

Reference: R210101

Salary: Grade 8 - Grade 9 £33,797 to £49,553 per annum (pro rata)

Contract Type: Full time (part time considered)

Basis: Fixed Term (2 years)

Closing Date: 24th April 2021

Interview Date: To be confirmed (May 2021)

Lecturer in Information Technology / Cybersecurity Management / Digital Business



Job description

Job Purpose:

To contribute to, develop and enhance the research, scholarship and teaching activities of the School either independently or as part of a team, through professional practice and expertise. The areas of potential teaching activities include, but are not limited to: information systems, emergent technologies, cyber security, virtual financial applications and crypto currencies, artificial intelligence and machine learning, IT consultancy, e-business and virtual organisations. In addition, to develop external links with regional, UK and international bodies such as government agencies, schools, colleges, professional bodies, business and industry as appropriate to the subject discipline, School and/or University strategy.

The majority of academic staff will undertake a balance of research and teaching and learning activities. Whilst ability and effectiveness should be demonstrated in all areas, individuals may be more specifically focussed on research, teaching and learning or external engagement. This balance will be discussed and agreed with individuals annually in the PDR meeting in line with operational needs, School and University strategy and with consideration of the individual's career goals and development plans.

Main Duties/Responsibilities:

Teaching and Learning

- ▶ To teach students at different levels including foundation, undergraduate and postgraduate students, and to carry out the associated examining processes.
- ▶ To contribute to/ be responsible for the design and content of specific areas of teaching and learning within the School's teaching Programmes, with guidance.
- ▶ To provide academic support and advice to foundation, undergraduate and postgraduate students.
- ▶ To cooperate with colleagues across disciplines in the continuous review and development of Programmes and the curriculum.
- ▶ To use and promote the use of a range of methods and techniques in teaching, learning and assessment including pursuing digital and modern methods of delivery.
- ▶ To engage in supporting and promoting quality assurance measures within the University e.g. by evaluation and development of modules for which the lecturer has responsibility, in terms of content, delivery and assessment as well as reviewing delivered modules, setting and receiving student feedback questionnaires.

In addition, at grade 9

- ▶ To be responsible for the design and content of specific areas of teaching and learning within the School's teaching Programmes with guidance
- ▶ To innovate in teaching, demonstrate continuous professional development and critical reflective practice, translating knowledge into the course of study.

Research

- ▶ To develop research objectives, projects and proposals for personal/joint research programmes consistent with the School's research priorities.
- ▶ To write up or contribute to the write up of research work for publication.
- ▶ To identify sources of funding, develop and submit funding applications, securing external research funding.
- ▶ Where appropriate to School/University strategy and subject discipline, to participate in and develop external networks.

- ▶ To supervise and manage research projects.
- ▶ To supervise postgraduate students at Masters and doctoral levels. To foster an environment which encourages research among students at postgraduate level.
- ▶ To collaborate in research initiatives with colleagues in and beyond the School as appropriate.

In addition, at grade 9

- ▶ To write up research and publish the outcomes in good quality publications.

External Engagement

- ▶ To contribute to student placement schemes with companies and research institutions both in the UK and overseas.
- ▶ To contribute to plans to demonstrate research impact and secure commercialisation, identifying and pursuing opportunities for translational research where appropriate to role and discipline.
- ▶ To enhance the University's reputation with professional/scholarly bodies e.g. by promoting understanding of the subject.

In addition, at grade 9

- ▶ To develop research and development collaborations with industry partners to secure additional direct funding where appropriate to focus and subject discipline

Citizenship

- ▶ To carry out specific School roles and functions as may be reasonably required (e.g. Programme Co-ordinator, Personal Tutor, Admissions Tutor), these being equitably distributed across the academic staff.
- ▶ To provide pastoral care and support to students.
- ▶ To take part in and, if required, manage staff seminars, cross-departmental activities and events e.g. Open Days, Sixth Form Conferences etc.
- ▶ To display and promote Aston values through own actions and behaviour.
- ▶ To undertake such other duties as may be reasonably requested and that are commensurate with the nature and grade of the post.

In addition, at grade 9

- ▶ To take part in and, on occasion, act as Chair of one or more of the School committees, these responsibilities being equitably distributed across the academic staff.

Additional responsibilities

- ▶ Engage in continuous personal and professional development in line with the demands of the role, including undertaking relevant training and development activities to develop themselves and support the development of others.
- ▶ Ensure and promote the personal health, safety and wellbeing of staff and students.
- ▶ Carry out duties in a way which promotes fairness in all matters and which engenders trust.
- ▶ Promote equality of opportunity and support diversity and inclusion as well as working to support the University's environmental sustainability agenda and practices.

Person specification

	Essential	Method of assessment
Education and qualifications	<p>A good first degree in Computing, Management Information Systems, Data Analytics, Artificial intelligence / Machine Learning</p> <p>A doctorate or near completion of a doctorate in Computing-related field/ e-Business or relevant academic discipline.</p> <p>In addition, at grade 9</p> <p>A recognised teaching qualification / membership of the Higher Education Authority at Fellow level</p>	Application form
Experience	<p>Experience of teaching and assessing within a degree programme.</p> <p>Experience of using VLE's e.g. Blackboard</p> <p>Experience of initiating and conducting research up to doctoral level.</p> <p>Experience of writing up/ contributing to the writing up of research for high quality publications.</p> <p>In addition, at grade 9</p> <p>Experience of publishing research in high quality publications</p>	Application form and interview
Aptitude and skills	<p>Ability to develop own teaching materials and contribute to course and programme development.</p> <p>Ability to provide tutorial and counselling advice to undergraduate and postgraduate students.</p> <p>Excellent communication skills to build external contacts that will support research and teaching activity.</p> <p>Ability to develop and maintain a research programme and to publish in international journals.</p> <p>Ability to secure research funds from external sources.</p> <p>Ability to harness IT as a research and teaching tool</p> <p>A willingness to undertake further training as appropriate and to adopt new procedures as and when required.</p> <p>Commitment to observing the University's Equal Opportunities Policy at all times.</p> <p>Ability to attend the University as and when required for scheduled teaching, relevant meetings and student support.</p>	Application form and interview

