



Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for the following position

**Web/App Developer for Astronomical Software  
Analyst Programmer I  
Centre for Astrophysics and Relativity (CfAR)  
11 Month Fixed Term Contract**

**Dublin City University**

Dublin City University (DCU) is a leading innovative European University. It is proud to be one of the world's leading Young Universities and is among the world's top 2% globally. DCU is known as Ireland's University of Impact, with a mission to 'transform lives and societies' and focuses on addressing global challenges in collaboration with key national and international partners and stakeholders.

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**Overview of the department**

CfAR is a research centre in Dublin City University focused on research in astrophysics and relativity. Consisting of researchers from the Schools of Mathematical Sciences and Physical Sciences, it forms a coherent grouping with the aim of creating an environment for productive discourse and research as well as education of advanced undergraduate and graduate students who are pursuing their studies in the areas of interest of the centre.

**Role Profile**

This role arises as part of a National Open Research Forum (NORF) strand II project under the supervision of Dr. Oisín Creaner entitled "Star Guide: showing citizen scientists the best view of

exoplanets.” This project is intended to support citizen scientists by making it easier for them to participate in ExoClock and Exoplanet Watch – ESA and NASA projects respectively to observe exoplanet transits with small, privately owned telescopes.

Dr. Creaner is an interdisciplinary scientist who focusses on the application of high-performance computing to astrophysical data analytics challenges. His research has focussed on observational astronomy across the spectrum from radio to visible to high-energy particle astronomy. At DCU, he plans to develop optimised strategies for the observation of exoplanets, for observers from citizen science projects such as Exoplanet Watch to ground-based high-performance observatories to satellites.

### **Duties and Responsibilities**

Please refer to the job description for a list of duties and responsibilities associated with this role.

### **Qualifications and Experience**

#### **Essential:**

- A primary degree (NFQ Level 7) or equivalent relevant experience in Physics, Software Development, or another related field.
- Two years relevant experience.

#### **Desirable:**

- PhD or equivalent experience in a relevant field.
- Experience in full-stack web development, amateur astronomy, citizen science projects, academic software development, user experience design or human computer interactions and scientific public engagement and outreach.

### **Essential Training**

The postholder will be required to undertake the following essential compliance training: Orientation, Health & Safety, Data Protection (GDPR) and all Cyber Security Awareness Training. Other training may need to be undertaken when required.

### **Salary Scale:**

Analyst Programmer I - €45,318 - €52,927

Appointment will be commensurate with qualifications and experience and in line with current Government pay policy.

**Closing date:** Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> 2023

### **Additional Information**

Additional Information: Please note this role does not meet criteria for a Critical Skills permit as stipulated by the Department of Enterprise, Trade & Employment.

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### **Informal Enquiries in relation to this role should be directed to:**

Dr Oisín Creaner, School of Physical Sciences, Dublin City University.

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**Application Procedure:**

Applications should be submitted by e-mail with a CV and 1-page cover letter to [oisin.creaner@dcu.ie](mailto:oisin.creaner@dcu.ie)

Please clearly state the role that you are applying for in your application and email subject line:

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