

Researcher Job Details

Research Assistant/Associate - Commons Technologies School of Computing SAGE

Research Role Profile

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As part of our commitment to career development for research staff, the University has developed 3 levels of [research role profiles](#). These profiles set out firstly the generic competences and responsibilities expected of role holders at each level and secondly the general qualifications and experiences needed for entry at a particular level.

Specific Responsibilities of Position

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1. Work under the supervision of Dr Vasilis Vlachokyriakos and Dr Clara Crivellaro for the EU H2020 project on Generative European Commons Living Lab to conduct research in collaboration with democracy and social justice research theme of the EPSRC Digital Economy Research Centre; with a particular emphasis on community technologies, digital and urban commons, social innovation, and issues of social justice in technology design and implementation.
2. Contribute to the design, development, and evaluation of social and technical processes to interface existing open source technologies (e.g. Loomio, NextCloud, WikiMedia etc.) with generative commons and municipalities and to favor networking activities and the exchange of good practices.
3. Contribute to the day-to-day supervision of undergraduate and masters student in the School of Computing, and postgraduate research students undertaking projects related to the EU H2020 “Generative European Commons Living Lab” and the democracy and social justice research theme of the EPSRC Digital Economy Research Centre.
4. Dissemination of digital commons, community technologies and social justice research at leading academic and practitioner publication venues.
5. Contribute to the design of digital technologies for accessible and affordable communication; organizing events; collaboratively undertaking mundane operations; encouraging the identification of community issues.
6. Contribute to the coordination of the H2020 consortium, a network of academic, public, third sector, commercial and community collaborators.
7. Contribute to the development of research grant applications to government, third sector and private funders.

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8. Contribute to the organisation and delivery of research, engagement and recruitment events run by Open Lab (<http://openlab.ncl.ac.uk>) and the School of Computing Science (<http://www.ncl.ac.uk/computing>).

Person Specification

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		Essential or Desirable
	Qualifications	
1	PhD (awarded or close to submission) in HCI, technology design, or a closely related discipline	Essential
2	MSc in Human-Computer Interaction, design, or equivalent	Desirable
	Knowledge, Skills and Experience	
1	Track record of design, deployment and evaluation of technologies for digital democracy and/or commons	Essential
2	Track record of participatory research into digital technologies (including design, deployment and evaluation)	Essential
3	Strong qualitative and quantitative evaluation skills	Essential
4	Excellent oral and written communication skills	Essential
5	Experience of social media based research (i.e. social computing)	Desirable
6	Basic knowledge of scripting languages (e.g. Python, JavaScript etc.)	Desirable
	Attributes/Behaviours	
1	Ability to work on own initiative and prioritize tasks	Essential
2	Ability to work independently, and flexibly as part of multi-disciplinary team	Essential
3	Availability for significant European travel (up to 10 weeks/year)	Essential

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