



Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for the following position

**Project Officer (Deaf Education)  
Professional 4 P4  
School of inclusive and Special Education  
DCU Institute of Education  
13 Months part time (3 days/week)**

**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.

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**Overview of the department**

The School of Inclusive and Special Education is the first such school in an Irish university. It draws on the rich traditions in the field of St Patrick's College and the Church of Ireland College of Education. It has a critical mass of expertise in areas of inclusive education and special education and is committed to supporting the rights of all children and young people to an appropriate education and to learning for all. It has a strong research focus with staff and students creating a vibrant community of inquiry.

The School offers a full suite of post graduate programmes from Certificate to Doctoral level in face to face, blended and online formats. In addition, staff contribute throughout the Institute to initial teacher education and to other postgraduate programmes.

The School hosts a number of initiatives relating to deaf education. Two such initiatives are the ISL STEM Glossary and the B.Ed ISL Pathway. The Irish Sign Language STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) Glossary Project was established in 2018 and is primarily funded by Science Foundation Ireland. The project aims to promote and support STEM education for deaf and hard of hearing learners by producing an open-source glossary of scientific terms in Irish Sign Language. The glossary can be viewed here: [www.dcu.ie/islstem](http://www.dcu.ie/islstem) The Bachelor of Education Irish Sign Language Pathway is an entry route into primary teaching for deaf and hard of hearing applicants who use Irish Sign language. The pathway has been funded as a pilot by the HEA PATH initiative. The pilot ran from 2019 to 2023 and is currently being evaluated. A second cohort will start in September 2024 but a plan of capacity building activities for candidates will be rolled out before then.

### **Role Profile**

The School of Inclusive and Special Education is hiring a project officer for the Irish Sign Language STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) Glossary Project AND the B.Ed ISL Pathway. This position is part-funded by Science Foundation Ireland and the Higher Education Authority PATH fund. The project officer will work under the management of the project lead for both initiatives, Dr. Elizabeth Mathews.

The role will be situated within the School of Inclusive and Special Education on DCU St. Patrick's Campus.

### **Duties and Responsibilities**

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

### **Qualifications and Experience**

- Primary degree NFQ Level 7
- At least 3 years relevant experience
- Excellent interpersonal and organisational skills
- High level of competence in computer literacy, especially Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Zoom (or equivalents)
- Good written and verbal (e.g. through ISL) skills
- Experience in project or event management, including managing a budget and leading a team
- Proficiency in Irish Sign Language

#### **Desirable qualifications:**

- Basic video editing skills
- Experience with Agresso, Drupal and Core systems

### **Essential Training**

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

**Salary Scale:**

Professional 4 - €39,939- €59,306 refer to [DCU Payscales](#) for the applicable payscale.

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

**Closing date:** Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023

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

Dr Elizabeth Mathews, School of Inclusive and Special Education, DCU Institute of Education, Dublin City University.

Email: [elizabeth.mathews@dcu.ie](mailto:elizabeth.mathews@dcu.ie)

Please do not send applications to this email address, instead apply as described below.

**Application Procedure:**

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

Applications should be submitted by e-mail with your completed application form to [hr.applications@dcu.ie](mailto:hr.applications@dcu.ie)

**Please clearly state the role that you are applying for in your application and email subject line: #ST1867 Project Officer (Deaf Education)**

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