



Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for the following position

Assistant Professor in Science Education (Primary)
School of STEM Education, Innovation and Global Studies
DCU Institute of Education
11 Month Fixed Term Contract

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.

As a 'People First' institution, DCU is committed to Equality, Diversity and Inclusion - a University that helps staff and students to thrive. The University is a leader in terms of its work to increase access to education, and is placed in the world's Top 10 for reducing inequalities in the Times Higher Education Impact Rankings.

DCU Institute of Education

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, 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.

Overview of the department

The School of STEM Education, Innovation and Global Studies is one of six schools within the DCU Institute of Education. The school contributes to a range of high-quality undergraduate and postgraduate programmes across the education landscape and has a strong research focus in the disciplines of STEM Education, History and Geography Education, Education for Sustainability, Global Citizenship Education, and Human Rights and Citizenship Education. Through its teaching and research, the school is centrally engaged in transforming the Irish education system and is a significant contributor to knowledge creation and policy development in the field of education.

We are now seeking to appoint an Assistant Professor in Science Education, from September 2023, who can support and enhance our dynamic team.

Role Profile

The School of STEM Education, Innovation and Global Studies is seeking to recruit an Assistant Professor in Science Education. The successful candidates will have a strong academic background in the area of science education, with expertise in current innovative pedagogies in science at primary level. A significant element of the role will involve engagement in primary teacher education programmes as part of the Science Education (Primary) team. Familiarity with recent and emerging trends in Irish primary education and in particular, STEM education will be important.

Duties and Responsibilities

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

Qualifications and Experience

- Postgraduate qualification (NFQ Level 8) in a relevant area, preferably at Doctoral level, in areas related to science education.

- A strong academic background in the area of science education, with expertise in current innovative pedagogies in science.
- A minimum of three years' experience as a classroom teacher. Ideally this should be in a primary setting, but experience in early years and/or post-primary education can be considered knowledge of the school system in Ireland.
- Experience in initial teacher education.
- Research experience relevant to the position with an emerging or established record of publications.
- Strong communication skills.
- Capacity to collaborate and work closely with others.

**The position is subject to the candidate being Garda Vetted.*

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:

Assistant Professor (Lecturer Above Bar) - € 58,629 - € 93,957

Assistant Professor (Lecturer below bar): €44,125- €60,422

**Please note candidates must have a PhD to be considered for the Assistant Professor (Above bar) scale.

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

Closing date: Thursday, 3rd August 2023

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

Dr Margaret Leahy, Head of School of STEM, Innovation and Global Studies, DCU Institute of Education, Dublin City University.

Email: Margaret.leahy@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>

Applications should be submitted by e-mail with your completed application form to margaret.leahy@dcu.ie

Please clearly state the role that you are applying for in your application and email subject line: Job Ref # ST1870 Assistant Professor in Science Education (Primary)

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](#)