



Job Description

**Assistant Professor in Communication Studies
Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences
School of Communications
4 Month 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 and the role

The School of Communications at DCU is home to almost 1,000 students at undergraduate, postgraduate and PhD levels. With a tradition stretching back almost 40 years, the School is defined by excellence in both teaching and research in journalism, multimedia and communications studies. In the most recent QS global subject rankings DCU was in the top 250 of almost 4,500 universities worldwide in the area of communications. The School's academics undertake research that

contributes to national and international debates and to public policy formation. They have also led research projects supported by national and international funders.

DCU has a strong track record in attracting both Irish and European Union funding under FP7, Horizon 2020, Marie Curie Actions and Erasmus. The University offers a dynamic and internationally focused environment in which to advance your academic career.

Role Profile

The School offers undergraduate degrees in Journalism, Multimedia and Communication Studies as well as Media Studies on the Bachelor of Arts (Joint Honours) programme. It offers postgraduate degrees in Journalism, Political Communication, Public Relations, Emerging Media, Science and Health Communication, Climate Change and Social Media Studies. The School also offers structured PhD programmes in Communication Studies and Journalism Studies. We are now seeking to appoint an Assistant Professor in Communication studies for a 4 month fixed term contract.

Duties and Responsibilities

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

Teaching and Learning

The successful individual will be expected to:

- Teach a variety of modules at undergraduate and postgraduate level during semester one (September to December) of the 2022/23 academic year;
- Participate in School activities, contribute to the development of the School's profile in teaching and to undertake administrative duties related to the position;
- Create, update, teach, assess and coordinate modules at undergraduate, postgraduate and PhD level;

Research

The successful individual will be expected to sustain and conduct research, engage in scholarship of quality and substance, 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 related to the new degree programme(s) or specialism.

Service and Contribution to University & Society

- The appointee will undertake administrative functions related to the activities of the School of Communication;
- Develop relationships with stakeholders within and outside the University.
- Undertake duties as defined by the Head of School and may include: programme co-ordination; participation in Faculty committees; participation in meetings; organisation of conferences and seminars, etc.

Qualifications and Experience

Essential Criteria:

- Applicants must hold a PhD in a relevant area such as Communication Studies or Sociology;
- They must have at least three years' relevant experience, with appropriate higher-level teaching experience;
- The successful individual will be able to convincingly demonstrate a strong commitment to academic research and will have a track-record of international peer-reviewed publications;
- The successful candidate should be capable of working in a team and contributing to developing the teaching and research agenda of the School, as well as knowledge of the national and EU research funding landscape;
- Excellent organisational and communication skills.

Desirable Criteria:

- Experience of research supervision at undergraduate, Masters and PhD level;
- Administrative experience in a university environment;
- Expertise in facilitating extra-curricular activities within a University setting.

Essential Training

The post holder 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.

Dublin City University is an equal opportunities employer.

In line with the Employment Equality Acts 1998 – 2015, the University is committed to equality of treatment for all those who engage with its recruitment, selection and appointment processes.

The University's Athena SWAN Bronze Award signifies the University's commitment to promoting gender equality and addressing any gender pay gaps. Information on a range of university policies aimed at creating a supportive and flexible work environment are available in the [DCU Policy Starter Packs](#)