Job Description – Lecturer/Senior Lecturer in Artificial Intelligence

Reports to: Head of School - Language and Applied Linguistics
Grade AC3 £41,526 - £49,553 & AC4 £52,560 - £59,135

About the role

We are seeking to appoint a language specialist in Lecturer/Senior Lecturer in Artificial Intelligence. The candidate will work in one or more of the topics of central importance to the School of Languages and Applied Linguistics, with special attention to workplace communication and/or the interface between social media and AI.

The School of Languages and Applied Linguistics is entering a period of growth in both core curriculum and non-accredited learning. We are recruiting academic staff to develop our offering in exciting new curriculum areas, as well as investing in non-accredited languages courses for business and leisure learners. We offer a welcoming, inclusive and supportive environment for working, learning and research, and support our staff to develop their careers through collaborative working, engaging research and scholarship, a healthy pipeline of publications, and opportunities for management development.

Key responsibilities

You will work individually and as part of a team and you will contribute to the team by:

- developing learning materials, including the updating, writing and redrafting of materials, critical reading, editing associated material, and the production of audio-visual and online resources;
- conducting research in languages and/or applied linguistics, with a specific focus on the interface between applied linguistics and AI;
- playing a full part in the presentation and maintenance of existing courses, including writing assignments, monitoring tutors and participating in assessment and cluster award boards;
- developing synergies between teaching and research by developing a personal research plan that aligns with one or more of the School’s research themes;
- contribute to a pipeline of high quality publications;
- promoting equal opportunities across all aspects of School activities including teaching and research; and
- undertaking any other duties as required by the Head of School or the Professional Lead, including additional academic leadership roles if appointed at Senior Lecturer grade.

You may also be required to supervise PHD students if appointed at Senior Lecturer level.

Skills and experience

Essential:
- Master’s degree or equivalent in linguistics or a related field (at Lecturer grade);
- PhD or equivalent interactional linguistics, preferably ethnomethodological conversation analysis and/or interactional linguistics (at Senior Lecturer grade);
- An emerging research profile in AI and human communication
- A strong record of research and/or knowledge exchange that is commensurate to the position
- Evidence of relevant continuing professional development.
- Ability to work effectively, flexibly and collaboratively with others; being reflective and self-critical of personal contributions;
• Excellent command of spoken and written English, with the capacity to communicate clearly and influentially with a range of stakeholders;
• An ability to write materials for students studying online in, and outside of, immediate area of expertise;
• An understanding of supported open and distance learning and an ability to write clearly and cogently for diverse audiences;
• Proven ability to plan and organise work to agreed deadlines, within resource constraints, and sometimes under pressure;
• An understanding of the role of new technologies within blended teaching and learning, and a commitment to innovation in this area;
• A strong commitment to excellence in inclusive learning and teaching for a diverse student population

For Senior Lecturer you must additionally demonstrate:
• Evidence of research and scholarship – evidenced through publications and or external income funding impacting a field relevant to your discipline;
• Evidence of excellent leadership and management skills including the ability to lead, motivate, delegate and encourage high performance.

Desirable:
• An undergraduate qualification in linguistics, with a focus on social and cultural issues
• HEA or equivalent accreditation.
• Record of publications in a relevant area that supports a relevant field of practice.
• Some knowledge of phonetics and phonology

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