Research Career Framework

As part of this role the researcher will be required to participate in the DCU Research Career Framework. This framework is designed to provide significant professional development opportunities to Researchers and offer the best opportunities in terms of a wider career path.

Background & Role

EAGLE stands for “EnhAnced Government LEarning” and is a 3-year project funded by the European Union’s Seventh Framework Programme. This project commenced on 1st February 2014 and is represented by 10 highly-qualified partners from 7 European countries.

The main objective is to equip employees in rural local governments (RLG) with a holistic training solution based on Open Educational Resources (OER) and Open Source (OS) tools, with change management and ICT literacy skills to introduce and use such a system. This research initiative is based on the principles of Universal Design. It is one of the core precepts of the work that it is usable by all persons. Therefore, ensuring that the platform, educational resources, and all other project-related artifacts meet the highest standards of accessibility is extremely important.

The part played by DCU in the project is to ensure that all project deliverables meet the requirements of Universal Usability and accessibility. We are now seeking a suitably qualified and motivated individual to join our team and work on this project.

Duties & Responsibilities

Reporting to his/her Principal Investigator the Postdoctoral Researcher will:

- Conduct a specified programme of research under the supervision and direction of the Principal Investigator which will ensure that all aspects of the EAGLE project meet the highest standards of accessibility. The successful applicant will also be responsible for engaging with the Local government partner (Donegal County Council) to ensure that the platforms and OERs meet their needs and requirements.

- Assist in identifying and developing future research and funding initiatives

- Carry out administrative work associated with the programme of research as necessary

Experience & Qualifications

- Applicants must have a PhD in a related discipline, or a PhD followed by several years of relevant industrial experience.

- Applicants should have at least 2 publications in the fields of HCI, Usability testing or accessibility. Candidates who have at least one publication where they are first author will be more desirable.

- Good communication and commitment to research in the fields of HCI, Usability, and or Accessibility are considered pre-requisites for this post.
Candidates will be assessed on the following competencies:

- Discipline knowledge and Research skills – Demonstrates knowledge of a research discipline and the ability to conduct a specific programme of research within that discipline.
- Understanding the Research Environment – Demonstrates an awareness of the research environment (for example funding bodies) and the ability to contribute to grant applications
- Communicating Research – Demonstrates the ability to communicate their research with their peers and the wider research community (for example presenting at conferences and publishing research in relevant journals) and the potential to teach and tutor students
- Managing & Leadership skills - Demonstrates the potential to manage a research project

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Duration: One year in the first instance; subject to satisfactory performance and available funding there may be an opportunity to offer a further contract of up to 9 months in duration.

Salary commensurate with experience and qualifications

Closing date: 9th February 2015

Application Procedure:

Application forms are available from the DCU Current Vacancies (Open Competitions) website at http://www4.dcu.ie/hr/vacancies/current.shtml and also from the Human Resources Department, Dublin City University, Dublin 9. Tel: +353 (0)1 700 5149; Fax: +353 (0)1 700 5500 Email: hr.applications@dcu.ie

Applications should be submitted by e-mail to hr.applications@dcu.ie or post to the Human Resources Department, Dublin City University, Dublin 9. Faxed applications will not be accepted for this post.

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