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Dublin City University

Deputy Registrar

Academic Leadership. Academic Governance. Enabling Excellence.

Office of Vice-President Academic Affairs / Registrar
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Welcome from the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Registrar

Thank you for your interest in the role of Deputy Registrar at Dublin City University. This is an exciting and important opportunity to join the academic leadership team at a pivotal point in DCU's development.

As one of Ireland's most innovative and ambitious universities, DCU continues to evolve its academic portfolio, strengthen quality and governance, expand international activity and respond to an increasingly complex regulatory and higher education environment.

The Deputy Registrar plays a critical role in helping to shape and steward this agenda.As a senior academic leader within my team, the Deputy Registrar provides academic leadership, institutional authority and strategic partnership across academic governance, policy, regulatory compliance and academic quality assurance, while enabling innovation across our undergraduate and postgraduate provision.

This is a role for an experienced academic leader who brings sound judgement, credibility, partnership and the ability to navigate complexity with confidence.

For the right individual, this is a unique opportunity to help shape academic excellence and institutional impact at one of Europe's leading young universities.

Professor Lisa Looney
Vice-President Academic Affairs / Registrar

Position Overview

The Deputy Registrar is a senior academic leadership role within Dublin City University, providing direct support to the Vice-President Academic Affairs / Registrar across academic governance, academic regulation, policy leadership and institutional academic quality assurance.

This role combines academic authority, regulatory oversight and strategic partnership, working across faculties, academic leadership and professional services to support innovation while safeguarding academic standards and institutional integrity.

Strategic Focus

Academic Governance
Safeguard academic integrity, governance and regulatory assurance.

Policy & Regulation
Lead academic policy interpretation, development and implementation.

Quality Assurance
Strengthen institutional academic quality frameworks and enhancement.

Strategic Academic Leadership
Enable innovation through partnership, leadership and sound judgement.

At a Glance

Reporting to
Vice-President Academic Affairs / Registrar

Role Level:
Senior Executive Professional Leadership Role

Portfolio Scope:
Academic governance, regulation, policy, quality assurance and academic leadership

Cross Functional
University-wide academic partnership

Impact
Institutional academic quality, governance and strategic enablement

Leadership:
Leading through senior functional teams

DCU Ireland's University of Impact

Dublin City University is a globally recognised, research-intensive university known for academic excellence, educational innovation and strong societal impact. With a distinctive commitment to access, inclusion and real-world partnership, DCU is shaping the future of higher education in Ireland and beyond.

Academic Excellence

Globally recognised teaching and research excellence across five dynamic faculties.

Research Impact

Home to 900+ research students contributing to internationally recognised research and innovation.

Educational Innovation

A leader in educational innovation, shaping progressive approaches to teaching, learning and student engagement.

Student Success

Ranked No. 1 in Ireland for graduate employment, reflecting a strong focus on student outcomes and career readiness.

Access & Inclusion

A pioneer in widening participation and creating pathways to higher education for diverse learner communities.

International Presence

Strong global partnerships and international collaborations with employers, communities and research institutions worldwide.

Some Key Highlights

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Students	Research Students	Faculties	Campuses	Graduate Employment in Ireland

Research-Intensive
Globally recognised academic and research excellence

Student-Centred
Outstanding student experience and career readiness

Educational Innovation
A leader in teaching, learning and curriculum innovation

Globally Connected
Strong industry, civic and international partnerships

Office of the Vice-President Academic Affairs

Academic leadership, governance, quality and strategic enablement

The Office of the Vice-President Academic Affairs provides strategic leadership and operational stewardship for the University's academic mission. Working at the intersection of governance, quality, academic services and institutional transformation, the portfolio enables academic excellence, regulatory assurance and a consistently high-quality student experience across DCU.

With a strong focus on partnership and delivery, the Office supports faculties, schools and professional services to modernise academic operations, strengthen decision-making through data and systems, and advance a future-focused academic operating model. It is a pivotal portfolio for leading change at scale while safeguarding academic standards and integrity.

