



Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for the following position

**Teaching Assistant**  
**School of Arts Education and Movement**  
**DCU Institute of Education**  
**(8-month Contract)**

**Introduction**

The DCU Institute of Education is the newest faculty of Dublin City University. It is based in a €70 million purpose built facility on the DCU St Patrick's Campus in Drumcondra in Dublin. Established in 2016 as Ireland's first University faculty of Education, it has a staff of more than 130 full-time academics and a student body in excess of 4,000.

The Institute brings together students of education across all sectors from early childhood, to primary and post-primary and further and higher education. As well as providing a range of undergraduate programmes in Education, the Institute offers a rich menu of taught and research-based post-graduate programmes, at doctoral, masters, diploma and certificate levels.

As a centre of expertise and excellence in Teacher Education and education more generally, the Institute hosts a range of research centres in key areas of priority and has an ambitious and growing programme of research. With internationally-recognised experts in education policy, inclusive and special education, curriculum and pedagogy, assessment, literacy, evaluation and teacher education, the Institute provides a dynamic learning and working environment. Staff can expect to encounter opportunities for multi-disciplinary work, not just in the Institute, but across the University. As one of the world's leading young Universities, DCU has established its fifth and newest faculty out of a conviction that studies and research in education and the preparation and support of teachers are central to the transformation of lives and communities.

Dedicated to academic excellence and innovation, the DCU Institute of Education is confident its students and staff, and its graduates can flourish and lead in the challenging and complex contexts of 21<sup>st</sup> century education.

**School of Arts Education and Movement**

The School of Arts Education and Movement is one of the six schools within the DCU Institute of Education. The School is made up of a dynamic and unique group of scholars, researchers and teacher educators working together in collaboration and growing the national and international reputation of the School through the award of prestigious fellowships, securing large scale research grants, and the publication of research in the leading journals in the field. Academic interests span Teacher Education, Visual Arts Education, Physical Education, Music Education, Art Education and Arts Education generally, as well as a range of other interdisciplinary dimensions including creativity, inclusion, wellbeing and technology.

### **Teaching Assistant**

Teaching Assistants (TAs) are essential members of the University's academic community. The successful candidate will be assigned to the School of Arts Education and Movement, DCU Institute of Education, and will assist with the hybrid delivery of its taught undergraduate and postgraduate programmes. This post offers an attractive opportunity for personal development while working within an innovative and supportive environment.

The School of Arts Education and Movement is seeking to recruit Teaching Assistant primarily to Visual Arts but may be assigned to an alternative area according to need in a temporary capacity with a start date of 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

The position is subject to the candidate being Garda Vetted.

### **Duties and Responsibilities**

Please refer to the job description for the duties and responsibilities associated with this post.

### **Qualifications and Experience**

#### **Essential**

- Primary degree (NFQ Level 8) in a relevant area
- Relevant experience in teaching Visual Arts, or in a similar area in early childhood first or second level, or university level will be an advantage.
- Knowledge of the field of Teacher Education in Ireland is also advantageous.

#### **The ideal candidate will have the following qualifications and experience**

- A post-graduate qualification in areas related to Visual Arts Education.
- Knowledge of specialist as well generalist areas of Visual Arts practice
- Postgraduate qualification in Visual Arts Education or related area
- Strong social, team-work skills and organisational skills
- Dedicated to student learning

### **Mandatory Training**

The successful 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.

### **Further information**

More information about the DCU Institute of Education can be found at [http://www.dcu.ie/institute\\_of\\_education/index.shtml](http://www.dcu.ie/institute_of_education/index.shtml).

### **Salary Scales**

Teaching Assistant €29,060 – 32,204

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

**Closing date 1st October 2020**

## **Application Procedure**

**Informal Queries to:** Associate Professor Regina Murphy, Head of School of Arts Education & Movement, DCU Institute of Education. Email: [regina.murphy@dcu.ie](mailto:regina.murphy@dcu.ie)  
Please do not send applications to this email address as they will not be processed. Instead, follow the procedure below.

Application forms are available from the DCU Current Vacancies (external applicants) website at <http://www.dcu.ie/vacancies/current.shtml>

Applications should be submitted by email only on the completed application form to [hr.applications@dcu.ie](mailto:hr.applications@dcu.ie)

**Please clearly state the role for which you are applying in your application and in the email subject line: Job Reference: #NR070 Teaching Assistant School of Arts Education and Movement**

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