

**Coláiste Phádraig
Droim Conrach
Baile Átha Cliath 9**

**(Coláiste de chuid Ollscoil
Chathair Bhaile Átha Cliath)**



**St Patrick's College
Drumcondra
Dublin 9**

**(A College of Dublin City
University)**

HEAD OF GEOGRAPHY - FIVE YEAR FIXED TERM CONTRACT POST

THE COLLEGE

Established in 1875 as a Catholic teacher training College, St Patrick's College is one of the major Colleges of Education in Ireland. It offers a range of Education and Humanities programmes, including BEd, BA, Graduate Diploma in Education, MEd, MA (Taught and Research), PhD and EdD as well as programmes in Special Education. Staff are organised into two faculties – Education and Humanities.

Since 1993, the College has been a linked College of Dublin City University and it is the University that accredits all its programmes. Staff and student numbers have increased substantially in recent years. At present, the number of students is over 2,500 and the number of full time academic staff is approximately 120. In addition to the main buildings, the campus also houses student residences, the Educational Research Centre, the Drumcondra Education Centre, a primary school and a crèche. A major new building programme, which will substantially enhance teaching and other facilities in the college, is expected to commence shortly.

THE DEPARTMENT

The Geography Department in St. Patrick's College teaches to degree level in the B.A. and B. Ed. It also offers M.A. and Ph.D. Degrees by research. Currently there are approximately five hundred undergraduate students studying Geography in St. Patrick's College. The Department currently consists of six full-time permanent academic staff. The teaching and research interests of these staff include the following areas of Geography: Cultural, Urban and Planning, Historical, Geopolitics, Resources and Environment, Development Studies, the Hazardous Earth, Humanitarian Action, Europe, Living in Cities, Population and Migration Studies, Suburban Geographies, The Making of the Irish landscape, Tourism and Heritage Studies, Economic Globalisation, The Development of the City, Rural Geography and Sustainability, Mediterranean and Middle-East, Geomorphology, Irish Society, Space and Inequality, Water Resources, Geographies of Lifestyle and Consumption in Ireland, and the teaching of Geography in primary schools. Courses are also provided on Cartography, Computer Applications and General Research Methods in Geography. All of the members of the Department also participate in the provision of field studies for students.

Head of Geography

The successful candidate will be expected to lead the Department dynamically, responding flexibly to the changing needs of the College. S/he will be responsible to the President for the performance of her/his duties. Members of the Department are responsible to the Head of the Department who assigns their functions and duties.

The Head will undertake normal College teaching, research, administrative and other duties in the Geography Department. S/he will liaise with other staff of the College as appropriate, participate in relevant College and University committees, and contribute appropriately to the wider work of the College including teaching practice duties.

Applicants should have a Doctorate. In the unusual case of an applicant without a Doctorate, detailed justification for the absence of this qualification must form part of the application. The successful applicant will have an acknowledged record in research and publication, and a proven track record in teacher/higher education. S/he will also have extensive experience of providing leadership in teaching and academic administration, as well as excellent interpersonal skills and the ability to work collaboratively with others.

The appointment to the post of Head of Geography will be made at Senior Lecturer level for a fixed term of five years.

Under the terms of the Employment Control Framework document issued by the Higher Education Authority, the Department of Education and Science and the Department of Finance the College has been instructed that all posts must be filled by way of a fixed term contract.

The College will continue to seek sanction for a permanent appointment.

Closing date: 1200, noon on Friday, 28th May 2010

It is envisioned that shortlisted candidates will be interviewed in the week commencing 14th June. Shortlisted candidates will be required to make a short (5 minute) presentation on their vision for the Department and its development over the next five years

Salary: €68,466 - €89,453

Below are the undergraduate courses that have been taught in the academic year 2009-2010. All are subject to change.

First Year Courses

Introduction to Physical Geography
Introduction to Human Geography
Cartography
Computer Applications in Geography
Fieldwork

Second Year Courses

The Making of the Irish Landscape Europe and the European Union
Humanitarian Action
Society, Space and Inequality
Landscape, Heritage and Identity
Geographical Research Methods
Fieldwork

Third Year Courses

Living in Cities
Mediterranean, Middle East and North Africa
Historical Geography
Development of the City
Water Resources of Ireland
Geographies of Lifestyle and Consumption in Ireland
Research Project
Techniques for Studying the Environment
Fieldwork

Geography Dept website:

<http://www.spd.dcu.ie/main/academic/geography/index.shtml>