



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

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| <b>Research Centre</b> | School of Biotechnology      |
| <b>Post title</b>      | Research Assistant           |
|                        | Bioprocess Engineering       |
| <b>Post duration</b>   | 11-month 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.

## **Background & Role**

The School of Biotechnology at Dublin City University invites applications for a Research Assistant role in Microbial Bioprocess Engineering to work on a collaborative project valorising waste-streams using Lactic Acid Bacteria towards the development of compositable biopolymers. The position is available from August 2022, for 11-months.

The goal of this specific project is bioprocess development & optimisations, both Up-Stream and Down-Stream towards the production of high-quality Lactic Acid from waste feedstocks. Extensive bench-scale development & optimisation using Process Analytical Tools will be required along with pilot and production scale testing. This is an excellent opportunity for graduates looking to get practical experience in development of a bench-scale bioprocess, while supporting scale-up and down-stream processing. The work will be undertaken in the Microbial Bioprocessing Facility (School of Biotechnology) but the project will involve collaboration with the Schools of Physical Sciences, Chemical Science, and Nursing, Psychotherapy and Community Health in Dublin City University.

## **Principal Duties and Responsibilities**

Please refer to the job description for a list of duties and responsibilities associated with this role.

## **Minimum Criteria**

Essential:

- Applicants should have an undergraduate degree in the following fields: Bioprocess Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering or Microbial Biotechnology.

Desirable:

- Experience in LabVIEW programming, microbial bioprocessing and down-stream processing techniques advantageous.
- Applicants should be able to demonstrate their ability to work in multidisciplinary and high collaborative projects.

## **Essential Training**

The successful individual 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.

**Salary:** Research Assistant Salary scale Point 1- 3 - €27,380 - €28,549

*\*Appointment will be commensurate with qualifications and experience and will be made on the appropriate point of the IUA Researcher salary scale, in line with current Government pay policy.*

**Closing date:** 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022

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**Informal Enquiries in relation to this role should be directed to:**

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**Application procedure:**

Application forms are available from the DCU Current Vacancies website at <http://www.dcu.ie/vacancies/current.shtml>

Applications should be submitted by e-mail with your completed application form and CV to:

[mehreen.mahmud@dcu.ie](mailto:mehreen.mahmud@dcu.ie)

**Please clearly state the role that you are applying for in your application and email subject line:  
Job Reference #RF1699 Research Assistant in Bioprocess Engineering.**

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