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HEI-Lab Research Scholarship 2022 FCT PeX Project: "PlayersAll: media agency and empowerment"

Where to apply

Application Deadline: 04/02/2022 23:00 - Europe/London

Contact Details

Where to send your application.

COMPANY

Universidade Lusófona's Research Center for
Digital Human-Environment Interaction Lab

E-MAIL

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Hiring/Funding Organisation/Institute

ORGANISATION/COMPANY

Universidade Lusófona's Research Center
for Digital Human-Environment Interaction
Lab

COUNTRY

Portugal

CITY

Lisbon

DEPARTMENT

Universidade Lusófona's Research Center
for Digital Human-Environment Interaction
Lab - Universidade Lusófona's Research
Center for Digital Human-Environment
Interaction Lab

POSTAL CODE

1749-024

STREET

Campo Grande, 376

ORGANISATION TYPE

Research Laboratory

WEBSITE

<https://hei-lab.ulusofona.pt>

ORGANISATION/COMPANY

Universidade Lusófona's Research Center for
Digital Human-Environment Interaction Lab

RESEARCH FIELD

Communication sciences › Media studies
Educational sciences › Research methodology
Psychological sciences › Psychology
Sociology › Other

RESEARCHER PROFILE

First Stage Researcher (R1)

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LOCATION

Portugal › Lisbon

TYPE OF CONTRACT

Temporary

JOB STATUS

Full-time

HOURS PER WEEK

35

OFFER STARTING DATE

09/03/2022

OFFER DESCRIPTION

COFAC, Cooperativa de Animação e Formação Cultural CRL, opens the respective call for applications for the attribution of one research scholarship for MSc. students, in the scope of the "PlayersAll: Media Agency and Empowerment" exploratory project financed by the Fundação para a Ciência e Tecnologia (Ref. HEI-Lab/EXPL/COM-OUT/0882/2021/BI/01), at the HEI-Lab - Digital Human-Environment Interaction Lab, Lusófona University.

Description of Position:

HEI-Lab is looking for a Social Sciences or Psychology researcher to carry out field-work involving Action-research and Ethnography. The person hired will be part of a team developing a Virtual Reality game for occupational therapy, and will be tasked with gathering feedback from occupational therapy specialists and clients and carrying out field observations as these individuals play the game under development. The person hired will take part in scheduled missions (organized and funded by HEI-Lab) to the facilities of a polytechnical institute in Beja, Portugal. These missions may also target rehabilitation centers and similar in the same region. The person hired will furthermore work at HEI-lab facilities at Lusófona University in Lisbon, Portugal, collating observation data and helping with tweaks and iterations to the design of a Virtual Reality game for occupational therapy according to the data. Applicants with an interest in Serious Game development and inclusivity in media will be favored. Willingness to integrate participation in the project into a master's dissertation in Communication Studies or related fields (including but limited to Education and Psychology) will be strongly favored.

Responsibilities:

carry out game design work in proposing solutions and features for a game under development

decisively contribute to the maintenance and expansion of game design specifications and documentation

carry out interviews with target stakeholders for a VR rehabilitation game, under supervision of more senior researchers

carry out observations of game user-testing using observation grids

assisting in the development of observation grids

data collation and writing reports

working closely with the project's scientific management team and interfacing with senior rehabilitation specialists


Under the supervision of the project's management team, the grantee will work with a multidisciplinary team.

More Information

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Benefits

Contract Specifics

 The monthly maintenance allowance is 940,87€ in accordance with the table for direct-award scholarships of the Fundação para a Ciência e Tecnologia, I. P. in Portugal (www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/valores). In addition to this subsidy, job activities in the scholarship will have coverage from personal accidents insurance. A grantee not covered by any social protection scheme may exercise their right to social security by signing up for voluntary social insurance in accordance with the Law-decree no. 40/89, of the 1st of February. Scholarship-holders will be fully-dedicated to the scholarship activities in accordance with article 5 of the statutes for scholarship researchers.

Legislation and official rules

Law No. 40/2004, of August 18, amended and republished by Law-decree No. 202/2012 of August 27 (Statute of the Scientific Research Fellow) and amended by Law-decree No. 233/2012 of October 29, by Law No. 12/2013 of 29 January, by Decree-Law No. 89/2013, of 9 July and Law-decree No. 123/2019, of 28 August; Regulations for Research Grants available at (<https://www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/regulamento.phtml>).

Workplace Specifics

The position will require on-site attendance at the facilities provided by HEI-Lab at the Lusófona University campus in Lisbon for 35 hours a week except when carrying out scheduled missions at the target contexts for testing the game. The Lusófona University campus is located at Campo Grande, 376, 1749-024 Lisbon, Portugal.

Duration:

The scholarship, in an exclusive regime, will have a duration of 6 months, scheduled to start on the 9th March 2022, and possibly extendable according to institutional needs and financial availability.

Eligibility criteria

Academic qualification required:

Candidates must have already obtained a bachelor's degree or equivalent and be currently enrolled in an approved study program in a field in the Social Sciences in compliance with points 1 and 2 of article 6 of the Fundação para a Ciência e Tecnologia regulations (Reg. No 950/2019). Fields within Communication Sciences and Media Studies are preferred, but any field that can use Action-research and Ethnography as methods – such as Educational Sciences, Psychology, or Sociology – may be acceptable. The jury for the selection process will determine whether the candidate's field of expertise is suitable for the intended grant activities.

