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

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

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

INFORMATION RELATING TO **TEACHING FELLOWSHIP - PSYCHOLOGY**

THE COLLEGE

Established in 1875, St Patrick's College is one of the major Colleges of Education in Ireland. The College offers a range of Education and Humanities programmes, including B.Ed., B.A., Graduate Diploma, M.Ed., M.A., PhD and a Doctorate in Education. Since 1993, the College has been a College of Dublin City University and the University accredits all courses. In partnership with DCU, the College contributes to the management and delivery of the B.Sc. (Psychology) degree offered through the School of Nursing DCU and in collaboration with DCU Business School and School of Health & Human Performance.

The number of Staff and Students has increased substantially in recent years. At present, the number of students is over 2,400 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 for teachers and a crèche. A major new building programme, which will substantially enhance the teaching and other facilities in the college, is under way at present.

THE DEPARTMENT

The Education Department has, at present, a full-time staff of over forty, some seconded/contract positions and a considerable number of part-time staff. As well as providing programmes at undergraduate and postgraduate levels, the Department has an active national and international research profile and makes a significant contribution to policy development and critique in the sector.

The Education Department has a long tradition in psychology teaching and research. Psychology forms a central component of the Department's teacher education programmes and is also one of the core strands of the interdisciplinary BA subject, Human Development.

The work of the Education Department includes the following:

Bachelor of Education Degree

The present work of the Education Department is primarily concerned with the education of primary school teachers through the teaching of a three year pre-service Bachelor of Education degree. This degree includes substantial periods of Teaching Practice. Approximately 1200 students are registered for this degree in the current academic year.

Graduate Diploma in Education (Primary Teaching)

The College provides an eighteen month (three semester) course in teacher education for graduates. Cohorts can vary in size from 60 to 180.

M.Ed.

A two year, part-time Masters in Education is taught from within the Education Department. A number of specialist strands are offered on a rotational basis and, as well as taught modules, students complete a substantial written dissertation.

Ed.D

In 2005, the College inaugurated a new taught doctoral programme over four years, with two years of course work (six modules), and two years devoted to supervised work on a written dissertation (50,000 words). Two cohorts of students are currently enrolled on this doctoral programme.

BA (Humanities)

Staff from the Education Department teach Human Development as a subject within the BA (Humanities) degree. There are currently about 320 students enrolled in Human Development. A significant number of these are mature, second-chance students.

MA (Humanities)

A taught Masters in Human Development is offered over two years. Like the M.Ed, this programme is offered part time (two evenings a week) and involves course work and a written dissertation.

BSc. Psychology

Beginning in 2010, this is a four year, Level 8 programme which has been designed to meet the accreditation requirement of the Psychological Society of Ireland (PSI). The College has specific responsibility for modules in Child Development, Developmental Psychology and Educational Psychology.

Research Degrees

The Education Department supervises research degrees at Masters and PhD levels.

Award-Bearing Taught In-career Courses

The College has established an Award-Bearing Structure of In-Career Education. This allows modules to be taken for audit or credit towards a University validated Certificate, Diploma or Master of Education degree.

Induction

The National Pilot Project on Teacher Induction represents a collaboration between the Department of Education and Science, teacher unions, Education Departments and the Colleges of Education. The Primary Strand of this project is located in St Patrick's College.

Educational Disadvantage Centre

The Educational Disadvantage Centre was established in the College in 2001. Located within the College's Faculty of Education, the Centre aims to contribute to best practice in national and international policy regarding the implications of social and economic disadvantage on education.

Centre for Citizenship and Human Rights Education

The Centre for Citizenship and Human Rights Education focuses on global and local citizenship education. It develops and teaches courses on Development, Intercultural, Human Rights and Citizenship Education at under-graduate and post-graduate levels. It has a programme of research and of resource creation and provides a resource and advice centre for students on teaching for global citizenship.

Information related to the courses taught

Information relating to the B.Ed., B.A. and taught M.Ed. degrees is contained in the appropriate College handbooks. Further information on the BSc. (Psych) applicants may be found on the [B.Sc. in Psychology](#) page on the DCU web-site.

Foundation Disciplines of Education

The Foundation Disciplines of Education have been integral to the College's conception of teacher-education and to the B.Ed. and Diploma programmes since their inception. It has been their role to provide a solid grounding in traditions of inquiry that inform educational thought and practice and to enable students to develop intellectual coherence in, and a critical perspective on, their professional work. In the light of its commitment to a humanistic, non-reductive conception of teacher-education, the College regards it as essential to maintain strong courses in the psychology, sociology, philosophy and history of education and to promote cross-disciplinary collaboration with colleagues in curricular areas, teaching studies and classroom practice.

Teaching Fellowship - Psychology

Applications are invited for a teaching fellowship in psychology within the **Education Department**, St. Patrick's College Drumcondra for the academic year 2011-2012.

Eligibility

Post-doctoral candidates are eligible to apply, as are those nearing completion of their doctoral studies. Preference will be given to those with specialism in developmental and/or educational psychology and to applicants with some lecturing experience.

Duties and Responsibilities

The successful applicant will undertake an average of 6-8 hours per week of teaching at undergraduate level and (where appropriate) postgraduate level. This will involve contributing to modules on the BSc Psychology (in partnership with DCU), BA in Human Development, Graduate Diploma in Education (Primary Teaching) and BEd as appropriate, leading tutorials and seminars, setting and marking course work, setting and marking examinations, supervision of undergraduate theses and being available for student consultation. The successful applicant will attend meetings of the Human Development, the Foundation Disciplines in Education and the Psychology teams as requested. The teaching fellow will be available for the equivalent of at least 2 ½ days per week on campus.

Award Period

It is anticipated that this Fellowship will commence the 26th September 2011 for a period of 10 months.

Value

The value of the Teaching Fellowship will be a stipend of €22,000 (post-doctoral) and €20,000 (doctoral students).

Applications procedure

Applications should be made by submitting a c.v. the names of two referees and a statement as to why the candidate would like to be considered for the teaching fellowship, to:

Human Resources Department, St Patrick's College Drumcondra Dublin 9 by

12.00 noon on Friday 12th August, 2011

It is envisioned that interviews for this post will take place in week commencing 22nd August, 2011.

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