

Job Title Postdoctoral Research Fellow: Academic Writing Analytics

Faculty / School / Unit
University of Technology Sydney (UTS):
Connected Intelligence Centre (CIC)

Detailed Description

Job Summary Postdoctoral research position specialising in the use of language technologies to provide learning analytics on the quality of student writing, across diverse levels, genres and domains.

This position provides the springboard for a highly motivated researcher to establish an international profile in an area of critical importance to both educators and employers: the ability to think critically, and make that thinking visible in one's writing as coherent analysis and argumentation. This is the hallmark of an educated mind, a skill that we start to nurture in school and refine in higher education; a quality required for scholarship, research and the knowledge-intensive workplace. CIC is developing Learning Analytics for higher order learning, and UTS offers many testbeds for investigating the potential of Academic Writing Analytics, providing datasets and a community of practitioners and researchers who will work with CIC.

You will be evaluating existing tools and designing new tools offering personalised, formative feedback on writing in diverse contexts, e.g. new undergraduates struggling to master academic English; undergraduate essays; reflective blogs/eportfolios; draft papers intended for peer review. You bring in-depth knowledge of research into the teaching and assessment of academic writing, and technical expertise in the use of language technologies.

This 3 year post, with prospects for extension, provides all the opportunities you would expect in an advanced learning analytics lab: a data-intensive mindset in the university's senior leadership; Masters and PhD student supervision opportunities; grant writing experience; authentic testbeds; national and international travel; advanced computing infrastructure; an informal but high energy, creative team culture.

Remuneration/Salary

Salary Range: \$90,034 - \$103,026 pa. The University offers 17% employer provided superannuation and salary packaging opportunities.

This appointment will be on a Full Time Fixed Term 3 Year Contract, with prospects for extension.

You will also reap the rewards of working in a dynamic, supportive, environment with employee benefits including flexible work practices, study support, discounted gym membership and generous parental leave.

How to Apply

Prior to commencing your application for IRC52071, please review the Position Description. You are required to address the relevant selection criteria in a separate document. Seek applicants must click 'Apply for this job' and will be taken to our 'Jobs at UTS' site.

Please note that only those applications submitted via the UTS online recruitment system will be accepted. Current UTS employees should apply through their UTS Employee Self Service function.

As you will be unable to save your application once started, please have all required documents and information available prior to commencing. Assistance with registering and making your application is available on our Jobs at UTS webpage.

Please ensure that only documents that relate to this specific application are uploaded and the file name for each document includes IRC52071.

Specific enquiries may be directed to CIC Director Simon.BuckinghamShum@uts.edu.au

Closing Date: 9:00am Monday 24 November.

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