



Candidate Information

Position:	Research Fellow
School/Department:	School of Mathematics and Physics
Reference:	24/111697
Closing Date:	Monday 18 March 2024
Salary:	£37,841 - £38,969 per annum
Anticipated Interview Date:	Between Monday 15 & Wednesday 24 April 2024
Duration:	24 months

JOB PURPOSE:

To be an active member of the research project/team assisting in the planning and delivery of research in line with the EPSRC Grant on Ultrafast Nanodosimetry. Specifically, this role will focus on investigating the ultrafast interaction of ions in matter and the development of the TARANIS laser system (high contrast capabilities, high temporal resolution optical streaking) to drive an ambitious new frontier in ultrafast radiation interactions in matter. In addition, this role will contribute to School administration/outreach activity and assist in supervision of Masters and PhD students.

MAJOR DUTIES:

1. Undertake basic research activities within the Centre for Plasma Physics with emphasis on one of the following areas:
 - Laser plasma physics in line with EPSRC Grant on Ultrafast Nanodosimetry (EP/W017245/1)
 - Ultrafast ion interactions in matter
 - Work on the development of the TARANIS laser system – high contrast OPCPA, High temporal resolution chirped probe capability.
 - Integrating the novel diagnostics into the current experimental suite in the TARANIS laser to perform the first high power/Joule level interactions on sub-10 fs time frames.
2. Work as part of the wider Centre for Light Matter Interactions team in joint projects, particularly as part of an experimental team.
3. Develop and plan research. Undertake research as a member of a research team and in particular publish research in appropriate journals etc. and present work at conferences.
4. Carry out analysis, critical evaluations and interpretations using methodologies and other techniques appropriate to area of research.
5. Source and secure external funding in collaboration with others from the relevant funding bodies to ensure continued growth of the School's/area's research profile.
6. Provide guidance to students on own specialist area.
7. Work/collaborate on original research with colleagues in other institutions. Or library research in consultation with the research grant holder or supervisor.
8. Present regular progress reports on research to members of the research group or to external audiences to disseminate and publicise research findings.
9. Write up results of own work and contribute to the production of research reports, publications and proposals.
10. May contribute to introductory courses, for example, on the use of research methods and equipment.
11. Carry out undergraduate supervision/demonstrating/teaching duties under direction.
12. Carry out routine administrative duties as requested, e.g. arranging research group meetings, maintaining research group website.
13. Carry out any other duties designated by a line manager and which fall within the general ambit of the post.

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:

1. Normally have or be about to obtain* a relevant PhD. (*NB 'About to obtain' is normally defined as within 6 months of application date)
2. Degree in Physics, Theoretical Physics or related field.

3. A high quality publication record (or be about to publish) in peer reviewed journals commensurate with career stage.
4. Research interests that are sustainable and which complement or enhance research activities of the Centre for Plasma Physics.
5. Specific relevant research experience in experimental high power laser driven ion acceleration, chirped pulse optical streaking for intense radiation matter interactions.
6. Ability to develop and sustain a high quality research programme.
7. Experience of ultrafast ion interactions in matter and development of streaking techniques to interrogate ultrafast interactions.
8. Ultrafast extreme ultraviolet source development, experience using the EPOCH Particle in Cell Code.
9. Willing to supervise Masters and PhD students.
10. Ability to contribute to broader management and administrative processes.
11. High level of analytical capability.
12. Ability to communicate complex information clearly.
13. Effective interpersonal skills.
14. Engagement in continuous professional development.
15. Ability to assess and organise resources.
16. Ability to work in a team of scientists.

DESIRABLE CRITERIA:

1. PhD in Laser Plasmas/ Plasma Physics, PhD in Experimental Plasma, Laser or Radiation Physics.
2. Research Track Record in Experimental Plasma Physics.
3. Experience in Proton Acceleration and Ultra-intense laser physics.
4. Experience using large laser facilities.
5. Willing to work as part of a team using local, national and international facilities.