StudentShapers Recruitment: Calling all students

AskDoC: Building an inclusive platform for students to access information and signposting to support

Bursary: Up to 4 weeks full-time during the summer vacation (11 July – 2 September, with flexibility). Bursary payment of £330 per week, up to a total of £1,320 per student. There is also an opportunity to extend this project into the Autumn Term (October – December 2022), on a part-time basis.

Who should apply: We are looking for four students that represent all undergraduate year groups and perspectives, from any academic department. Applicants will have:

- a good knowledge of programming, and building applications
- a general awareness and understanding of the academic and wellbeing issues that affect students.

For the purpose of the project, applicants should have also previously engaged with and/or sought support during their degree (whether that be academic, health, wellbeing, financial, accommodation, or otherwise).

Campus/Location: South Kensington (Huxley), with flexibility to work remotely at times.

Project details: Accessing information, seeking health and wellbeing support, and simply finding the right person to contact can be difficult for many of us. This difficulty can be worsened when presented with too much information and unsurety of where to begin. Our project aims to address this issue by creating a 'chat-bot'-like platform that makes it easier and faster for students in the Department of Computing to find and access information and signposting support.

The scope of the project and outputs will be fully defined in collaboration between the appointed students and staff partners (Dr Jackie Bell, Dr Anandha Gopalan and Caroline Gilchrist). We want to focus on the issues students face collectively and how students can best obtain information and engage with department and college procedures.

As a student partner on this project, you will develop a platform that reflects the diversity of our student body and the issues faced, whilst ensuring inclusive access. The platform you develop should enhance the student experience for those enrolled on undergraduate and postgraduate taught, as well as research-focused degrees. You will receive support throughout the project via staff expertise, mentoring and introductions to relevant internal and external partners, including our in-house EdTech Team. You will gain valuable work experience, designing and developing a product from ideation to completion, which will be used by students in the 2022/23 academic year.

How to apply: Applications should be made via the 'Student Expression of Interest' form on the StudentShapers website (here) or accessed using the above QR code. You should include a 300-500 word statement outlining your motivation and interest in the project, and any skills and experience you will bring to the project team.

Deadline: Friday 20th May 2022. Shortlisted students may be invited to attend a short interview with the staff project team in the week following (week beginning 23 May 2022).

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