JOB DESCRIPTION

Assistant Professor in EU Law
Brexit Institute / School of Law & Government
Horizon Europe REGROUP project
3 Years Fixed Term contract (Full-Time)

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

The Brexit Institute (http://dcubrexitinstitute.eu/) is a research and policy center established at DCU in summer 2017. The Institute is led by Prof. Federico Fabbrini, and has a team of full-time international researchers and affiliates staff from across the University working on both EU affairs generally and Brexit-related issues specifically. The Brexit Institute organizes academic events and policy workshops, produces scientific publications and policy contributions, and engages broadly with public and private bodies on a topic of great societal relevance. The Brexit Institute also runs a number of EU-funded international projects, including the Jean Monnet Network BRIDGE (2019-2022) and the
Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence REBUILD (2022-2025), both focusing on the future of European integration. Moreover, the Institute has received funding for a Jean Monnet Module (2023-2026) on Post-Brexit Law, to be taught within the Master’s programme of the School of Law & Government. Finally, the Institute is part of the Horizon Europe project REGROUP (2022-2025), which is a consortium led by the University of Groningen focusing on the resilience of the EU beyond the Covid-19 pandemic: specifically, DCU leads the REGROUP Work-package (WP) on Legal & Constitutional Issues.

Role Profile

DCU intends to appoint a full-time Assistant Professor in EU law, to teach in the field of EU institutional law and Brexit and to undertake research in the framework of the Horizon Europe REGROUP project and beyond. The selected candidate will work under the leadership and direction of Federico Fabbrini (Full Professor of European Law, and Founding Director of the Brexit Institute) and contribute to the development of the DCU Brexit Institute and its activities. It is envisaged that this appointment will commence in January 2023 or shortly afterwards.

Duties and Responsibilities

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

Teaching and Learning

- Contribute to teaching within the School of Law & Government of Dublin City University, including by taking up responsibility for the full delivery of specific graduate modules in the field of EU institutional law and the law and politics of Brexit, including the marking of exams and the corresponding administrative obligations, for a total of at least 52h of annual teaching as required by EU-funded Jean Monnet Module scheme;
- Contribute to the development of Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) projects as may be necessary and required in specific EU-funded research program;

Research and Scholarship

- Contribute to the research programme of the REGROUP project, including promoting the dissemination of the research outcomes to the broader public;
- Contribute to the organization of academic and policy seminars and workshops;
- Participate in the production of project related deliverables on time and in full;

Service and Contribution to the University and Society

- Contribute to fund-raising, including applying for externally funded grants individually or in collaboration, as indicated by the Principal Investigator;
- Develop or contribute to research proposals in line with research programme in partnership with the Principal Investigator;
- Carry out administrative work associated with the programme as necessary.

Qualifications and Experience

- Applicants must hold an honours degree in a relevant discipline and should have, or be near completion, of a PhD in European Law.
- Prior teaching experience at undergraduate level, ideally including experience in innovative pedagogies and/or assessments, and/or online or technology-assisted teaching is desirable.
Individuals should demonstrate excellent interpersonal and communication skills consistent with the highest quality of teaching and learning, along with evidence of successful teamwork and a collegial approach and be capable of contributing to the development of research and the policy agenda of the Centre.

Essential Training

The postholder will be required to undertake the following essential compliance training: Orientation, Health & Safety and Data Protection (GDPR). Other training may need to be undertaken when required.