



Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for the following position

**Assistant Professor in Communications  
Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences  
School of Communications  
Permanent Contract**

### **Overview**

Dublin City University ([www.dcu.ie](http://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 Communications**

The School of Communications at DCU is home to almost 1,000 students at undergraduate, postgraduate and PhD levels. With a tradition stretching back almost 40 years, the School is defined by excellence in both teaching and research in journalism, multimedia and communications studies. In the most recent QS global subject rankings DCU was in the top 250 of almost 4,500 universities worldwide in the area of communications. The School's academics undertake research that contributes to national and international debates and to public policy formation. They have also led research projects supported by national and international funders.

DCU has a strong track record in attracting both Irish and European Union funding under FP7, Horizon 2020, Marie Curie Actions and Erasmus. The University offers a dynamic and internationally focused environment in which to advance your academic career.

The School offers undergraduate degrees in Journalism, Multimedia and Communication Studies as well as Media Studies on the Bachelor of Arts (Joint Honours) programme. It offers postgraduate degrees in Journalism, Political Communication, Public Relations, Emerging Media, Science and Health Communication, Climate Change and Social Media Studies. The School also offers structured PhD programmes in Communication Studies and Journalism Studies.

### **Role Profile**

Assistant Professor in Communications (Media Studies): The School is seeking to increase staffing on its BA in Communication Studies and the Media Studies component of the University's Joint Honours Arts programme. The successful candidate would be expected to have completed a PhD in a relevant area as well as having undergraduate and postgraduate teaching experience, administrative experience in a university environment and an established research publication record.

### **Duties and Responsibilities**

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

### **Qualifications and Experience**

- Applicants for the position must have an honours degree, should be qualified to a post-graduate level and have completed a doctoral qualification in a relevant area.
- The successful candidate will have an excellent research and publications record.
- They must have at least three years' relevant experience, appropriate higher-level teaching experience and a proven ability to interact with academic and non-academic partners in the media sector.
- The successful candidate should be capable of working in a team and of providing leadership in developing the teaching and research agenda for media study related areas within the School. The School has a number of areas of research expertise and is interested in further expanding teaching and research activities in the broad area of gender and media.

### **Mandatory Training**

The post holder 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 required.

### **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 Lecturer above bar salary scales in line with current Government pay policy.

**Closing date:** 26th February 2021

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

Professor Kevin Rafter, Head of School of Communications, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Dublin City University.

Email: [kevin.rafter@dcu.ie](mailto:kevin.rafter@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:  
Job Ref #BC1406- Assistant Professor in Communications – Media Studies**

*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](#)*