



Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for the following position

**Technical Officer**  
**School of Health and Human Performance**  
**11 Month Fixed Term Contract**

**Dublin City University**

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.

**Overview of the department**

A dynamic and rapidly growing School within the Faculty of Science and Health, the School of Health and Human Performance at DCU is developing an international reputation in health, sport and exercise science and physical education. As such, the School of Health and Human Performance is committed to researching, understanding and disseminating knowledge about exercise and physical activity across the continuum from health to elite sport performance, and to the area of musculoskeletal medicine. The mission of the School is to foster optimum wellness in all phases of the human life cycle through the provision of academic programmes, research and the translation of research into public health or high performance strategies with practical implementation. It aims to achieve this through:

- Pioneering undergraduate and graduate level academic programmes;
- Undertaking research that transcends traditional boundaries leading to enhancement of health, physical performance and quality of life of the citizens of Ireland and beyond;
- Developing a wide range of community-based sport, health-related and injury research programmes;

- Building on our national reputation for excellence for sports performance, preventive medicine, health and physical literacy, and healthy aging across the life course.

The School has already received significant support from the University through the appointment of a range of key academic and support staff and the development of extensive facilities for exercise and sport. As a member of this school you will become part of this multi-disciplinary team. Faculty and postgraduate research students in the School of Health and Human Performance investigate a wide range of topics concerning human movement and education, athletic performance, musculoskeletal medicine and health promotion. The School has a thriving research environment and the candidate must have the ability and desire to achieve excellence in their chosen area.

The School runs the following programmes:

1. BSc in Sports Science and Health [www.dcu.ie/courses/undergraduate/shhp/sport-science-and-health](http://www.dcu.ie/courses/undergraduate/shhp/sport-science-and-health)
2. BSc in Athletic Therapy and Training [www.dcu.ie/courses/undergraduate/shhp/athletic-therapy-and-training](http://www.dcu.ie/courses/undergraduate/shhp/athletic-therapy-and-training)
3. BSc in Physical Education with Biology [www.dcu.ie/courses/undergraduate/shhp/physical-education-biology](http://www.dcu.ie/courses/undergraduate/shhp/physical-education-biology)
4. BSc in Physical Education with Mathematics [www.dcu.ie/courses/undergraduate/shhp/physical-education-mathematics](http://www.dcu.ie/courses/undergraduate/shhp/physical-education-mathematics)
5. Professional Doctorate in Elite Performance (Sport)  
<https://www.dcu.ie/courses/Postgraduate/shhp/Professional-Doctorate-Elite-Performance-Sport.shtml>

The School attracts high calibre students who are offered undergraduate teaching, research opportunities and practical placements in industry, in education or in clinical settings according to programme. At the heart of development plans for the University, the School is in unique position for significant growth with the establishment and development of a new dedicated Health and Human Performance facility planned on campus at DCU.

### **Role Profile**

The technical officer will provide technical support in the SHHP focusing on two main areas. Firstly, providing technical support to practical and laboratory classes across the Athletic Therapy and Physical Education under graduate programs. Appropriate training will be provided by DCU as needed in athletic therapy, physical education and sport science related areas, should the successful candidate need it. The second area involves providing expertise and support for digital teaching and learning across school, including our two new distance learning graduate programmes; the Professional Doctorate in Elite Performance, and the MSc in Elite Sports Performance. This will include assisting the development, setting up and management of information and education technology across our programmes, and supporting School of Health and Human Performance staff in the same, with a view to allowing for maximizing the impact of our online and blended learning offerings.

### **Duties and Responsibilities**

Please refer to the job description for a list of duties and responsibilities associated with this role.

### **Qualifications and Experience**

Essential criteria

- Honours degree (NFQ level 8) in engineering, computer science, information technology or related area
- A keen interest in the area of human movement, exercise science and related fields.

- Relevant expertise and experience in education and information technology roles in an education environment.
- Excellent interactive verbal and written communication skills with experience of working, collaborating and establishing credibility and relationship at all levels, and an ability to translate technical language to common language for non-technical users.

A background/documentated experience and interest in athletic therapy and training, physical education or sport science, would be a distinct advantage.

### **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 required.

### **Salary Scale:**

Technical Officer Salary Scale point range 1 - 5 (€33,949 - €40,088 (pro rata))

*Appointment will be commensurate with qualifications and experience will be made on the appropriate point of the salary scale, in line with current Government pay policy*

**Closing date:** Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> June

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### **Informal Enquiries in relation to this role should be directed to:**

Dr. Javier Monedero, Chief Technical Officer, School of Health and Human Performance, Faculty of Science and Health, DCU. Email ([Javier.monedero@dcu.ie](mailto:Javier.monedero@dcu.ie)) or

Dr. Sarahjane Belton, Head of School of Health and Human Performance, Faculty of Science and Health, DCU. Email: ([sarahjane.belton@dcu.ie](mailto:sarahjane.belton@dcu.ie))

**Please do not send applications to this email address, instead apply as described below.**

### **Application Procedure:**

Application forms are available from the DCU Current Vacancies website at <https://www.dcu.ie/hr/vacancies-current-vacancies-external-applicants>

Please submit your CV and a cover letter to: Dr. Javier Monedero – [Javier.monedero@dcu.ie](mailto:Javier.monedero@dcu.ie)

**Please clearly state the role that you are applying for in your application and email subject line:**

**Job Ref #ST1521 Technical Officer**

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