



Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for the following position:

**Assistant Professor in Social Sciences (Sociology & Political Science)**

**School of Applied Language and Intercultural Studies**

**Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences**

**Three Year Fixed-Term Contract**

**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 Applied Language and Intercultural Studies (SALIS)**

The School of Applied Language and Intercultural Studies (SALIS), within the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, at Dublin City University is a world leader in Translation Studies, Applied Linguistics, and Intercultural Studies. In addition to a language and translation programme, the School also offers two highly unique programmes, the BA in Social Sciences and Cultural Innovation and a Masters in Refugee Integration. SALIS staff also teach into a variety of programmes across the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, such as the BA in International Relations, as well as programmes in other faculties within the university.

The School offers excellent opportunities for research-led teaching, and for colleagues to supervise doctoral research. We particularly value interdisciplinary and cross-disciplinary scholarship and are committed to supporting colleagues in the conduct of high-quality research. We have a long-running PhD programme, and staff research specialisms in Applied Linguistics, Translation Studies, and Intercultural, Literary & Citizenship Studies.

### **Role overview**

We are seeking to appoint an Assistant Professor in Social Sciences to begin on 1 September 2021. The successful candidate will deliver modules primarily onto the BA in Social Sciences and Cultural Innovation relating to Sociology and Political Science. They will also engage in research and participate in the School's external engagement activities. Further, the successful candidate is expected to contribute to programme management, research supervision and the service activities of the School, Faculty, and University. They will report to the Head of School.

### **Duties and Responsibilities**

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

#### ***Research and scholarship***

To contribute to the research activity of the School by:

- Pursuing an active and ambitious research agenda
- Publishing research findings in leading international academic journals and with high profile book publishers
- Achieving measurable impact via citations
- Seeking funds to support research initiatives
- Engaging in the co-supervision of postgraduate research students
- Contributing to research activities such as conferences, seminars etc.
- Contributing to the research culture and environment in the School/Faculty and, where appropriate, working collaboratively on research initiatives.

#### ***Teaching and learning***

To contribute to the teaching and learning activity of the School by:

- Designing, coordinating, and delivering modules in a manner consistent with the highest academic standards, in-person and online
- Using a wide range of teaching and assessment methodologies, which foster a deep approach to learning and which equip students with the skills and attributes needed to be lifelong learners
- Supervising undergraduate and taught MA dissertations
- Working proactively to enhance and enrich existing modules and programmes
- Contributing to the design and development of new modules and programmes

#### ***Service and Contribution to University and Society***

To contribute to the effective functioning and administration of the School by:

- Delivering allocated administrative roles to a high standard and creatively
- Contributing proactively to relevant School, Faculty, and University committees, working groups and meetings

- Actively participating in student recruitment and outreach activities
- Enhancing the reputation and impact of SALIS through engagement in external academic and societal activities

### **Qualifications and Experience**

Candidates must have a strong academic record and a PhD (or be close to submitting a PhD for examination) in the field of Social Sciences, with a particular expertise in Sociology and Political Science, or a suitably related field (e.g. Intercultural Studies). The candidate will embrace the value of interdisciplinarity in their approach to teaching. Previous research and teaching experience is required.

We are seeking candidates who can convincingly demonstrate a strong commitment to research. They will have a well-defined research plan and the capability to publish in high impact international journals. Candidates should have (or be able to develop) international networks and collaborations in their area of expertise.

The successful candidate will have experience of university teaching, more particularly in a hybrid/blended learning environment. Candidates should also demonstrate excellent interpersonal and communication skills consistent with the highest quality of teaching and learning, along with evidence of successful teamwork and a collegial approach. They must be capable of working in a team and of providing leadership in 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.