

Candidate Information

Position:	Research Technician - Privacy Policy Analyst
School/Department:	Centre for Secure Information Technologies
Reference:	23/111406
Closing Date:	Monday 27 November 2023
Salary:	£30,197 per annum
Anticipated Interview Date:	Thursday 7 December 2023
Duration:	Fixed term for 6 months

JOB PURPOSE:

To be part of the multidisciplinary research team working on the technology horizon scanning 'Shaping the Metaverse' project. This project is a collaboration between the Centre for Secure Information Technologies (CSIT) housed in the ECIT Institute and the MediaLab research group in the QUB AHSS faculty. The project is funded by the UK Government's Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS). The project supports HMG policy development by gathering evidence, providing analysis and technology horizon scanning for various DSIT (Department for Science, Innovation and Technology) and DCMS analysis teams and related stakeholders.

MAJOR DUTIES:

1. Support the Metaverse research team to acquire, assess, evaluate and interpret information relating to UK, EU and US regulations pertaining to privacy, data protection, online harms, biometrics and platform data access for qualified researchers.
2. Undertake basic research by preparing, setting up, conducting and recording the outcome of focus group sessions held with industry representatives and academics across the UK who have knowledge of computational data science. This field work may also involve designing and administering questionnaires and conducting surveys.
3. Contribute to the critical review of contemporary legal opinion and scholarly literature on the topic of regulated data access to metaverse platforms.
4. Write up results of this work and contribute to the production of project deliverables, research reports, publications and follow-on proposals.
5. Carry out literature and database searches relevant to the research project.
6. Undertake any other duties designated by your line manager, and which fall within in the general remit of the post to contribute to the overall success of the research objectives of the team/project.

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:

1. Academic and/or vocational qualifications ie NVQ Level 3, A levels in relevant subject (or equivalent).
2. Recent relevant experience which demonstrates a comprehensive understanding of foundational legal concepts & practice.
3. Previous experience of working in a research environment and successful delivery of project outcomes.
4. Ability to communicate effectively in written form, in computer assisted presentations and in oral presentations.
5. Independent time management skills, attention to detail and ability to contribute to broader project objectives and administrative processes.
6. Strong evidence of teamworking skills, a clear focus on project delivery and meeting deadlines.
7. Willingness to travel across the UK to attend workshops.

DESIRABLE CRITERIA:

1. Evidence of obtaining higher level qualifications involving the nexus of technology and law.
2. Displays a pronounced interest in the impact of surveillance technology on the citizen.
3. Be willing to undertake training in privacy enhancing technologies and methods.