



Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for the following position

**Teaching Assistant in Physical Education (PE)**  
**School of Arts Education and Movement**  
**DCU Institute of Education**  
**10 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.

**Overview of the department**

The **DCU Institute of Education** is the newest faculty of Dublin City University. It is based in a €70 million purpose built facility on the DCU St Patrick's Campus in Drumcondra in Dublin. Established in

2016 as Ireland's first University faculty of Education, it has a staff of more than 130 full-time academics and a student body in excess of 4,000.

The Institute brings together students of education across all sectors from early childhood, to primary and post-primary and further and higher education. As well as providing a range of undergraduate programmes in education, the Institute offers a rich menu of taught and research-based post-graduate programmes, at doctoral, masters, diploma and certificate levels.

As a centre of expertise and excellence in teacher education and education more generally, the Institute hosts a range of research centres in key areas of priority and has an ambitious and growing programme of research. With internationally recognised experts in education policy, inclusive and special education, curriculum and pedagogy, assessment, sustainability, literacy, evaluation, digital learning and teacher education, the Institute provides a dynamic learning and working environment. Staff can expect to encounter opportunities for multi-disciplinary work, not just in the Institute, but across the University. As one of the world's leading young Universities, DCU has established its fifth and newest faculty out of a conviction that studies and research in education and the preparation and support of teachers are central to the transformation of lives and communities.

Committed to academic excellence and innovation, the DCU Institute of Education is confident its students and staff, and its graduates can flourish and lead in the challenging and complex contexts of education in the 21st century.

The **School of Arts Education and Movement** is one of the six schools within the DCU Institute of Education. The School is made up of a dynamic and unique group of scholars, researchers and teacher educators working together in collaboration and growing the national and international reputation of the School through the award of prestigious fellowships, securing large-scale research grants, and the publication of research in the leading journals in the field. Academic interests span Teacher Education, Visual Arts Education, Physical Education, Music Education, Art Education and Arts Education generally, as well as a range of other interdisciplinary dimensions including creativity, inclusion, wellbeing and technology.

### **Role Profile**

The School of Arts Education and Movement is seeking to recruit a Teaching Assistant in Physical Education to join its Physical Education team on a 10-month fixed-term capacity with a start date of **1<sup>st</sup> September 2022**.

Teaching Assistants (TAs) are essential members of the University's academic community. The successful individual will be assigned to the School of Arts Education and Movement, DCU Institute of Education, and will assist with the delivery of its taught undergraduate and postgraduate programmes. This post offers an attractive opportunity for personal development while working within an innovative and supportive environment.

Further information concerning DCU Institute of Education is provided in the Information Pack and can be found at [http://www.dcu.ie/institute\\_of\\_education/index.shtml](http://www.dcu.ie/institute_of_education/index.shtml).

## **Duties and Responsibilities**

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

## **Qualifications and Experience**

### **Essential**

- Primary degree (NFQ Level 8) in a relevant area and ideally a post-graduate qualification in areas related to Physical Education.
- Relevant experience

### **The ideal candidate will have the following qualifications and experience**

- Knowledge of specialist as well generalist areas of Physical Education in centres, schools or teacher education contexts
- Postgraduate qualification in Physical Education or related area
- Strong social, team-work skills and organisational skills
- Dedicated to student learning

### **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.

### **Salary Scale:**

Teaching Assistant: €30,306 - €33,545 (*pro rata*)

Appointment will be commensurate with qualifications and experience and in line with Government pay policy.

**Closing date:** Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022

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

Associate Professor, Regina Murphy, Head of School of Arts Education & Movement, DCU Institute of Education.

Email: [regina.murphy@dcu.ie](mailto:regina.murphy@dcu.ie)

### **Application Procedure:**

Application forms are available from the DCU Current Vacancies website at <https://www.dcu.ie/hr/vacancies-current-vacancies-external-applicants>

The completed applications should be submitted by email with a cover letter to [regina.murphy@dcu.ie](mailto:regina.murphy@dcu.ie)

Please clearly state the role that you are applying for in your application and email subject line:  
Job Ref #ST1702 Teaching Assistant in Physical Education

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