



Learning Technologist

Ideas Lab

National Institute for Digital Learning

11 Month Fixed Term Contract

Introduction

Overview Dublin City University (www.dcu.ie) is a research-intensive, globally-engaged, dynamic institution that is distinguished by both the quality and impact of its graduates and its focus on the translation of knowledge into societal and economic benefit. DCU prepares its students well for success in life, and in the workplace, by providing a high-quality, rounded education appropriate to the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century. Through its mission to transform lives and societies through education, research and innovation DCU acts as an agent of social, cultural and economic progress. DCU is characterised by a focus on innovation and entrepreneurship and a track-record of effective engagement with the enterprise sector. Excellence in its education and research activities has led to DCU's consistent position in the rankings of the world's top young universities.

NIDL

The National Institute for Digital Learning (NIDL) aims to be a world leader at the forefront of designing, implementing and researching new blended, on-line and digital (BOLD) models of education. We have a mission of transforming lives and societies by exploring BOLD new models of education for a better and more sustainable future for all. The NIDL is committed to providing strategic leadership, building strong communities of innovation, and enabling and contributing to world-class research. We support a comprehensive suite of professional development opportunities in BOLD education from workshops to advanced postgraduate and doctoral study. The NIDL consists of three units: the Teaching Enhancement Unit, the Ideas Lab and the Open Education Unit.

Role Profile

The Learning Technologist will work primarily on DCU's Ideas Lab projects to deliver DCU's strategic ambitions in digital teaching and learning. These projects include the development of modules and programmes focused on developing global digital learning opportunities. Building upon existing pioneering developments in digital learning, and working with a dynamic team of colleagues, this post offers an exciting opportunity for the successful candidate to make a significant contribution to the enhancement of learning online. Under the direction of the Head of the Ideas Lab, you will work closely with a team of project staff including academics, learning technologists, researchers, external consultants and other partners to deliver the Ideas Lab Innovative Project Team aims. The contract will be for a period of up to 11 months commencing on appointment.

Duties & Responsibilities

- Construct and develop innovative learning and technology solutions while working as part of a team.
- Provide technical support and facilitation with SMXs and students
- Research trends in digital learning and technology and implement appropriate solutions.
- Manage and deliver project outputs to deadlines and to the highest standards.
- Administer usability and user experience testing.
- Contribute to the marketing activities of the project, including, specifically the dissemination of promotional content on the project website, social media and traditional marketing channels.
- Carry out regular online market research surveys and prepare reports on key findings.
- Produce, disseminate and deliver research outputs under the direction of the Head of the Ideas Lab.
- Complete project administrative duties.
- Carry out such other duties as may be determined and required from time to time by the Head of the Ideas Lab.

Qualifications & Experience

The candidate must possess direct experience of module and MOOC development and delivery on the FutureLearn platform and must have experience in technical support. A primary degree with an information technology, computing or multimedia component in it and experience in a higher education environment is required. Evidence of CPD in digital learning and teaching essential. The successful candidate will exhibit a high degree of communication skills. The successful candidate will have advanced English language skills with knowledge of the Irish language desirable.

The successful candidate will:

- Experience on the FutureLearn platform developing modules in STEM subjects for Higher Education.
- Demonstrate a clear comprehension and experience using relevant multimedia technologies for learning resource development and technology-enhanced learning and advanced capacity to use the same.
- Possess excellent social skills and the ability to establish effective working relationships with a range of staff.
- Solution-oriented approach and ability to implement technical workarounds.
- Have the ability to work as an integral part of a team.
- Establish clear priorities and be able to manage their own workload.
- Experience with working with multimedia packages for learning including video and audio production and editing.
- Demonstrate excellent communication skills.
- Be willing to work remotely, bilingually and/or travel between campuses and work out of hours as necessary.

Mandatory Training

The post holder will be required to undertake the following mandatory compliance training: Orientation, Health & Safety and Data Protection (GDPR). Other training may need to be undertaken when appropriate.