MSc project module S810

Presentation pattern November to October

Course description

This masters-level project course in science is an opportunity for students to carry out an in-depth investigation into a subject of their own choice. The only constraint on the subject is that it must be linked to one or more of the knowledge-based objectives of their previous science MSc modules. Their project can be literature based, involve laboratory or fieldwork, or include the design and use of a questionnaire. They will have the support and guidance of a tutor, both by email and telephone.

Person specification

The person specification for this course should be read in conjunction with the generic person specification for an associate lecturer at The Open University.

As well as meeting all the requirements set out in the generic person specification, you should have:

- A relevant postgraduate degree or equivalent qualification in a subject area where projects for the forthcoming year require tutors (projects will be in the subject areas of the taught MSc modules)
- Demonstrable current knowledge in a subject area where projects for the forthcoming year require tutors (projects will be in the subject areas of the taught MSc modules)
- Evidence of ability to guide students in project work
- Evidence of facilitating student skills development.
- Experience of working online which demonstrates your potential to support student learning effectively in an electronic environment
- Demonstrable experience of accessing scientific information via the web.

It would be an advantage to have:

- Experience of supporting adult learners at postgraduate level
- Experience of providing support for independent distance learners
- Evidence of competence in the use of advanced communication tools such as synchronous conferencing (e.g. Skype) to facilitate.

Additional information

- You will be expected to mark three assignments online and the project report. You will also be asked to act as the second marker for one or more other projects.
- Students on S810 will have passed two modules in the MSc in Professional Science.

Module related details - a full explanation can be found on the website

Credits awarded to the student for the successful completion of a module: 60

Number of assignments submitted by the student: 4

Method of submission for assignments: 1a

Level of ICT requirements: 3

Number of students likely to be in a standard group: 5

Salary band: 3

Estimated number of hours per teaching week: 2.5

There may be opportunities for ALs to undertake associated assessment work for which there will be additional payment and about which you will be contacted separately if applicable.