



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

**Lecturer in Chinese Language & Culture (3 Year full-time 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 33 full-time lecturers and almost 500 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 in Language Studies, Comparative Literature, Translation and Textual Studies and Intercultural Studies.

SALIS currently offers the following taught programmes:

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

Languages currently taught in SALIS are French, Spanish, German, 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 Chinese Studies at DCU - SALIS and DCUBS:**

Since 2000/2001 an optional introductory module on Chinese Language and Culture has been offered to final year students of the Applied Language and Intercultural Studies (ALIS) and International Business and Languages (IBL) degree programmes, and graduate students on the SALIS MA programmes (LC409/597 Introduction to Chinese Language and Culture).

The academic year 2008/09 saw the introduction of a full Chinese strand on the 4-year ALIS undergraduate degree programme, where students study Chinese plus one other language. Chinese modules offered in Year 1 include an intensive beginners' Chinese Language module in each semester (six hours a week), plus a module on Chinese Culture and Society. In Year 2, students again take a language module in each semester (four hours a week) and a module on Chinese Literature. This September 2010, the first SALIS cohort will be travelling to Xiamen University for Year 3 of their studies (the compulsory year abroad).

In September 2009/10, Chinese was introduced as a single-language pathway on the IBL degree programme. Students on that programme will be taking the same Chinese modules as ALIS students and they will also spend their year abroad in China.

### **Lectureship:**

As an integral part of its continuing development of Chinese Studies, the School of Applied Language and Intercultural Studies (SALIS) now seeks to appoint a suitably qualified person to undertake lecturing, research and a leadership role in Chinese language and culture within the School.

The School particularly welcomes applications from candidates who combine expertise in Chinese 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.

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

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.

**The Lecturer in Chinese Language and Culture will:**

- Play a key leadership role in the academic development and direction of Chinese courses, including teaching, research, academic assessment and academic administration
- Develop the 4-year undergraduate syllabus of Chinese language and culture
- Develop the postgraduate modules for Chinese language culture
- Coordinate and mentor lecturers in Chinese Studies within the School
- Coordinate and supervise Year3 Study Abroad in China – mentor students, coordinate with Chinese universities, administer scholarships
- Develop research collaboration and exchange links with Chinese universities
- Develop strong links with appropriate professional organisations
- 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 with the Confucius Institute (UCD) and DCU Confucius Classroom teachers (pending successful outcome of DCU's current application to Hanban) to develop a wide-ranging programme of activities in Chinese language and culture for the local community on the north-side of Dublin
- Advise and supervise postgraduate theses
- Participate actively in all SALIS activities and undertake all duties relevant to the development of the School's profile in teaching and research in Chinese Studies.

**Starting date:** 15<sup>th</sup> September 2010

**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](http://www.dcu.ie/salis)

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

**Closing Date:** 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2010

**Application forms are available from:**

<http://www.dcu.ie/vacancies/current.shtml> and Human Resources Department Dublin City University, Dublin 9. Tel: +353 (0)1 700 5149 Fax: +353 (0)1 700 5500  
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