



## **JOB DESCRIPTION**

**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 Communication (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**

The successful candidate will be expected to play a prominent role in the development and delivery of the School's taught programmes, to supervise PhD candidates and to undertake high quality research leading to national and international publication. They will also be expected to positively participate in School activities, proactively contribute to the development of the School's profile in teaching and research, to engage with industry and to undertake administrative, management and leadership duties related to the position.

## **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 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 appropriate.