

National College of Ireland

National College of Ireland is seeking applications for the role of

Dean of School of Computing

Permanent Role



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Founded in 1951, National College of Ireland's mission is "to change lives through education". Our vision is to provide an inspiring educational experience that is innovative, responsive and enterprise focused. NCI is home to almost 6,500 students who study at our campus in Dublin's International Financial Services Centre and online.

NCI offers full and part-time programmes from undergraduate to doctoral level with a diverse and innovative range of pedagogies. Our programmes in Computing, Business, Psychology and Education produce graduates of distinction, future leaders who make a positive impact in society. NCI has an ambitious growth strategy to develop through international partnerships, an International Advisory Board, innovative industry collaborations, academic partnerships, an active research agenda and new programme development.

Central to our current success and our future plans, NCI's School of Computing is a vibrant community of learners and faculty with a team of 120 full time and associate staff. The school has seen significant growth in student numbers from Ireland and around the world. The School of Computing serves more than 2,300 students, with 1,700 at postgraduate level, in fields such as Data Analytics, Cloud Computing, Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Cybersecurity, Software Development, the Internet of Things, Fintech, and Blockchain Technologies.

The successful applicant will be an individual of exceptional ability and experience. Their innovative and strategic leadership will enhance and progress NCI's continued development, propelling the next phase of our growth.



The Position:

Reporting to the Vice President Academic Affairs & Research; the Dean will be responsible for leading all the activities of the NCI School of Computing and will provide strategic direction, academic leadership, and strong management to the school in conjunction with the Vice Deans. The role holder will manage the school's staff and will have overall accountability for the operations of the school. The Dean will develop and support income generation in the school and will ensure that the resources of the school are oriented to the achievement of the goals of NCI.

The Dean is also a key member of the NCI senior leadership, Executive Group, which has responsibility for the achievement of the college's goals and objectives as well as policy and operational matters related to college activities.


The Dean of School of Computing is academically ranked at professorial level and will be responsible for leading academic staff in excellence in teaching and research both nationally and internationally.

Key Relationships:

- Reports to - Vice President Academic Affairs & Research
- NCI President
- Vice Deans of School of Computing
- Dean of School of Business
- Registrar
- Faculty of School of Computing
- School Office
- Director of the Centre for Education and Lifelong Learning
- Executive Group colleagues
- Director of NCI's Early learning Initiative

Specific responsibilities:

- Lead academic faculty in the delivery of the school's high-quality curriculum and drive innovation in new programmes and educational approaches.
- Foster and support excellence and integrity in teaching, research, and service to students through developing the resources and talent within the school.
- Develop research and scholarship opportunities within the school and provide leadership for knowledge transfer with industry and other partners.
- Management and oversight of international collaborations.
- Work collaboratively with other schools and departments and ensure that the school's links with the wider college are supported and developed.

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- Ensure that the performance of faculty and administrative staff within the school is appropriately managed and reviewed in line with college policies.
 - Responsible for the quality of school provision including the implementation of quality accreditation related to learning, teaching and assessment, course approval and external examiners involvement.
 - Ensure that the academic performance of the school is appropriately monitored and that related action plans are implemented.
 - Develop and support income generating activity in the school and prepare and manage the school's budget in line with college requirements.
 - Understand key accreditation bodies associated with a progressive School of Computing, to work with the NCI Vice President in seeking to obtain targeted accreditations.
 - Maintain and develop positive relationships with those professional bodies involved in accrediting the school's provision.
 - Develop and maintain external links and partnerships that support the objectives of the school and the college's strategic plan.
 - Attend and contribute to Academic Council and Executive Group meetings.
 - Contribute to the development of college strategy.

Essential academic qualifications and professional experience:

Applicants for this position must, as a minimum, have a PhD in a related area and five years' proven experience of academic leadership and management appropriate to a higher education environment.

Candidate Profile:

It is expected that the successful candidate will have the following capabilities:

- Ability to successfully lead, motivate and manage multi-skilled staff groups and to build effective teams and cross institutional collaborations.
- Excellent interpersonal skills and experience of communicating effectively with a wide variety of stakeholders, including the technology sector.
- Leadership experience in guiding innovation in learning and teaching, academic research, and curriculum development in a competitive landscape.

- A forward-looking leader with a proven record in income generation, research, quality provision and programme portfolio development that will allow the school to maintain and enhance its position in the third-level sector in Ireland and globally.
- Good standing within their own academic field including evidence of publications.
- An innovative, commercially aware and astute individual who can show an ability to contribute to the development and implementation of strategy.
- A willingness to travel.

Terms and Conditions of position:

Contract Type: Permanent

Salary Band: €93,182 - €124,242

Annual Leave: 34 days

Pension: Defined Contribution Pension Scheme

Application Process:

To apply, please email your covering letter outlining your experience for success in the role and your CV in PDF format, quoting the job title to: recruitment@ncirl.ie by 5 pm on Wednesday 27th October 2021.

Note:

- The successful applicant will be subject to Garda vetting and must not have any convictions under the Sex Offenders Act 2001.
- The functions and responsibilities assigned to the Dean of School of Computing are based on the current stated role and objectives of the College. These functions and responsibilities may alter in line with operational and strategic plans and priorities of NCI.
- National College of Ireland is an equal opportunities employer.



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