



**Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences
School of Applied language and Intercultural Studies (SALIS)**

Lecturer in Intercultural Studies with Spanish (5 Year contract)

Introduction:

The School of Applied Language and Intercultural Studies (SALIS) is part of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences at Dublin City University. It has an international staff and student body, comprising 35 full-time lecturers and over 550 full-time students, as well as part-time staff and students. SALIS is a dynamic School which provides a multilingual and multicultural environment in which to pursue undergraduate and postgraduate study and research. It currently offers the following taught programmes:

- BA in Applied Language and Intercultural Studies
- BA in Languages for International Communication (English Studies)
- BA in International Business and Languages (with the DCU Business School)
- MA in Intercultural Studies
- MA in Translation Studies
- MA in Comparative Literature
- MA in Sexuality Studies
- International Foundation Certificate

Languages currently taught in SALIS are French, German, Spanish, Japanese, Chinese, Irish, and English for Speakers of Other Languages.

The School's ethos is interdisciplinary and applied – unlike traditional Irish universities, all seven languages are housed within the one School, encouraging intercultural dialogue between staff and students of different sections, and students are encouraged to engage in comparative studies across language boundaries. Modules in Intercultural Studies and Translation Studies draw on insights across all language/cultures offered in the school, with general theory being taught through English.

Research in SALIS covers a broad range of areas across Language Studies, Comparative Literature, Translation and Textual Studies and Intercultural Studies. The School supports staff to engage in research activities, and interdisciplinary collaborations between colleagues across disciplines and faculties are strongly encouraged.

Intercultural Studies and Spanish at DCU - SALIS

Intercultural Studies is taught at both postgraduate and undergraduate level in DCU: on the B.A. in Applied Language and Intercultural Studies (ALIS) and the B.A in Contemporary Culture and Society (BACCS), Intercultural Studies is one of the pathways in which students can specialise, and 'Intercultural Communicative Competence' modules are taught on a

variety of undergraduate programmes throughout the university. The M.A. in Intercultural Studies (MAIS) is the only one of its kind in Ireland – combining the study of sociological and psychological approaches to interculturalism, with modules on language and culture, arts, film and literature, and practical business and workplace case studies. Appreciation of the importance of interdisciplinarity, multilingualism and multiculturalism to understanding intercultural issues is a cornerstone value underpinning teaching and research in this area in SALIS. The successful candidate will be expected to continue to foster innovation and the existing interdisciplinary and applied focus of research and teaching in this area.

As Intercultural Studies in SALIS is closely linked to the study of language and cultures, proficiency in a language other than English is considered essential for this position, in this case Spanish, which is a growth area in the school.

Spanish is taught on all undergraduate programmes in SALIS and is a highly popular language among students. An integral part of SALIS undergraduate degree programmes is that students spend Year 3 studying abroad to develop their linguistic skills and intercultural competence. The successful candidate will be expected to assist in coordinating and monitoring students' Year Abroad experience at Spanish speaking partner institutions, as well as providing support for the development of new technologies and blended approaches in Spanish language teaching in SALIS.

Lectureship:

As an integral part of its development of Intercultural Studies, the School of Applied Language and Intercultural Studies (SALIS) seeks to appoint a suitably qualified person to undertake lecturing, research and a leadership role in Intercultural Studies within the School. Proficiency and experience in teaching Spanish language at university level is a prerequisite for this position, as the successful candidate will also be required to contribute to the development of Spanish language teaching within SALIS.

The School welcomes applications from candidates who combine expertise in Intercultural Studies with Spanish language teaching, both of which are growth areas in the school. Expertise in Ethnographic Research Methodology is also an advantage.

Applicants for this post are expected to have a PhD in Intercultural Studies, appropriate teaching experience and an excellent record of post-doctoral activities in related research, publications, administration and international professional organisations. Candidates should have demonstrable experience of teaching and research in Intercultural Studies at university level, as well as at least 3 years teaching of Spanish language at university level. The successful candidate will be expected to provide leadership in developing the teaching and research agenda for Intercultural Studies within the School, as well as to contribute to the teaching of Spanish language within SALIS.

The successful candidate will be expected to make an important contribution to the research and teaching profile of the School, as well as to undertake significant administrative responsibilities. In accordance with the multilingual nature of the School and its interdisciplinary ethos, the successful candidate will also be expected to collaborate with colleagues in other areas on interdisciplinary projects of mutual interest.

Duties include:

- Play a key leadership role in the academic direction of Intercultural Studies in SALIS including teaching, research, academic assessment and academic administration
- Develop both undergraduate and postgraduate syllabi in Intercultural Studies
- Creatively promote the marketing of SALIS programmes in Intercultural Studies
- Ensure that teaching methodology (in both Intercultural Studies and Spanish language) is informed by new developments in teaching, especially the use of new technologies and blended learning approaches.
- Assist in administration and supervision of Year3 Study Abroad in Spanish speaking universities– mentor students, coordinate with universities, visit students abroad

- Develop national and international research collaboration and exchange links in Intercultural studies
- Develop strong links with appropriate professional organisations, within Ireland and Internationally
- Pursue an active research and publication agenda, individually and in collaboration with colleagues
- Explore the potential for interdisciplinary research and projects with colleagues across the university
- Advise and supervise postgraduate students
- Participate actively in all SALIS activities and contribute to the development of the School's profile in teaching and research

Starting date: 1st September 2011

Informal Enquiries to:

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Further Information:

More information on the School, including specific areas of research expertise and details of taught programmes, may be found at: www.dcu.ie/salis

Salary Scale: Lecturer above bar: €50,159 - €81,403
Lecturer below bar: €41,502 - €51,724
(Subject to qualifications and experience)

These salary scales may be affected by the provisions of the 2011 Budget

Closing Date: Monday 4th July 2011

This post is considered essential to the University

Application forms are available from:

www.dcu.ie/vacancies/APPLICATION_FORM_8pg.doc and from the Human Resources

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