Faculty of Science & Health
SCHOOL OF NURSING AND HUMAN SCIENCES

Professor of Psychology

Introduction:
A dynamic and rapidly growing University-based School, the School of Nursing and Human Sciences at DCU is recognised as a leader in its field and has a well established track record and expertise in the provision of innovative nursing and multidisciplinary educational and research programmes in partnership with the Health Service Executive and other health care systems, as well as voluntary and private sector organisations. The School continued this tradition of excellence by offering a new 4 year BSc in Psychology in 2010 which is delivered in collaboration with colleagues from the DCU School of Health and Human Performance, DCU Business School, and St Patrick’s College, Drumcondra.

Description of School:
In addition to the BSc in Psychology, the BSc in Health and Society which had its first intake in 2011, and a number of undergraduate and postgraduate programmes in General, Children’s, Intellectual Disability and Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing, the School has accredited the MSc in Integrative Psychotherapy with the Irish Institute of Counselling and Psychotherapy Studies at Turning Point. The School also offers MSc and taught Doctorate programmes in Psychotherapy, an MSc in Psycho-oncology and an MSc in Sexuality Studies (in partnership with the DCU School of Applied Languages and Intercultural Studies). The School of Nursing and Human Sciences also offers a range of professional development opportunities to health and social care practitioners nationally. The Centre for Psychological Health and Wellbeing at the Healthy Living Centre which opened in September 2007, is an additional development that reflects the School’s ongoing commitment to the field of psychosocial well-being. A leading research cluster within the School’s research portfolio, Health4Life, is entitled ‘Psychosocial Wellbeing’ and the School has a growing number of postdoctoral researchers and PhD students from a psychology background working on research projects incorporating psychological theory and methods.

Person Specification:
Applications are now invited from suitably qualified candidates for the post of Professor of Psychology. This key post offers the successful candidate the opportunity to assume a pivotal leadership role in psychology within a dynamic and rapidly growing University-based School. Applicants must hold an honours degree and a PhD in Psychology. They must also be eligible for graduate membership of the Psychological Society of Ireland or an equivalent professional body. The successful candidate will be a person with an international research reputation who can demonstrate an ongoing commitment to excellence in teaching and learning, and will possess strong interpersonal and communication skills. Applicants should have an active research programme with research outputs of an internationally
excellent standard; should have a successful record of research income generation, PhD research student supervision, research team leadership and engagement with external agencies to support activity; have experience of teaching at undergraduate and, preferably, also postgraduate levels; have demonstrated an ability to lead teaching developments; and have experience of curriculum and programme development.

Duties and responsibilities
The post holder will be expected to provide a pivotal leadership role in psychology within the School of Nursing and Human Sciences. He/She will be expected to establish, develop and lead a research programme of international quality in psychology and to develop and carry out quality teaching in the School. In addition, s/he will be expected to establish research links within the Faculty and the University and to develop collaborations with relevant external stakeholders. A stimulating environment for contributing to on-going research and developing personal research interests is provided within the School. It is expected that the successful candidate will undertake postgraduate research supervision, will attract external research funding and will contribute to the growing research profile and scholarly output of the School. The Professor is also expected to provide leadership in relation to and/or to contribute significantly to the curriculum development, teaching, and administrative activity in the School, Faculty and University.

Major duties:
- To provide academic leadership in psychology in the School
- To provide undergraduate and post-graduate teaching within the School
- To contribute to curriculum development and programme design
- To contribute, as appropriate, to school and university leadership, management and administration
- To establish and lead a research programme and group of international quality within an area of psychology
- To supervise post-graduate research students
- To disseminate research findings through consistent, high quality publications, participation at conferences and other meetings, and other high quality international research outlets
- To liaise with cognate research groups within the School, Faculty and University
- To develop links and collaborations with key national and international external stakeholders and/or agencies
- To obtain external research funding to support high quality research projects and programmes
- To carry out other duties that may fall within the general ambit of the post.

Further information:
For further information on general aspects of this position please contact:
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Appointment may be on a contract basis of up to 10 years in duration.

Salary scale

Professor: €113,604 - €145,952
€102,244 - €131,357*
*Applies to new entrants to the public sector after 01 January 2011

Appointment will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Closing date: 30th March 2012

Application forms are available from:
http://www.dcu.ie/vacancies/APPLICATION FORM 8pg.doc and from Human Resources Department, Dublin City University, Dublin 9. Tel: (01) 700 5149; Fax: (01) 700 5500 Email: hr.applications@dcu.ie

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