OPEN POSITION at UNIR

Reference: Vintec-2013/03

Title:

Senior researcher in Education (FTE 0.4)

Institution:

International University of La Rioja (UNIR)

About UNIR:

International University of La Rioja (UNIR, www.unir.net, Spain) is a young online university founded on a global vision of education directly linked to companies and business. UNIR facilitates an exclusive, innovative and high quality virtual model of higher education, which leans on a personalized, pro-active, and collaborative online learning methodology for learning and teaching.

Profile required:

- Ph.D. or M.Sc. in Education, Sociology, and-or Educational Technology. Major in other fields (e.g. Marketing or Anthropology) will be considered as long as they match the requirements of the profile and job description

- Research expertise in design, implementation and evaluation of pilots and living labs

- Strong background in Social Analysis, Organization of international work teams, interaction with stakeholders (e.g. mainly end-users but also content providers, policy makers, teachers, researchers, and technical staff), and exploratory research (including quantitative and qualitative techniques, benchmarking, et cetera)

- Knowledge about the Education System (i.e. Secondary School, High School, and University), and Data Analysis is welcome

- Experience in R&D Projects, especially under any European Programme, is an asset. In addition, experience in redaction of R&D proposals, negotiation phase, and international project meetings and presentations, is welcome

- A publication record in accordance to the career stage is appreciated

- Proficient knowledge of English as language at work. Knowledge of Spanish is appreciated for daily life and administrative issues

- Team player, willing to perform tasks of a public goods nature at the level of the University, and society at large

- Availability for travelling across Europe for project meetings and presentations

Job description:

- The successful candidate will work as senior researcher in the EU project **Hotel**, Holistic Approach to Technology Enhanced Learning: *FP7 Programme-ICT-Call 8, Grant Agreement: 318530* (http://hotel-project.eu/)

The candidate will be responsible for the design, organization, implementation and evaluation of Learning Exploratorium Labs in Higher Education. Exploratoria involve society, and the ecosystem described for each of them, taking into consideration the various roles and services provided. Every Exploratorium promotes innovation across stakeholders inside the environment, and across the Exploratoria, orchestrated by HOTEL, making the user the real unit of activity and communication node of this infrastructure

- The candidate will publish in the domain of Education and Social Science, might contribute to other related, ongoing research projects, and will participate in writing project proposals for additional R&D projects in this field. On occasion, the candidate might mentor Master and-or Bachelor thesis in this field

Job offer:

- Contract: An appointment as part-time senior researcher for a period of 12 months, extendable for further periods (Senior Researcher/Assistant/Associate Professor; FTE 0.4 of average). This position can be considered as post-doctoral, as long as the candidate fulfills the requirements

- Salary: in accordance to the experience and the academic qualifications, between 35.000 Euros and 45.000 Euros (brutto/year/FTE 1.0)

- Work place: Madrid (Spain)

- Start date of appointment: September, 2013

If you are interested:

Send any query and your application letter & CV to vintec@unir.net, no later than the start date

More info about UNIR:

UNIR provides international courses, in two languages (Spanish and English), and comprises an academic community of over 800 highly knowledgeable lecturers across the world, along with a strong team of more than 400 multidisciplinary professionals, working on R&D projects and support services (i.e. tutoring, legal, publishing, editing, technical, administrative, etcetera). UNIR has premises in Spain (Logroño and Madrid), Argentina (Buenos Aires), and Santa Cruz (Bolivia), and a number of collaboration agreements with universities worldwide.

Research at UNIR covers various scientific and humanistic fields of study (i.e. Communication, Social Science, Education, et cetera), with particular emphasis on the information and communication technologies (ICT) applied to education (Technology-Enhanced Learning).

More info about Technology-enhanced Learning (TEL) at UNIR:

UNIR develops various programs and research lines within the framework of the Spanish National R&D&i Plan 2008-2011, as well as within those of the EU 7th Framework Programme. For instance: a) Recommendation system for Online Social Networks and LMS, b) Stakeholders and community building, c) Integration and interoperability of developments, and d) Project exploitation and time-to-market strategies for project outcomes.

Specific R&D projects in TEL are:

- o 2012-2015. **Intuitel**, Intelligent Tutoring Interface for Technology Enhanced Learning: FP7 Programme-ICT-Call 8, Grant Agreement: 318496

- o 2012-2014. **Hotel**, Holistic Approach to Technology Enhanced Learning: FP7 Programme-ICT-Call 8, Grant Agreement: 318530

- o 2012-2014. **Edumotion**, Education on the Move – Mobile access to educational content: FP7 Programme-SMEs-2012-1, Grant Agreement: 315568

- o 2012-2014. **EU-USR**, Comparative Research on University Social Responsibility in Europe and Development of a Community Reference Framework: Lifelong Learning Programme – Erasmus-EAC/27/11, Grant Agreement: 527209

- o 2012-2015. **Inspiring Science Education**, Large Scale Experimentation Scenarios to Mainstream *eLearning* in Science, Mathematics and Technology in Primary and Secondary Schools: ICT PSP sixth call for proposals 2012, Grant Agreement: *under negotiation*

In addition to R&D projects with public funding, Unir develops applied research for internal improvement and architecture. These projects are focused on providing a personalised, comprehensive learning experience to learners and teachers. Main current projects are: Virtual Campus, Virtual Library, Virtual Community, Virtual Press, et cetera.

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