



Research Assistant in Creativity in Higher Education
DCU Institute for Creativity
School of Applied Language and Intercultural Studies (SALIS)
Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences
Fixed Term Contract 5 months

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The School of Applied Language and Intercultural Studies (SALIS)

SALIS is a research-intensive learning-centred, and globally-engaged School that is working toward a sustainable multilingual and multicultural society. We teach and research new developments in the areas of applied linguistics, translation studies, literary studies, citizenship education, migration studies, sexuality/gender studies.

Background & Role

The DCU Institute for Creativity is currently working on an exciting project funded by the National Forum for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning in Higher Education. The aim of this project is to promote and stimulate creativity within the staff and student community in DCU. This forms part of the University's current strategic plan, and is an ambitious objective with great potential.

Duties and Responsibilities

We are now looking to hire a Research Assistant, reporting to the Project Leader(s), to fulfil duties which will include, but not be limited to:

- Assist with the day-to-day running of the project, supporting the project leaders on an on-going basis
- Conduct a review of the literature on discrete approaches to fostering creativity, including analysing educational resources relating to fostering creativity, and prepare a report on this review

- Engage with internal and external stakeholders
- Assist in the design of a curriculum aimed at fostering creativity in staff
- Help identify and liaise with external consultants as required
- Disseminate information about the project to internal and external audiences
- Assist with the recruitment of staff with regard to participating in the project activities
- Assist in the creation of project materials, as well as the delivery and evaluation of training workshops

Applicant Requirements

Applicants must have an honours primary degree and, ideally, a postgraduate degree. At least one of the degrees would ideally be in the humanities, social sciences, education, business or a related discipline, and the applicant should ideally be familiar with the field of creativity studies.

In addition, it would be desirable if applicants had:

- At least one year's work experience in a field related to their studies and/or this position; experience of working in the area of project management, design or in the creative industries.
- The ability to work as part of a collaborative team and to innovate in an organisational environment with multiple stakeholders.
- An interest in the field of creativity, innovation and education.
- The ability to engage and collaborate with academic and administrative colleagues within DCU.
- A strong work ethic, creative mindset and a commitment to problem-solving.
- Excellent team working skills.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills.
- Very good organisational skills with an ability to prioritise workloads and to work successfully on their own initiative.

Mandatory Training

The post holder will be required to undertake the following mandatory compliance training: GDPR, Orientation, and Compliance.