

Candidate Information

Position: Lecturer in Audio Engineering and Music Technologies

School/Department: School of Arts, English and Languages

Reference: 19/107878

Closing Date: Monday 4 November 2019
Salary: £33,797 - £51,034 per annum
Anticipated Interview Date: Tuesday, 26 November 2019

JOB PURPOSE:

To undertake research in line with the School's research strategy, to teach at undergraduate and postgraduate level, and to contribute to School administration and outreach activity.

MAJOR DUTIES:

Teaching:

- 1. Deliver modules on the BSc Audio Engineering (delivered jointly by AEL and EEECS), requiring particular expertise bridging Music and Engineering.
- 2. Deliver modules on Music programmes more broadly based on experience and interests of the appointee.
- 3. Contribution to the delivery of existing and new PGT initiatives (e.g. cross-Faculty Master's in Immersive Media) in support of the aim to significantly grow international PGT recruitment.
- 4. Develop and select appropriate assessment instruments and criteria relevant to the assessment of the work and progress of students and to provide constructive and timely feedback to students.
- 5. See ways of improving both student and staff performance by reflecting on teaching design and delivery and obtaining and analysing feedback from students, peers and relevant professional stakeholders.
- 6. Engage in professional development in relation to teaching, learning and assessment related to academic, institutional and/or other professional practices.
- 7. Act as mentor for peers and students.

Research:

- 1. Dedicated expertise in Audio Engineering and Music Technologies, in areas such as audio programming, digital musical instrument design, VR/AR, gaming and/or other forms of immersive media.
- 2. Produce REF-returnable outputs of national and international significance appropriate to the discipline and presenting research outputs at conferences and similar venues.
- 3. Supervise PhD students in an area(s) of expertise.
- 4. Enhance SARC's potential for industry collaboration.
- 5. Contribute with focused expertise to Creative Clusters Future Screens NI and planned City Deal Screen and Media Innovation Lab.
- 6. Contribute and lead on research grant applications in particular through EPSRC Music and Acoustic Technology Research Area (£10m funding available for this scheme).

Administration/Contribution to the Community:

- 1. Contribute to the School's outreach strategy by developing external links.
- Provide pastoral care for students within own area to ensure that all issues are dealt with in a timely, sympathetic and effective manner.
- 3. Carry out designated routine School administrative duties including, for example, committee work, course administration, etc.
- 4. Be responsible for the record-keeping associated with teaching and the preparation of teaching materials.
- 5. Chair committees as directed by the Head of School.

Planning and Organising:

- 1. Plan and manage own teaching and tutorials as agreed with Head of School/mentor.
- 2. Design/update modules in line with School's education strategy.
- 3. Plan and prepare research papers to meet publication deadlines.
- 4. Prepare research proposals for submission for external funding.

Resource Management Responsibilities:

- Use teaching and research resources, laboratories and workshops as required.
- Co-manage, where appropriate, with grant holder external funding relating to research project.

Internal and External Relationships:

- 1. Member of School Board and Examination Board and such committees relevant to administrative duties.
- 2. Collaborate with other staff within the School.
- 3. Involved in developing links or joining external networks to share information and ideas.

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:

- 1. A completed PhD on a topic within Audio Engineering or Music Technology or a related field (near completion will be considered if viva date has been set).
- 2. A publication record in peer reviewed journals /conference papers/other forms of research output, appropriate to stage of career.
- 3. Research experience must be in one or more of the following areas: audio programming, digital musical instrument design, physical computing, digital signal processing, sound synthesis, hardware or software for spatial audio, gaming, VR/AR or other forms of immersive technologies
- 4. Ability to make a contribution to the Research Excellence Framework (REF), appropriate to stage of career.
- 5. Research interests that are sustainable and which complement or enhance research activities of the Sonic Arts Research Centre.
- 6. Evidence of ability to earn external research income, appropriate to stage of career.
- 7. Teaching experience at tertiary level appropriate to stage of career.
- 8. High level of analytical capability.
- 9. Ability to communicate complex information clearly.
- 10. Effective interpersonal skills.
- 11. Engagement in continuous professional development.
- 12. Ability to assess and organise resources.
- 13. Ability to work outside normal working hours to attend concerts and related events.

DESIRABLE CRITERIA:

- 1. PGCHET and/or membership of an appropriate professional and/or teaching body eg. HEA.
- 2. Experience of developing custom software and/or hardware for musical applications.
- 3. Interdisciplinary research experience.
- 4. Experience in undergraduate and/or postgraduate course design.
- 5. Evidence of engagement in knowledge transfer and outreach activities leading to research impact outside academia.
- 6. Involvement in large-scale collaborative externally funded research projects (e.g. cross council UK, EU).
- 7. Evidence of contribution to broader management and administrative processes, appropriate to stage of career.
- 8. Experience in institutional internationalisation.