Research Assistant

Ideas Lab National Institute for Digital Learning

Fixed Term Contract up to Six-Months

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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.

Role Profile

The Research Assistant will work primarily on DCU's Ideas Lab and NIDL projects to deliver DCU's strategic ambitions in digital teaching, learning. These projects include the Fáilte ar Líne /Welcome on Line, Digi-Culture, DigiTel and other funded projects which are focused on researching and developing global digital learning solutions. Building upon existing pioneering research in digital learning, and working with a dynamic team of colleagues, this post offers an exciting opportunity for the successful candidate to make a significant contribution to the enhancement to research in this space. Under the direction of the Head of the Ideas Lab, you will work closely with a team of project staff including academics, learning technologists, researchers, external consultants and other partners to deliver the Ideas Lab and NIDL research objectives.

Duties and Responsibilities:

-   Conduct research under supervision and development activities across a number of research and development projects.

- Co-ordinate and liaise with internal and external stakeholders
- Administer project files
- Support the work of the Principal Investigator(s)
- Other related-duties as determined by the Head of the Ideas Lab.

Qualifications, Experience and Skills required:

The candidate must hold a primary degree in a related discipline, and have a demonstrable interest in digital/online learning

In addition to the above it is desirable that the candidate possess a subset of the following skills:
- A basic background and experience in research
- Exhibit a high degree of communication skills in both English and Irish with evidenced competency in the Irish language.
- Demonstrate an understanding of online learning and have experience of the application of basic research principles
- Possess excellent social skills and the ability to establish effective working relationships
- Have the ability to work as an integral part of a team.
- Establish clear priorities and be able to manage their own workload.
- Demonstrate excellent communication skills in both English and Irish.
- Be willing to travel between campuses, from home and work out of hours as necessary.

Mandatory training

The post holder will be required to undertake the following mandatory compliance training: Orientation, Health and Safety and Intellectual Property and Data Protection training. Other training may need to be undertaken when required.