01

Academic Governance & Regulatory Assurance

Providing institutional leadership for academic governance, policy and quality assurance, and the structures for ensuring academic integrity, regulatory compliance and continuous enhancement across the University's academic portfolio.

02

Teaching, Learning & Curriculum Excellence

Supporting the strategic development of teaching, learning and curriculum innovation, enhancing the student learning experience and enabling academic excellence across faculties, schools and programmes.

03

Academic Governance, Policy & Regulation

Providing institutional leadership across academic governance, academic regulations, policy interpretation and assurance of academic standards

04

Academic Quality & Institutional Assurance

Leading academic review, quality assurance, regulatory compliance and enhancement activity across undergraduate and postgraduate provision.

05

Strategic Partnership & Institutional Change

Partnering across faculties, professional services and institutional leadership to deliver strategic priorities, organisational transformation and a future-focused academic operating model aligned to DCU's evolving ambitions.

Why this role matters

Dublin City University is entering a significant phase in the evolution of its academic portfolio, educational innovation and international reach. As the scale and complexity of academic provision continue to grow, so too do expectations around governance, regulatory compliance, academic quality assurance and policy coherence.

Alongside institutional ambition, the external higher education environment continues to evolve rapidly, shaped by regulatory scrutiny, legal complexity, technological disruption and changing expectations of students and stakeholders.

The Deputy Registrar role is critical in helping DCU navigate this landscape; enabling academic innovation while safeguarding standards, ensuring sound governance and supporting strategic academic decision-making.

01 Academic Governance & Assurance

Ensuring academic standards, governance integrity and regulatory compliance across the University.

02 Academic Policy & Regulation

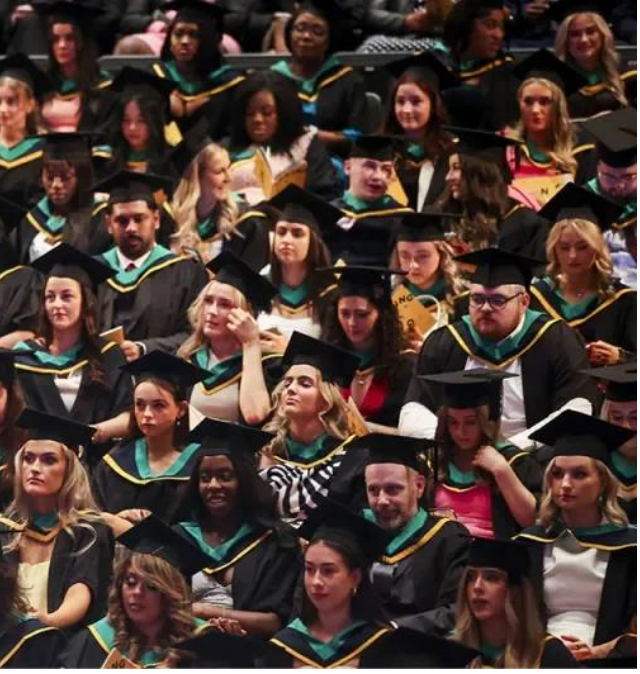
Providing institutional leadership in the interpretation, development and implementation of academic policy and regulations.

03 Strategic Academic Partnership

Working across faculties, academic leadership and professional services to support innovation, curriculum evolution and institutional priorities.

04 Leadership, Judgement & Influence

Operating as a trusted academic leader in complex environments requiring sound judgement, credibility and institutional influence.



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Equal Opportunities

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 Silver 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

Application Process

Application Review
Applications reviewed on a rolling basis. Early application encouraged.

Interview Process
Multi-stage process including panel interview

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We encourage you to explore this exceptional opportunity to shape the future of academic services at Ireland's University of Impact. We look forward to receiving your application.