

Stokes Lectureship at GMIT in Information and Communication Technologies

Post Title: Virtual Environments for Learning

Funding Agency: Science Foundation Ireland (Stokes Lectureship)

Research Environment: The Stokes Lecturer will work with GMIT's Informatics and Learning Technology Research Group who research new approaches for the delivery of distance learning programme, as well as the Head of Learning, Heads of School and Head of Research.

Requirements/Background: The successful candidates will hold a Ph. D. in teaching and learning or a related discipline, particularly focusing on methodologies and tools for distance learning. Ideally, the applicant will have experience in the development and delivery of third level distance learning programmes. He/she will contribute towards the establishment of a distance learning centre within the college, the co-ordination of the subject matter experts and the design, development and implementation of a quality virtual learning environment. The successful applicant will also contribute towards the development of quality assurance protocols, practice and training for staff to ensure the delivery of high quality e-Learning programmes within the institute.

The successful candidate will ideally have experience in;

- The design and development of third level distance learning programmes in virtual learning environments
- Research projects in the field of distance learning and VLEs
- Third level accreditation processes and procedures
- Instructional design
- Media design and development
- Research and development in the area of e-Learning
- e-Learning authoring tools, flash development and dynamic web development
- The development and delivery of third level programmes using traditional modes

The successful candidate will take on the following roles:

- Establish quality procedures and protocols for the centre
- Develop methodologies and tools for subject matter experts to facilitate the transfer of content into a relevant form for online delivery
- Provide a series of training programmes for subject matter experts
- Form e-Learning development teams
- Design and develop on-line courses
- Contribute to and participate in research that addresses contemporary issues in e-Learning
- Source external funding for relevant research
- Provide training in best practice and support the supervision of Masters and PhD researchers
- Work with the Head of Learning in the ongoing development of e-Learning programmes
- Liaise with the Heads of Schools to strategically determine regional and national distance learning needs
- Liaise with the Head of Research in the provision of a Knowledge Deployment Platform

He or she will have:

- A minimum of 5 years academic experience
- To demonstrate examples of their work
- A commitment to the integration of teaching, learning and research;
- Effective communication and interpersonal skills;
- Excellent motivation and organisational skills

Project Start-Date: January, 2008
Project Duration: 5 Year Fixed Term
Conditions: SFI Award is valued at €90,000 per annum

Further Information on the Project: Dr. Thomas Roche, Collaborative Design Research Group

Please submit a detailed Curriculum Vitae along with a covering letter clearly indicating the post title to:

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Latest date for receipt of application is: 12 noon on Friday 25th May, 2007