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	<p>In addition, at grade 9</p> <p>Ability to lead taught modules and programmes for undergraduate and postgraduate students</p> <p>Evidence of securing research income and of maintaining an ongoing pipeline of income.</p>	

	Desirable	Method of assessment
Education and qualifications	<p>Membership of a relevant professional body.</p> <p>A Postgraduate Certificate in Professional Practice (PGCPP), or equivalent qualification.</p>	Application form
Experience	<p>Proven hands-on teaching record in most of the following disciplines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cybersecurity objectives, security architecture, application and network security • privacy and data security management • cybersecurity management frameworks (e.g. NIST, ISO27K, CAF, others) • digital transformation • technology consulting • artificial intelligence and machine learning as well as block chain experience <p>In addition at Grade 9</p> <p>Practical experience of management, technical development and maintenance in related areas</p> <p>Consulting and applied research in related topic areas.</p>	Application form, interview and presentation
Aptitude and skills	<p>Highly motivated, passionate about education and able to initiate and develop ideas and opportunities in teaching, learning and research;</p> <p>A confident communicator able to relate to the student population and must have excellent verbal and written communication skills.</p> <p>A willingness and ability to work with non-academic organisations to disseminate research findings and create impact</p>	Interview and presentation

How to apply

You can apply for this role online via our website <https://www2.aston.ac.uk/staff-public/hr/jobs>. Applications should be submitted by 23.59pm on the advertised closing date. All applicants must complete an application form, along with your CV.

Any CV sent direct to the Recruitment Team and Recruiting Manager will not be accepted. If you require a manual application form then please contact the Recruitment Team via jobs@aston.ac.uk.

Contact information

Enquiries about the vacancy:

Name: Professor Vladlena Benson

Job Title: Professor of Cybersecurity Management

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Enquiries about the application process, shortlisting or interviews:

Recruitment Team via jobs@aston.ac.uk or 0121 204 4500.

Additional Information

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Benefits: <https://www2.aston.ac.uk/staff-public/hr/Benefits-and-Rewards/index>

Working in Birmingham: <https://www2.aston.ac.uk/birmingham>

Employment of Ex-Offenders: Under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974, a person with a criminal record is not required to disclose any spent convictions unless the positions they applying for is listed an exception under the act.

Eligibility to work in the UK:

Post-Brexit transition period / EU Settlement Scheme

The post-Brexit transition period ended on 31 December 2020. If you are an EU/EEA citizen and you were a resident in the UK before 31 December 2020, you and your family members (including non-EU citizens need to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme to continue to live, work and study in the UK beyond 30 June 2021. The deadline for applying to the EU settlement scheme is 30 June 2021. You can apply via the Government webpage <https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families>

Irish Nationals do not need to apply for settlement as they retain the right to work in the UK.

New immigration system for EU/EEA and Swiss Nationals who were not resident in the UK before 31 December 2020

A new immigration system has been introduced for people arriving in the UK from EEA countries with effect from 1 January 2021. In addition to those who have always required a visa, EU citizens moving to the UK to work will need to get a visa in advance. You can find more information on the following website. Candidates should check their eligibility to enter or remain in the UK in advance of making any job application via the UKVI website <https://www.gov.uk/browse/visas-immigration/work-visas>. Before applying you should ensure that you meet the requirements. If you do not meet the eligibility criteria, any application for a work visa would be unsuccessful.

If you require a visa to work in the UK the most common types of visa are:

Skilled Worker Visa

<https://www.gov.uk/skilled-worker-visa>

Global Talent Visa

If you are a leader or potential leader in one of the following fields you may be eligible to apply for a Global Talent Visa:

- Academia or Research
- Arts and Culture
- Digital Technology

Please click the following link for further information and to check your eligibility for this visa.

<https://www.gov.uk/global-talent>

Equal Opportunities: Aston University promotes equality and diversity in all aspects of its work. We aim to ensure, through our admissions policies for students, and our staff recruitment and selection processes that we encourage applications from all groups represented in the wider community at a local, national and international level.

The University will endeavour not to discriminate unfairly or illegally, directly or indirectly, against student or potential students, staff or potential staff. This commitment applies to all functions of the University and to any stage of an individual's career.

An Equal Opportunities Monitoring Form is included within the application form. Data you provide on the Equal Opportunities Monitoring Form will be included in a general database, for statistical monitoring purposes, enabling the University to monitor the effectiveness of its Policy, Codes of Practice and Guidelines on Equal Opportunities in Employment. Individuals will not be identified by name.

Data Protection Act 1998: Your personal data will be processed in compliance with the DPA and from 25 May 2018 with the GDPR. The University's Data Protection Policy and Privacy Notices, including the Job Applicant Privacy Notice can be found at <https://www2.aston.ac.uk/data-protection>. Your application will only be used to inform the selection process, unless you are successful, in which case it will form the basis of your

personal record with the University which will be stored in manual and/or electronic files. Information in statistical form on present and former employees is given to appropriate outside bodies.

Full details of our terms and conditions of service and associated policies and procedures are available online at <https://www2.aston.ac.uk/staff-public/hr/policies>



