



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

Lecturer in Japanese – Asian Studies (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.

Development of Japanese Studies at DCU - SALIS and DCUBS:

Japanese was first introduced on the B.A. in International Marketing and Languages (IML) degree programme in 1985, DCU being the first Irish university to combine Japanese with Business Studies on this joint SALIS/DCUBS degree. It is now offered on the B.A. in Applied

Language and Intercultural Studies (ALIS) and also on the B.A. in Business International (DCUBS).

Interest in Japanese culture and numbers studying Japanese language have grown steadily, especially since it was introduced as a Leaving Certificate subject a few years ago. 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 coordinate and monitor the students' Year Abroad experience, and to actively develop further exchange links with Japanese universities.

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. Chinese has recently been introduced to SALIS and the successful candidate will be expected, in collaboration with colleagues in Chinese Studies, to develop the broader area of Asian Studies within the school.

Lectureship:

As an integral part of its continuing development of Japanese - Asian 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 Japanese language and culture within the School.

The School particularly welcomes applications from candidates who combine expertise in Japanese Studies with one of the other research specialisms offered in the School – Intercultural Studies, Translation Studies, Language Studies, Comparative Literature Studies - and /or Ethnographic Research Methodology. An interest and experience in research collaboration in the broader area of Asian Studies, in particular with Chinese, is desirable.

Applicants for this post are expected to have a doctoral degree, appropriate teaching experience and an excellent record of post-doctoral activities in related research, publications and international professional organisations. Candidates should have native-speaker proficiency in Japanese and demonstrable experience of teaching and research in Japanese at university level. The successful candidate will be expected to provide leadership in developing the teaching and research agenda for Japanese Studies within the School.

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Duties include:

- Play a key leadership role in the academic direction of Japanese courses, including teaching, research, academic assessment and academic administration
- Develop the 4 year undergraduate syllabus of Japanese language and culture
- Ensure that Japanese teaching methodology is informed by new developments in teaching foreign languages, especially the use of new technologies and blended learning approaches.
- Coordinate and mentor lecturers in Japanese Studies within the School
- Coordinate and supervise Year3 Study Abroad in Japan – mentor students, coordinate with Japanese universities, administer scholarships
- Develop research collaboration and exchange links with Japanese universities
- 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
- Collaborate actively with Chinese colleagues in developing Asian Studies research/teaching/events in SALIS
- 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 in Japanese / Asian Studies.

Starting date: 1 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

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Closing Date: Monday 4th July 2011

Application forms are available from:

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

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