



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

**Teaching Assistant (Primary Physical Education)  
School of Arts Education and Movement  
DCU Institute of Education  
Fixed Term Contract – 8 Months**

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.

**Institute of Education**

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.

Committed 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, Physical Education, Music Education, Drama Education, Visual Arts Education and Arts Education generally, as well as a range of other interdisciplinary dimensions including creativity, inclusion, wellbeing and technology.

### **Role Profile**

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 a Teaching Assistant to join its Physical Education team in a temporary capacity with an immediate start date.

### **Duties and Responsibilities**

See job description for list of main duties and responsibilities.

### **Qualifications and Experience**

#### **Essential:**

- Primary degree (NFQ Level 8) in Physical Education or Teaching
- Relevant experience
- Strong social, team-work, and organisational skills.

#### **Desirable:**

- Knowledge of specialist as well as generalist areas of Physical Education
- Postgraduate qualification in Physical Education or related area
- Experience in teaching Physical Education, in early childhood, first or second level, or University level.

*The position is subject to the candidate being Garda Vetted.*

### **Essential Training**

The successful candidate will be required to undertake the following compliance training: Orientation, Health & Safety, and Data Protection (GDPR). Other training may need to be undertaken when appropriate.

**Further 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 Scale:** \*Teaching Assistant €29,641 - €32,848

*\*Appointment will be commensurate with qualifications and experience and in line with current Government pay policy.*

**Closing Date:** September 4<sup>th</sup> 2021

**For more information on DCU and benefits, please visit** [Why work at DCU?](#)

**Informal Enquiries and applications in relation to this role should be directed 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 state the role that you are applying for in your application form and email subject line: #NR161 Teaching Assistant**

Applications should comprise one electronic file only (MS Word doc or PDF), including a cover letter and a CV. Please name the file as follows: “[Your first name]\_[Your surname]\_TA Application”, e.g., “Sarah\_Bloggs\_TA Application”.

*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](#)*