

DCCI is looking for Graduates to join our Graduate Programme 2026

As the Government agency with the remit to advocate for the Design and Craft Community, we can offer an exciting role that will provide you with invaluable experience as you progress on your chosen career path.

In particular, we are seeking a graduate to join our **Education Team**, and enter the organisation at a time of exciting change.

Design and Craft is all around us. We need people who share our passion for solving the problems that matter. We will support you every step of the way. DCCI is a unique workplace to build a career. The provision of education and training services plays a key role in supporting craftspeople across the island of Ireland and as such you will be involved with many exciting initiatives.

What You Will Be Doing

Based in Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny at the newly refurbished Jewellery Centre of Excellence, you will be working with a small but strong team of highly knowledgeable craft education specialists, giving you the opportunity to develop your skill set and progress your career. You will be trained in providing support and assistance across a range of projects and technical areas, and you will gain in-depth knowledge of the Design & Craft Community in Ireland and further afield. You will become an integral part of the Education Team learning how every function of the department contributes to the overall success of the strategic vision of DCCI.

The core areas of the department are:

- The creation and implementation of a broad range of bespoke and accredited education and training programmes.
- The support of a national and European event management itinerary, working with stakeholders such as the Michelangelo Foundation and World Crafts Council.

Who We Are Looking For

You will be a recent graduate considering career options currently, and you may have studied at an Art & Design College. However, given that this is a multi-disciplinary role, a graduate from an Education, Business or Social Science background with an interest in the creative sector would also benefit from this unique opportunity.

You will be an ambitious, resilient, client-facing individual who seeks out challenges and is driven by excellence in the delivery of projects, a team player from the get-go, we will encourage and value different ideas and styles of thinking. We see a mix of experiences and skills as a positive contributor to developing the most innovative ideas. We are looking out for people who take opportunities, those who are keen to learn and develop, intelligent risk takers who are not scared to try new things, and who adapt and move quickly.

What's in it for you?

At DCCI we work collaboratively to achieve exceptional outcomes and, joining the Graduate Programme is no different. You will develop an exceptional career pathway, mentored and

supported by a team of multi-disciplinary experts enabling you to direct your professional development plan in a way that benefits you and the organisation as a whole.

Applications

As part of the selection process, it is mandatory to email a CV and covering letter, as we will not process your application without one. In your covering letter let us know why you are interested in working at DCCI and how your skills might apply to the role. We would also like to know a little about you as an individual.

What happens next?

If this opportunity suits your career journey, we'd love to hear from you.

Our closing date for graduate applications is Friday 13th February, 2026. There could be a possibility that we close earlier if we have volume applications. We would recommend for you to get an application in as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

If you are successful, you will be invited to attend an interview. This will be an opportunity to meet the team who you could be working with. You will be able to showcase your relevant skills and suitability for the role and, ask any questions on how the team works and what to expect in the role day to day.

This is the next step in your career – apply today!

Email: recruitment@dcci.ie with 'Education Graduate' in the subject line