

Candidate Information

Position: Analyst Programmer **School/Department:** IT Systems and Services

Reference: 21/108566

Closing Date: Monday 1 February 2021
Salary: £33,797 - £40,322 per annum
Anticipated Interview Date: Friday 26 February 2021

JOB PURPOSE:

To assist in the implementation, development, administration and support of the University's central computing services.

MAJOR DUTIES:

- 1. Work as part of a team to identify, develop and implement computer systems and solutions to support the University's business functions, including education, research and administration.
- 2. Use appropriate technologies and applications to ensure the continuity, performance and security of the University's central computing services.
- 3. Design and deliver specialist IT solutions to ensure high levels of service quality and effectiveness.
- 4. Work within teams which may be cross-functional to ensure the delivery of a high quality, integrated set of services to users. Lead teams engaged in projects as required.
- 5. Adopt a proactive approach to the identification and resolution of potential problem areas.
- 6. Adopt a proactive approach to the identification of opportunities for developing business solutions and service enhancements to meet the needs of colleagues and end users.
- 7. Ensure the effective maintenance of information and documentation, e.g. systems specifications, disaster recovery plans, user documentation, maintenance schedules and computer programs.
- 8. Specify, install, support and maintain computer systems and applications.
- 9. Contribute to the development and monitoring of divisional and team strategy and plans. Maintain an awareness of relevant University strategies and plans.
- 10. Collect, analyse and present reports and results to inform decision making within relevant areas.
- 11. Provide specialist/professional advice, information and assistance to users either directly or through the Helpdesk to resolve problems and to maximise service quality, efficiency and continuity.
- 12. Must be willing to undertake support, installation and development work outside of 'normal' working hours, possibly on a rota/shift
- 13. Carry out any other duties which are appropriate to the post as may be reasonably requested by senior management.

Planning and Organising:

- 1. Plan own work over the short to medium term with an awareness of longer term issues, in response to manager's general instructions.
- 2. Contribute to larger projects as part of a project team.
- 3. Contribute to the planning and organisation of service changes with regard to their impact on the business of the University
- 4. Develop appropriate work schedules in order to meet targets and/or turnaround times.

Resource Management Responsibilities:

- 1. Assist in the planning of resources within the area of responsibility to ensure that they are effectively managed and monitored.
- 2. Advise on the cost/benefit of new and existing technologies.
- 3. Assume delegated responsibilities as appropriate.
- 4. Manage/supervise staff where appropriate; monitoring and supporting the performance management and development of staff to ensure that individual contributions are maximised.

Internal and External Relationships:

- 1. Attend internal and external meetings to ensure that relevant issues are appropriately represented and reported.
- 2. Liaise with key contacts to ensure appropriate integration, collaboration and understanding.
- 3. Liaise with external suppliers, consultants and other third parties

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:

- 1. * Degree or higher degree or equivalent in Computer Science or other related discipline;
 - * Or; Degree or higher degree in any discipline combined with 5 years relevant professional experience in an IT systems or support role
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- 2. * Three years relevant professional experience in a systems or IT support role.
- 3. As outlined above, applicants without a degree-level qualification in Computer Science etc. must have five years relevant professional experience.
- 4. Must demonstrate a good working knowledge and practical experience of operating systems, desktop services and system builds.
- 5. Must demonstrate ability to follow argument logically.
- 6. Must demonstrate strong reasoning ability.
- 7. Must demonstrate ability to communicate technical information with clarity and effectiveness.
- 8. Must demonstrate ability to communicate effectively with colleagues and non-technical users to include all grades of staff throughout the University.
- 9. Must show initiative and enthusiasm.
- 10. Able to prioritise own work to meet deadlines.
- 11. Must be able to work both within a team and independently.
- 12. Commitment to post.
- 13. Able to respond flexibly to meet changing client requirements.
- 14. Keen to learn further relevant systems and application skills.
- 15. Keen to learn and undertake suitable training in relevant programming languages and methods.
- 16. Must be willing to provide cover, as required, during critical periods and over some holiday periods as required in accordance with the needs of the Service.
- 17. Must be willing to undertake support, installation and development work outside of 'normal' working hours, possibly on a rota/shift basis.
- 18. Must be able to carry out physical device installation, cabling and support duties.

DESIRABLE CRITERIA:

- 1. Microsoft Certified System Administrator (MCSA) or Microsoft Certified System Engineer (MCSE).
- 2. BCS Professional / Chartered Membership or equivalent.
- 3. Hold or be about to obtain relevant professional qualification.
- 4. Working knowledge of any of the following: Windows (Server), Active Directory.
- 5. Ability to demonstrate practical experience with 1 or more recognised client management solutions: Eg Symantec Ghost, KACE.
- 6. Evidence of self-training or self-directed learning.
- 7. Proven diagnostic skills.