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CANDIDATE BRIEF

E-learning Developer / Learning Technologist, Digital Education Service



Salary: Grade 6 (£27,025 – £32,236 p.a.)

Reference: CSDLS1057

Fixed-term for one year (due to funding)

We will consider flexible working arrangements

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Would you like to play a key role within an award-winning digital learning production team? Are you an enthusiastic, experienced learning technologist / e-learning developer with relevant and up-to-date knowledge of online learning technologies and platforms?

In this role you will work with a diverse team of instructional designers, subject matter experts, video production leads, animators and graphic designers to plan and develop professional-standard interactive learning materials using a range of authoring tools.

You will also play a key role in supporting colleagues in the effective and best practice use of Virtual Learning Environments / Learning Management Systems and other online learning platforms to ensure an excellent learner experience.

Supporting the Senior Learning Technologist, you will work across the full range of the Digital Education Service's portfolio of online courses, including courses and modules delivered on FutureLearn, Coursera and the University's Virtual Learning Environment (VLE), Blackboard Learn.

This exciting position would suit a dynamic individual with proven experience in learning technology / e-learning development, accompanied by excellent communication and organisational skills and a passion for digital education

What does the role entail?

As an E-learning developer / Learning technologist your main duties will include:

- Planning, storyboarding and developing innovative online learning resources using a range of rapid-authoring e-learning and multimedia technologies (e.g. Evolve, Adapt, Storyline, Captivate);
- Taking responsibility for 'super-user' level management of the DES's online learning platforms (Blackboard, FutureLearn, Coursera), providing advice and training to colleagues on platform functionality, and undertaking technical support, trouble-shooting and investigation as required;



- Providing learning technology support for the ongoing maintenance, management and enhancement of online learning modules and courses;
- Undertaking systematic testing and quality assurance reviews to ensure that the interactive learning resources and online courses the DES develops adhere to defined accessibility standards, work across a range of devices, and are consistent with best practice in user interface design;
- Providing guidance and training for team members, subject matter experts, and other stakeholders in the use of learning technology tools and platforms, and supporting the effective use of learning technology to enhance online learning experiences;
- Keeping up to date with innovations in the field of learning technology, and undertaking technical investigation / R&D to identify new solutions for improving the effectiveness and innovation of our online learning;
- Attending learning technology forums, meetings and conferences and disseminating news, updates and training to the team and other stakeholders as required.

These duties provide a framework for the role and should not be regarded as a definitive list. Other reasonable duties may be required consistent with the grade of the post.

What will you bring to the role?

As an E-learning developer / Learning technologist you will have:

- A degree, professional qualification, or an equivalent level of professional experience in learning technology/e-learning development;
- An advanced knowledge of interaction design principles and extensive experience of the use of rapid-authoring tools (e.g. Evolve, Adapt, Storyline, Captivate, Lectora) to develop interactive e-learning resources;
- Advanced understanding and experience of the standard functionalities and effective use of Virtual Learning Environments / Learning Management Systems (e.g. Blackboard, Moodle, Canvas);
- Experience of the systematic testing and quality assurance of digital products, and a deep understanding of web accessibility and usability standards;
- Experience of technical investigation and trouble-shooting, and of evaluating technologies and systems in relation to defined requirements;



- Previous experience of implementing or supporting the implementation of new technologies and systems;
- Confidence with the use of web technologies, including HTML5, CSS3 and JS, and a solid understanding of web and responsive design;
- A creative approach to problem solving and of using initiative and collaborating with others to resolve issues;
- Self-managing and able to work under pressure, prioritise, schedule and balance workloads to meet deadlines;
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills.

You may also have:

- Experience of working in an academic environment in a professional role providing services/support for learning technology;
- A strong understanding of technical standards for e-learning data (e.g. SCORM, xAPI/TinCan, LTI);
- Experience with web content development on platforms such as Wordpress, Drupal, Joomla, or similar;
- Professional accreditation (e.g. CMALT).

How to apply

You can apply for this role online; more guidance can be found on our [How to Apply](#) information page. Applications should be submitted by **23.59** (UK time) on the [advertised closing date](#).

Contact information

To explore the post further or for any queries you may have, please contact:

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Additional information

Working at Leeds

Find out more about the benefits of working at the University and what it is like to live and work in the Leeds area on our [Working at Leeds](#) information page.

Candidates with disabilities

Information for candidates with disabilities, impairments or health conditions, including requesting alternative formats, can be found on our [Accessibility](#) information page or by getting in touch with us at disclosure@leeds.ac.uk.

Criminal record information

Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974

A criminal record check is not required for this position. However, all applicants will be required to declare if they have any 'unspent' criminal offences, including those pending.

Any offer of appointment will be in accordance with our Criminal Records policy. You can find out more about required checks and declarations in our [Criminal Records](#) information page.

