



College Management Unit:	UCD College of Science
School Unit:	UCD School of Biology & Environmental Biology
Post Title & Subject Area:	Lecturer / Assistant Professor in Molecular Cell Biology <i>(Ideally commencing 1 February 2026, or shortly thereafter by agreement)</i>
Post Duration:	Permanent
Grade:	Lecturer/Assistant Professor (Above the Bar)
Reports to:	Head of School
Competition Ref. N^o	019105
HR Administrator	Natalia McDonagh

Position Summary:

Applications are invited for the post of Lecturer/Assistant Professor (above the bar) in molecular cell biology. Candidates should ideally have proven research interests in either fundamental cell biology processes (for example nuclear dynamics, cell division, cytoskeleton function) or cell biology applied to human diseases. We are particularly interested in receiving applications from candidates whose work involves the use of animal systems, in particular cultured cells and/or cell models. This is a full-time, permanent academic post in the School of Biology & Environmental Science (SBES) at University College Dublin. The School offers a diverse portfolio of programmes, including, BSc degrees in Cell & Molecular Biology, Plant Biology, Zoology and Environmental Biology as well as co-teaching a BSc degree in Genetics. At postgraduate level the School delivers a number of degrees, including an MSc degree in Biological & Biomolecular Science (by negotiated learning), which incorporates specialisation streams in cell biology and genetics, as well as MSc degrees in Applied Environmental Science, Environmental Sustainability, Plant Biology & Biotechnology. The School also contributes to a joint BSc degrees in Biological Sciences, Horticulture, Food Quality and Safety with South China Agricultural University (SCAU) in Guangzhou in China.

We are looking for a candidate who has a demonstrated aptitude and passion for student engagement and teaching who will work with colleagues to deliver modules across the programmes at both undergraduate and taught graduate levels, in particular the Masters in Biological and Biomolecular Science, and supervise undergraduate and taught graduate research projects. The appointee will develop their own research programme that should complement and engage with current academic staff and research programmes within the School and wider research community, and also undertake administration duties as required by the School.

Principal Duties and Responsibilities:

The successful candidate will:

- Contribute to undergraduate modules, graduate programmes in SBES as well as structured PhD programmes; primarily, although not limited to the areas of molecular cell biology.
- Develop an internationally recognised research programme that is consistent with the strategic plan of the School and UCD
- Supervise and mentor undergraduate and postgraduate students and early-stage researchers
- Actively seek research funding including competing for national and international grants
- Engage in scholarly activities that lead to publications, innovation and impact in society
- Represent and support University and School activities in the wider society

- Contribute to academic life of the School, College and the University
- Undertake other duties including administration as assigned by the Head of School that are commensurate with the nature and grade of the post

95 Lecturer / Assistant Professor (above the bar) Salary Scale: €64,753 – 102,539 per annum

Appointment will be made on scale and in accordance with the Department of Finance guidelines.

Details on eligibility to compete and pension information is available at:

<https://www.ucd.ie/hr/resourcing/eligibilitytocompete/>.

UCD welcomes applications from everyone. We are committed to creating an environment where diversity is celebrated and everyone is afforded equality of opportunity. Learn more about Diversity at:

<https://www.ucd.ie/workatucd/diversity/>.

Reasonable accommodations will be provided to any applicant during the interview process who discloses they have a disability or are neurodiverse.

Selection Criteria

Selection criteria outline the qualifications, skills, knowledge and/or experience that the successful candidate would need to demonstrate for successful discharge of the responsibilities of the post. Applications will be assessed on the basis of how well candidates satisfy these criteria.

Mandatory:

- A PhD in an appropriate biological discipline
- Track record in molecular cell biology research
- A proven ability and experience in teaching at third (undergraduate) and/or fourth (postgraduate) level, through English, in relevant subjects
- Record of student supervision
- A demonstrated capacity to carry out research in molecular biology that is relevant to the School and evidenced by research experience and publication record
- Experience in writing research proposals and securing competitive research funding
- A proven capacity to collaborate with other researchers
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills
- Excellent organisational skills and the ability to both use initiative and to work collaboratively as part of a team
- Professional fluency in the English Language
- Candidates must demonstrate how they can positively contribute to fostering an inclusive environment and a level of awareness of equality, diversity and inclusion

Desirable:

- Evidence of international mobility for academic or scientific purposes
- Evidence of participation in public outreach activities.

Supplementary information:

The University:	https://www.ucd.ie/
UCD Strategy to 2030 – Breaking Boundaries:	https://strategy.ucd.ie/
College of Science:	https://strategy.ucd.ie/

UCD School of Biology & Environmental Biology:	https://strategy.ucd.ie/
Equality Diversity and Inclusion at UCD	https://www.ucd.ie/workatucd/diversity/
Other (Please specify):	N/A

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