

**Dublin City University**  
**Office of the Vice President for Learning Innovation**

**SIF Learning Development Officer**  
**(Fixed Term Contract to December 2011)**

All of DCU's 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

The SIF Learning Development Officer will report to the Director of SIF Programmes, who has overall convening responsibility for the Enhancement of Learning Strand and in close cooperation with the Learning Innovation Unit (LIU). They will also 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 Development Officer will be responsible primarily for contributing to the collaborative aspects of the EOL strand projects, in particular delivery and further development of the DCAD online accredited modules, further development of collaborative e-learning activity, embedding 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 SIF Learning Development Officer.

**Key responsibilities will include:**

- (i) Delivery of the online DCAD Teaching Online module utilising a range of educational technologies including synchronous classrooms, second life, VLEs, amongst others
- (ii) Further development and subsequent delivery of the online DCAD module 'Assessing in the Online Environment', incorporating assessment approaches and techniques and appropriate technologies
- (iii) Working with the Academic Development Units of DRHEA partners across all EOL project areas and in particular the e-learning project.
- (iv) Keeping up to date with emerging educational technologies and their potential for use in third level education in order to contribute to ongoing developments of DRHEA and DCU SIF-funded initiatives
- (v) Keeping the DRHEA web site up to date
- (vi) Co-ordination of the production of the EOL Newsletter
- (vii) Organisation of a DRHEA/DCAD conference (Summer 2011) to highlight activity and discuss plans for further development,
- (viii) 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,

- (ix) Working with DCU faculties (Associate Deans, Heads of School, Programme Chairs and Module Co-ordinators) to implement developments which will realise increased flexibility, in particular in relation to online and blended delivery modes.
- (x) 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, or a teaching-related qualification 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 will be highly rated.

**Salary scale**                    €46,513 - €63,251

**Closing date:**                26 January 2011

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