

UNIVERSITY OF CYPRUS
DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE
VACANT POSITION FOR RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Title: Research Assistant - Social Scientist
No. of Position(s): Two (2)
Category: 2 months (Part Time)
Location: University of Cyprus, Nicosia

The Laboratory for Internet Computing, Department of Computer Science, University of Cyprus invites applications to fill two (2) “Social Scientist” vacancies (Part Time) for the research project MANDOLA funded by the European Union under the title: «Monitoring and Detecting OnLine Hate Speech» (<http://mandola-project.eu/>).

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Study MANDOLA deliverables D4.1 (FAQ on Responding to on-line hate speech) and D2.1
- Evaluate a large corpus of anonymized messages extracted from online social media streams (tweets, or other similar content), in order to characterize and annotate each message according to the sentiment it expresses. In particular, we seek to identify message content as “hate” or “no hate” and further classify “hate” messages into individual categories including “ethnicity”, “gender”, etc.
- The evaluation exercise will undergo a quality control process involving inspection and review of evaluation accuracy by a second social scientist and a software program.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

- B.S. degree in Social Sciences, Law, or similar
- Experience in using on-line systems (email, web, etc.)
- Understanding of social media (twitter, etc.)
- Good knowledge of the English Language

DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Understanding of hate speech
- Experience in similar research activities
- Ability to study the literature in the area of hate speech

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The candidate will collaborate with the research team of the Laboratory for Internet Computing and his/her duties will include: i) completion of the primary

responsibilities, delivering an annotated corpus with a high accuracy score; ii) cooperation with both international groups and the rest of the research team of the Laboratory for Internet Computing, iii) consistency in the timelines agreed and accountability in the management of all technical aspects of the laboratory and the research team.

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

The monthly gross salary will be €825. From this amount employer and employee contributions to the various Government Funds will be deducted and, if applicable, income tax. The contract is for 2 months. Medical coverage is not provided.

APPLICATIONS

Interested parties are requested to submit:

- CV in English
- brief (no more than 500 words) justification-documentation of interest for that post in English,
- two (2) names of individuals and their contact information can give direct recommendation letter.

Applications should be submitted electronically to mpoveda@cs.ucy.ac.cy, with subject line MANDOLA-RA-201611-2. Deadlines for applications extended until 30th of November 2016. Selected candidates will be invited for a personal interview.

For more information you can contact the project's Principal Investigators, Prof. Marios Dikaiakos mdd@cs.ucy.ac.cy and Dr. George Pallis (email: gpallis@cs.ucy.ac.cy).