamwork and a collegial approach.