How to Apply:

The call for applications will be open starting on 20th January 2022 and ending on 4th February 2022. Applications must be formalized, mandatorily, by e-mail to pedro.neves@ulusofona.pt with micaela.fonseca@ulusofona.pt CC'd, with "HEI-Lab/EXPL/COM-OUT/0882/2021/BI/01" (without quotations) as the email subject and with the following documents attached:

Curriculum Vitae;

Cover Letter;

Proof of enrollment in an approved Masters program in an appropriate field in the Social Sciences or another degree as described in Article 6 of FCT RBI (Reg. No 950/2019).

Proof documents are requested to be attached directly to the application e-mail.

Selection process

Evaluation method:

The candidate will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

1. Applicant merit (75%);
2. Interview (25%).

The applicant's merit in turn will be assessed with a weighted score on the following factors:

Cover Letter, which must be written in english (50%)

Curriculum Vitae (40%)

Proficiency in written english (10%)

Each criterion for applicant merit is scored on a scale from 0 to 20. Applicants who do not meet the eligibility criteria will be automatically excluded from assessment. No applicants will be interviewed whose weighted score in applicant's merit is under 15 out of 20. If the jury decides not to conduct interviews with the candidates, the applicant merit score will correspond to 100% of the evaluation. Should no applicants meet the eligibility criteria or applicant's merit minimum score the jury reserves the right to not award the scholarship.

Selection panel:

President: Pedro Pinto Neves, project Principal Investigator ;

Member: Maria Micaela Leal da Fonseca, project Co-principal Investigator;

Member: Filipe Soares Branco da Costa Luz, project Technical Manager;

Substitute Member: José Carlos Santos Neves, project Researcher.

Notice of Results:

The candidates will be notified by email, up to 30 days after the deadline for the submission of applications, of the results proposed by the jury, having access to the minutes and the final list of classification. Results will be published on the following website: hei-lab.ulusofona.pt. After being notified, candidates have 10 working days to submit, if applicable, a formal rebuttal (under the terms of the Administrative Procedures Code). To know more about HEI-Lab, please visit <https://hei-lab.ulusofona.pt>

REQUIREMENTS

Offer Requirements

REQUIRED EDUCATION LEVEL

Communication sciences: Master Degree or equivalent

REQUIRED LANGUAGES

PORTUGUESE: Excellent

ENGLISH: Good

Skills/Qualifications

Candidates must have already obtained a bachelor's degree or equivalent and be currently enrolled in an approved study program in the field of Media and Communication in compliance with points 1 and 2 of article 6 of the Fundação para a Ciência e Tecnologia regulations (Reg. No 950/2019).

If the qualification has been granted by a foreign higher education institution, it must be recognized by a Portuguese higher education institution, in the terms of article 25 of Law-decree no. 66/2018, of the 16th of August, that approves the legal framework for the recognition of academic degrees and higher education diplomas attributed by foreign higher education institutions and paragraph (e), item 2 of article 4 of Law-decree no. 60/2018 of the 3rd of August, considering any formalities established therein must be fulfilled at the time of the contract signing.

Specific Requirements

Skills:

observational skills, interpretative skills, ability to employ observation grids

interpersonal skills, particularly for respectfully dealing with sensitive contexts, therapy clients, and for interfacing with clinical professionals and scholars

organizational skills and capacity for teamwork

capacity for independent study (namely reading bibliography and researching a topic, and usefully interpreting scientific literature)

knowledge of games and creativity related to play or to human-device interaction

Valuable Bonus Skills

knowledge of VR games and devices

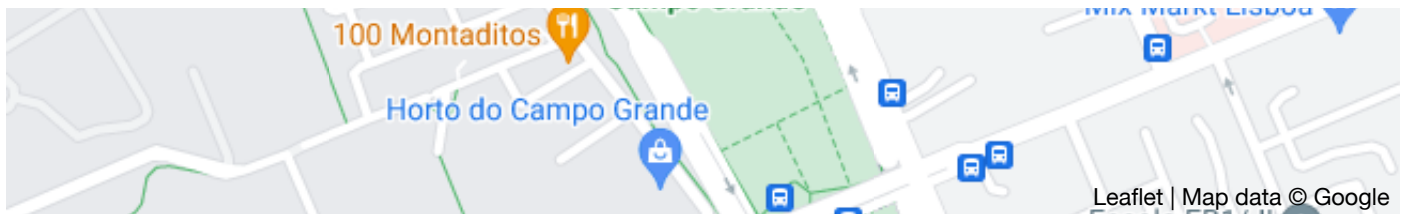
understanding of the game development process

knowledge of disability experiences

understanding of action research and ethnographic methods

Map Information





 Job Work Location  Personal Assistance locations

WORK LOCATION(S)

1 position(s) available at
Universidade Lusófona's
Research Center for Digital
Human-Environment
Interaction Lab
Portugal
Lisbon
1749-024
Campo Grande, 376

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