



JOB DESCRIPTION

Assistant Professor in Public Policy
Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences
School of Law and Government
Fixed Term Three Year Contract

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 Law and Government

The School of Law and Government is an ambitious, research-intensive school. It has a range of programmes at BA, MA, and PhD level. The School teaches a BA in International Relations, an interdisciplinary degree in 'Economics, Politics and Law', and offers Politics on the university's Bachelor of Arts (Joint Honours) programme. It offers seven taught postgraduate programmes, including the MSc in Public Policy and the MSc in Climate Change: Policy, Media, and Society. The School has over forty research students and offers a structured PhD in Politics and International Relations.

Role Profile

The School of Law and Government intends to appoint a new Assistant Professor in Public Policy, to begin on 1 September 2021. The successful individual will be expected to teach on to the MSc in Public Policy and other programmes. The School also 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, expects its staff to publish regularly in leading journals and with leading university presses and supports its staff in such work. We have led research programmes supported by the Irish Research Council, the EU and other national and international funders.

Duties and Responsibilities

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

Teaching and Learning

The successful individual will be required to contribute to the development, teaching, assessment, and administration of our modules across a range of undergraduate and postgraduate programmes:

- To include the design and delivery of modules on the School's suite of postgraduate public policy programmes,
- The design and delivery of other modules in politics or public policy at undergraduate level,
- Supporting and evaluating students on placement visits and writing reports,
- Contributing to the design, development, and management of future programmes and other developments in the field of public policy,
- Supervising undergraduate and postgraduate theses, and
- Contributing to the wider teaching of the School, as required by the Head.

Research and Scholarship

The successful individual will be committed to high-quality research and publication in the field of public policy on an individual and a collaborative basis. The successful individual 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 Law and Government and the wider university;
- Apply for grants to contribute to the School's research agenda; and
- Attract and supervise high-calibre PhD students.

Service and Contribution to University and Society

Activities taken on the successful individual'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 and the recruitment of students,
- Developing relationships with stakeholders within and outside the University.

Qualifications and Experience

Applicants for the positions must hold an honours degree, should be qualified to a post-graduate level, and have completed a doctoral qualification in an appropriate area, ideally social sciences.

The successful individual 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 individual 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 fund-raising activities through grant applications.

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