

Dublin City University
Office of the Vice President for Learning Innovation
SIF Enhancement of Learning (EOL) Project Officers (2 posts)
Fixed Term Contract to December 2011
(Contingent on the continuation of funding)

All of DCU's Strategic Innovation Fund (SIF) projects are being implemented in the context of the Dublin Region Higher Education Alliance (DRHEA), a consortium of the Dublin Universities and Institutes of Technologies. Enhancement of Learning (EOL) is one of four component strands of the DRHEA SIF submission. EOL is the largest strand and involves all 8 of the collaborating institutions. It comprises a number of projects organised into four major areas – The Dublin Centre for Academic Development; Transforming the Curriculum; Teaching for Engagement and Retention and Enabling E- and Blended learning.

A major component of the SIF project is DCU's internal change management project, the Academic Framework for Innovation (AFI), the majority of which also falls under the Enhancement of Learning Strand.

The EOL Project Officers will be responsible for providing project coordination, training, development and support to the Enhancement of Learning projects which have been successfully funded by the HEA under SIF.

The EOL Project Officers will be based in the Learning Innovation Unit, reporting to the Head of LIU and implementing a programme of work agreed with the Director of SIF Programmes, who has overall convening responsibility for the Enhancement of Learning Strand. They will work closely with the Faculties, in particular the Associate Deans for Teaching and Learning, as well as with relevant colleagues in the other DRHEA partner institutions.

The Enhancement of Learning Project Officers will be responsible primarily for supporting the collaborative aspects of the EOL strand, in particular further development of the Dublin Centre for Academic Development (DCAD) and embedding of the range of EOL projects, through existing DCU and DRHEA activities and support of new developments.

DCU has a strong reputation for its use of Learning Technology to provide flexible and innovative learning opportunities for all DCU students. In collaboration with our DRHEA partners, in particular the well-established EOL e-Learning Project Team, DCU aims to extend current practice and also to develop more creative and flexible learning opportunities through exploitation of emerging, relevant, technologies. The ability to identify, design and implement appropriate technological solutions to learning challenges will be a core requirement for the EOL Project Officers.

Key responsibilities will include:

- (i) Delivering on the goals, outputs, outcomes, targets and milestones and baseline measures for EOL projects as laid down in the DRHEA EOL Workplan,
- (ii) Working with the Academic Development Units of DRHEA partners across all project areas and in particular to facilitate the development of the Dublin Centre for Academic Development. The increased visibility of, and engagement with, the DCAD through an enhanced web presence and the provision of appropriate activities to increase participation by a wide range of academic staff is a priority focus,
- (iii) Organisation of a DRHEA/DCAD conference (Spring 2011) to highlight activity and discuss plan further development,
- (iv) Liaison with DCU Faculties, in particular the Associate Deans for Teaching and Learning, and partner institutions to build on existing activity in EOL projects across the Alliance,
- (v) Preparation of progress reports on each project strand.
- (vi) Working closely with academic colleagues in conjunction with the Head of the Learning Innovation Unit and the Associate Deans for Teaching and Learning, advance a number of areas including:
 - a. Curriculum Reform, in particular using Learning Outcomes Paradigms,
 - b. Alignment of Assessment approaches to Learning Outcomes
 - c. Large Group Teaching
 - d. Research-Led Learning
 - e. Teaching Quality
 - f. Diversity in Curriculum Design
- (vii) Working with DCU faculties (Associate Deans, Heads of School, Programme Chairs and Module Co-ordinators) to implement AFI Phase 2, in particular addressing matters of assessment, marking grids and realising flexibility
- (viii) Extending current uses of learning technologies, investigation of emerging technologies, facilitating more creative uses of technology and aligning technological solutions to learning challenges.

Requirements:

Successful candidates must have an honours degree in a relevant discipline and proven ability in areas of project coordination, team working and design of learning materials. Teaching or training, preferably in Higher Education, is also essential. Excellent technical skills in areas including Virtual learning Environments and Web Technologies are required. Experience of academic development and/or a postgraduate qualification which includes areas such as education, educational technology, e-learning, instructional design or training are highly desirable. Experience in designing learning opportunities, course materials and assessment approaches as well as knowledge of the Bologna Process and the use of Learning Outcomes will be highly rated.

Salary Scale: €49,967 - €72,373

Closing Date: 13th August 2010

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Application forms are available from:

Application forms and job description are available at: www.dcu.ie/vacancies/current.shtml

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