



Department of Computer Science

Research Assistant in Public Engagement of Science

Ref: 07480/KR

The Department of Computer Science at Queen Mary, University of London, is seeking a highly motivated professional to support its work in the public engagement of science related to the cs4fn project (www.cs4fn.org).

The Department is a national and international leader in the public communication of science with, for example, its Sodarace (www.sodarace.net) and cs4fn (www.cs4fn.org) projects. cs4fn is a combination of magazine, webzine and linked live shows which aims to enthuse school students and others about computer science as well as Science, Engineering and Maths more generally. The focus is on getting across core computer science concepts and leading edge research in a fun and accessible way - for example using magic tricks, links to films, TV and music, games and puzzles.

We have now received significant support for cs4fn from EPSRC in the form of a 5-year Partnership for Public Engagement grant. We are therefore seeking to recruit a public communicator/research assistant to support all aspects of the project. Activities will include researching and writing articles, maintaining webpage content, support in the production of the magazine, developing online interactive material and developing participative research projects to engage the readership in areas of computer science and linked Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics subjects.

The successful candidate will have at least a postgraduate degree in computer science or a related discipline and a strong interest in communicating computer science research to the general public. Excellent oral and written communication skills are vital, including the ability to communicate advanced concepts to children, as is the ability to meet deadlines and think creatively. This is post is full time and will be for 3 years in the first instance with a possibility of a 2 year extension.

Salary will be in the range of £25,681- £30,968 per annum inclusive depending on qualification and skills, with benefits including 30 days' annual leave (plus statutory holidays) and pension scheme.

Informal enquiries should be emailed to Dr Paul Curzon (pc@dcs.qmul.ac.uk).

Completed application forms (quoting the reference 07480/KR) along with a copy of your CV should be sent, ideally by email, to Sue White (suew@dcs.qmul.ac.uk). If this is not possible a paper copy should be sent to Sue White, Department of Computer Science, Queen Mary, University of London, Mile End, London E1 4NS to arrive by the closing date.

The closing date for receipt of applications is the 11th January 2008.

Interviews will be held on Monday 4th February 2008.

Working towards equal opportunities