



JOB DESCRIPTION

Assistant Professor in History

School of History and Geography

Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

Permanent position

Overview

Dublin City University (www.dcu.ie) is a research-intensive, globally-engaged, dynamic institution that is distinguished by both the quality and impact of its graduates and its focus on the translation of knowledge into societal and economic benefit. DCU prepares its students well for success in life, and in the workplace, by providing a high-quality, rounded education appropriate to the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century. As Ireland's University of Enterprise and Transformation, DCU is characterised by a focus on innovation and entrepreneurship and a track-record of effective engagement with the enterprise sector, including commercial, social and cultural enterprises. Excellence in its education and research activities has led to DCU's consistent position in the rankings of the world's top young universities.

The School of History and Geography:

The School of History and Geography is an ambitious, research-focussed school in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences. While maintaining and promoting an international perspective, the School has a particular focus on Ireland – its geography, history and landscape. The combining of History and Geography has created a School that is unique in Ireland in its interdisciplinary range and research potential, and that is well positioned to play a leading role, nationally and internationally, in the disciplines of History, Geography and Irish Studies. Both History and Geography are offered on the Bachelor of Arts: Joint Honours programme, where they are consistently among the most popular subjects. The School teaches History on the Bachelor of Religious Education and History, and contributes to the Bachelor of Education (primary). At postgraduate level both subjects offer a PhD programme; the School delivers an MA in History and contributes to the MSc in Climate Change: Policy, Media and Society. The School has a growing and dynamic postgraduate community.

Role Profile

The School of History and Geography anticipates appointing an Assistant Professor in History, with an expertise in late medieval/early modern Europe commencing on 1 September 2021. The successful candidate will be expected to play an active part in the delivery of the School's taught programmes at undergraduate and postgraduate level and to contribute to the identification, development and

delivery of new programmes. The School offers excellent opportunities for candidates to teach within their own area of research specialisation and to supervise PhD candidates. The School is committed to high quality research: it expects its staff maintain an active research profile, to publish regularly in leading journals and it supports its staff in such work.

Duties and Responsibilities:

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

Teaching and Learning

The successful candidate will contribute to the development, teaching, assessment and administration of modules in the undergraduate and postgraduate programmes delivered in the School by

- Engaging in module design and delivery, including specialist and survey modules
- Contributing to the design, development, and management of existing and future programmes
- Supervising undergraduate research projects and postgraduate theses, and
- Contributing to the wider teaching of the School, as required by the Head.

Research and Scholarship

The successful candidate will be committed to high-quality research and publication on an individual and a collaborative basis. The successful candidate will be expected to:

- Publish articles in leading peer-review journals and/or books with high-profile publishers;
- Develop and support research initiatives with the School History and Geography and the wider university;
- Apply for grants consistent with the School and Faculty's research agenda; and
- Attract and supervise high-calibre PhD students.

Service and Contribution to University and Society

Activities taken on the successful candidate's own initiative, or allocated by the Head of School, may include:

- Engaging with policy-makers and the media;
- Participating in School and University meetings;
- Representing the School in marketing activity and the recruitment of students;
- Developing relationships with stakeholders within and outside the University.

Qualifications and Experience

Applicants for the position must hold an honours degree, should be qualified to a post-graduate level, and have completed a doctoral qualification in History, or cognate discipline, and possess an expertise in the history of late medieval or early modern Europe (pre circa. 1600). The successful candidate will have an excellent research and publications record. They must have at least three years' relevant experience, with appropriate higher-level teaching experience. The successful candidate should be

capable of working in a team and contributing to developing the teaching and research agenda within the School, as well as supporting the School's activities through grant applications. The successful candidate will contribute to the school's undergraduate History programme, through the development and delivery of both survey and special subject courses in medieval and early modern History, and by developing new offerings. The successful candidate will be required to teach undergraduate modules in an area or areas (including Ireland) different to their research specialism.

Mandatory training:

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