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Bhaile Átha Cliath
Dublin City University

Deputy Vice President for Academic Affairs

Academic Leadership. Strategic Alignment. Enabling Excellence.

Office of Vice-President Academic Affairs / Registrar
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Ireland's University of Impact
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Welcome from the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Registrar

Thank you for your interest in the role of Deputy Vice President for Academic Affairs 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 VPAA will provide senior academic leadership and strategic partnership across curriculum direction, teaching excellence, student success and academic innovation. The role will work across Faculties and with colleagues in the Office of the VPAA to translate ambition into sustainable academic impact.

This is a role for an experienced academic leader who brings expertise in Teaching Learning and Assessment, vision and the ability to navigate complex stakeholder engagements with confidence.

For the right individual, this is a unique opportunity to help shape academic excellence and institutional impact at DCU, a leading European innovative university.

Professor Lisa Looney
Vice-President Academic Affairs / Registrar

Position Overview

The Deputy Vice President for Academic Affairs is a senior academic leadership role within Dublin City University, providing direct support to the Vice-President Academic Affairs / Registrar. The role combines leadership in terms of DCU's ambitious teaching, learning and assessment agenda with oversight of centralised resources to deliver on strategy, working across Faculties, and in tandem with other senior leaders in OVPAA.

Strategic Focus

► **Academic Strategy & Curriculum Direction**
Ensure curriculum direction aligns with institutional strategy and responds to external developments.

► **T, L & A Leadership**
Deliver on priorities for pedagogy, thematic areas of focus (such as EDS and responding to AI), and for use of digital and physical infrastructure.

► **Student Success & Skills Agenda**
Ensure alignment between curriculum design and student success and transversal skills objectives.

► **Academic Alignment & External Representation**
Ensure academic innovation is supported by appropriate governance and infrastructures and represented externally.

At a Glance

Reporting to
Vice-President Academic Affairs / Registrar

Portfolio Scope:
Curriculum, teaching learning and assessment leadership, student success, delivery quality support and innovation.

Cross Functional
University-wide academic partnership

Impact
Quality of student learning experience and attainment, institutional capability to sustain a ambitious agenda

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.

01 Academic Excellence
Teaching and research across five dynamic faculties.

02 Educational Innovation
Progressive approaches to learning and student engagement.

03 Research Impact
Research and innovation with national and international reach.

04 Student Success
A strong focus on outcomes, employability and career readiness.

05 Access & Inclusion
Pathways to higher education for diverse learner communities.

06 International Presence
Global partnerships with universities, employers and communities.

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 academic strategy, 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 shape and advance strategic goals related to student academic experience and advance a future-focused academic services operating model. It is a pivotal portfolio for leading change at scale while safeguarding academic standards and integrity.

01

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.

02

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.

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 for academic services 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 student experience, curriculum relevance, quality of academic design and assessment, effective use of physical and digital resources and coherence of academic mission.

Alongside institutional ambition, the external higher education environment continues to evolve rapidly, shaped by technological disruption, geopolitical uncertainty, financial challenges and changing expectations of students and stakeholders.

The Deputy Vice President for Academic Affairs role is critical in helping DCU navigate this landscape; enabling academic innovation while safeguarding standards, ensuring excellent and aligned supports and capabilities.

01 Academic Strategy & Curriculum Direction

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02 Teaching and Learning Leadership

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03 Student Success and Skills Agenda

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04 Alignment and External Representation

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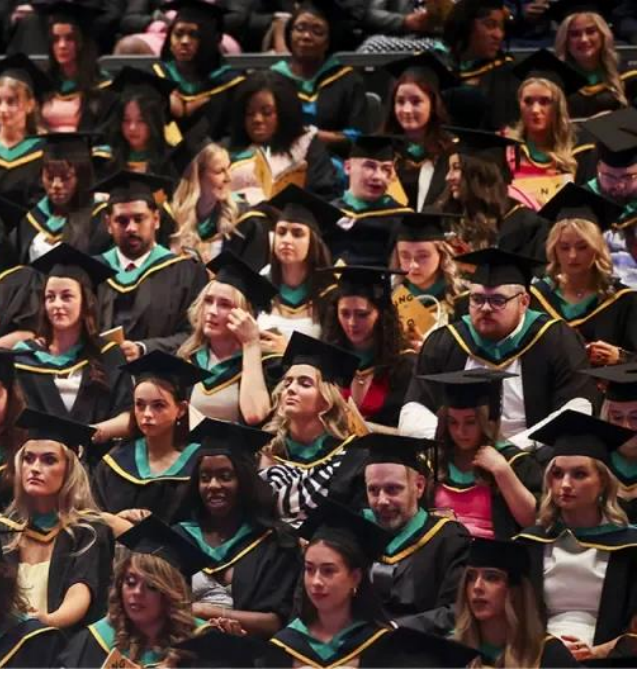

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Equal Opportunities

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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