



Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for the following position

**Assistant Professor in Organic/Medicinal Chemistry**  
**School of Chemical Sciences**  
**Faculty of Science & Health**  
**Fixed Term 3-Year Contract**

### **Introduction**

Dublin City University [www.dcu.ie](http://www.dcu.ie) is a young, dynamic and ambitious University with a distinctive mission to transform lives and societies through education, research and innovation. We are a research-intensive, globally-engaged institution, distinguished by both the quality and impact of our graduates, and focus on the translation of knowledge into societal and economic benefit. Excellence in education and research activities has led to DCU's consistent presence in the rankings of the world's top young universities.

Over its relatively short history DCU has developed a strong reputation nationally and internationally for pioneering innovations in higher education. The University is embarking on a period of significant investment in learning innovation across all of its Faculties. This initiative will help us transform the learning experience of undergraduate students at DCU, reconceptualizing learning opportunities, creating authentic connections between the classroom and enterprise, and embedding digital literacies, disciplinary competencies and transversal skills required to truly future-proof our graduates for the rapidly changing workplace. DCU is joined in this project by a strong consortium of enterprise partners, representing key employment sectors in the Irish economy and with a strong presence in DCU's primary catchment area. This programme of innovation is funded under the Irish government's Human Capital Initiative (HCI) supported by the National Training Fund. It will deliver on the ambitions we have to reimagine undergraduate curricula and to embed innovative pedagogies, enhanced use of technology and deep industry engagement.

### **School of Chemical Sciences**

The School of Chemical Sciences [www.dcu.ie/chemistry](http://www.dcu.ie/chemistry) is one of Ireland's most progressive and highest achieving Schools with outstanding facilities, housed within a modern and dynamic city campus. Our goal is to develop graduates with the ability to critically evaluate, and then to solve, chemical and pharmaceutical problems, preparing the highest quality graduates capable of meeting the challenges of the modern industry and research. The School is highly successful at attracting large scale research funding, with our researchers having significant roles within nationally significant university/industry collaborative initiatives and European funded Integrated Training Networks. The School of Chemical Sciences is one of the leading academic schools within DCU. The School is ranked in the top 300 chemistry schools/departments in the world (QS Rankings), a reflection of the School's ambitious research activities and its undergraduate/postgraduate degree programmes.

These programmes include Common Entry into Chemical Sciences, the School's two core undergraduate programmes, namely the BSc in Analytical Science and the BSc in Chemical and Pharmaceutical Sciences as well as the BSc in Environmental Science & Technology and BSc in Science Education.

### **Relationships**

The position will report to the Head of School and work closely with other colleagues, the Teaching Convenor/Associate Dean of Teaching and Learning and industry partners. Building positive relationships with professional support staff and technical and pedagogy specialists and engagement with key stakeholders within and outside DCU is an important part of this role.

### **The Role**

To support the new HCI program the School now plans to make an appointment at Assistant Professor level in the area of organic and medicinal chemistry to support the School with implementing an innovative curriculum project, in partnership with the School of Computing. The appointee will be expected to enhance and consolidate research in at least one of the School's three key research themes: Climate Action – Energy, Water & Sustainability; Advanced Materials & Devices; Therapeutics & Diagnostics.

The appointee will support the School to implement the curriculum project by:

- Developing and delivering a new bachelors programme/specialism, ensuring an industry engaged, research-led approach, integration of challenge based learning, digital tools and hybrid delivery;
- Broadly implementing teaching approaches into other target programmes in the school, and;
- Engaging with University-wide elements of the initiative including cross-faculty cooperation, project evaluation and reporting.

The role includes teaching, supervision of laboratory sessions, student mentoring and supervision of taught projects and research.

### **Duties & Responsibilities**

See job description for full list of duties and responsibilities.

### **Applicant Requirements**

- Applicants must hold an honours degree in a relevant discipline, and should be qualified to a post-graduate level with a PhD specialism in one or more of the following: organic chemistry, organic and medicinal chemistry, polymer drug delivery.
- Applicants should have a minimum of two years' relevant post-doctoral experience.
- Applicants must have demonstrated teaching experience at undergraduate and/or postgraduate level, ideally including experience in innovative pedagogies and/or assessments.
- Applications are specifically invited from those with strong research credentials and publication record that includes corresponding and senior/first author publications.
- The successful applicant will also have demonstrated potential to establish an independent research programme and attract research funding from competitive research funding schemes and/or industry.
- Applicants should demonstrate 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 post holder will be required to undertake the following mandatory compliance training: GDPR, Orientation and Compliance.

**Salary Scale: Assistant Professor (Above Bar) \*€54,163 - €86,182**

\* Appointment will be commensurate with qualifications and experience, and will be made on the appropriate point of the salary scale in line with current Government pay policy.

**Closing Date:** 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021

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**Application Procedure** application forms are available from the DCU Current Vacancies website at <https://www.dcu.ie/hr/vacancies/current.shtml> Applications, accompanied by **cover letter & CV** must 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 #BC0601 Assistant Professor in Organic/Medicinal Chemistry.**

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