



Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for the following position

**Assistant Professor in English**  
**School of English**  
**Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences**  
**Permanent Position**

**Overview**

Dublin City University ([www.DCU.ie](http://www.DCU.ie)) 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 and Transformation’, it is committed to the development of talent, and the discovery and translation of knowledge that advances society and the economy. DCU is the Sunday Times Irish University of the Year 2021.

The University is based on three academic campuses in the Glasnevin-Drumcondra region of north Dublin. It currently has more than 18,000 students 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 creating a transformative student experience, and its positive social and economic impact. This exceptional commitment on the part of its staff and students has led to DCU’s ranking among the top 2% of universities globally. It also consistently features in the world’s Top 100 Young Universities (currently in QS Top 70 Under 50, Times Higher Top 150 Under 100).

DCU is placed 84th in the world, in the Times Higher Education University Impact Rankings – measuring higher education institutions’ contributions towards the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Over the past decade, DCU has also been the leading Irish university in the area of technology transfer, as reflected by licensing of intellectual property.

**The School of English**

The School of English, Dublin City University, is a research active and vibrant school with specialist knowledge in the areas such as Children’s and Young Adult Literature, Creative Writing, Poetry Studies, Irish Studies, and Studies in the Long-Nineteenth Century.

The School of English teaches into a number of undergraduate programmes (including the Bachelor of Arts Joint Honours, the Bachelor of Arts Media Studies, the Bachelor of Religious Education and Bachelor of Education programmes), two taught postgraduate programmes (Creative Writing, and

Children's and Young Adult Literature), and a PhD programme. The school is also home to the Centre for Research in Children's and Young Adult Literature and the Irish Centre for Poetry Studies.

The School of English is committed to high-quality research and publications and supports its staff in such work.

### **Role Profile**

The School of English anticipates appointing an Assistant Professor in English, commencing 1 September 2021.

The successful candidate will be expected to play a dynamic part in the delivery of the school's current taught programmes at undergraduate and postgraduate levels and to contribute to the identification, development and delivery of new programmes.

The successful candidate will have expertise in children's and, particularly, young adult literature. An ability to contribute to the teaching of emerging critical theories (such as ecocriticism, posthumanism or digital humanities) and/or creative writing, at undergraduate and postgraduate levels, would be advantageous.

The successful candidate will also be expected to supervise PhD candidates, maintain a dynamic research profile and to publish regularly in leading journals.

### **Duties and Responsibilities**

Please see the job description for the duties associated with this post.

### **Qualifications and Experience**

Applicants for the position must hold an honours undergraduate degree and have completed a doctoral qualification in English, or a cognate discipline, by 1 September 2021.

The successful candidate will have a primary expertise in children's and/or young adult literature; experience of third-level module development, teaching, assessment, and administration at undergraduate and postgraduate levels; a research and publication record commensurate with experience; and a research and publication plan consistent with the profile and ambitions of the school. The ability to conduct programme administration and management in a public service university environment must be demonstrated. The candidate will possess excellent interpersonal and communication skills consistent with the highest quality of teaching and learning, together with evidence of successful teamwork and a collegial approach.

### **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.

### **Salary Scales**

Assistant Professor/Lecturer above bar: €54,163 - €86,182\*

*\* Appointment will be commensurate with qualifications and experience, and will be made on the appropriate point of the Assistant Professor/Lecturer Above Bar salary scale in line with current Government pay policy*

**Closing date: 17<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

**Further information:**

About DCU and benefits visit: [Why work at DCU?](#)

**Informal Enquiries to:**

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*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 (External Candidates) website at <http://www4.dcu.ie/hr/vacancies/current.shtml>

Applications should be submitted by e-mail 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: **Job Ref #BC0503 Assistant Professor in English**

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*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](#)*