

Student Link

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Metia.com software internship- London Met

Metia is offering a one year placement with a basic salary of £18k starting in August 2010. They are looking for Computer Science/Computing students currently undertaking a sandwich course.

If you think this is something you maybe interested in, please e-mail your CV directly to jobs@metia.com with "2010 SOFTWARE INTERNSHIP" in the subject line by 1st April 10. Face to face interviews will be held in their London office during May and June. If you have any questions or require more info please contact Elizabeth Newton, Senior Human Resources Advisor, at: elizabeth.newton@metia.com.

If you are interested in doing a placement, please contact the following FoC module leaders for advice:

Long Placements: Dr Sahithi Siva s.siva@londonmet.ac.uk

Short Placements:

Computing & Multimedia:

Dr Yanguo Jing y.jing@londonmet.ac.uk and

Marion Gaskell m.gaskell@londonmet.ac.uk

Electronics and Communications Engineering:

Dr Mori Vaezi-Nejad m.vaezinejad@londonmet.ac.uk

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FDSoc Computing Placements:

Dr Yong Xue y.xue@londonmet.ac.uk

Exciting Web Internship available at MiniBar:

If you have excellent web and social media skills and you are driven by a desire to work at the front end of design, web entrepreneurship and networking – then this intern is for you. Hours are flexible over a 3 month period to work for MiniBar <http://www.meetup.com/minibar/>. MiniBar run events for the London internet community. If you are interested in web start-ups - this is probably one of the most interesting internships you could do. In the first instance - please send your CV to: Alan Stuart - The WDW Agency at: a.stuart@londonmet.ac.uk.

IT4C - Get Involved!

IT4C are pleased to announce a new batch of IT projects running under their IT4C Mentor Programme.

This is a fantastic opportunity to gain invaluable experience working on a real project while being mentored by IT industry professionals. These opportunities do not come often and with employers increasingly looking for evidence of real project experience - signing up to one of the IT4C projects could be the best decision you will ever make (after deciding to study at LondonMet of course!). For further information, contact Alan Stuart: a.stuart@londonmet.ac.uk or visit <http://www.londonmet.ac.uk/fms/MRSite/acad/foc/student-pages/IT4CMentorProgramme.pdf>

7th SEW to follow an eventful 6th SEW

Thu 22 April 2010, TMI-38



This time, our guest Speaker Daniel Mitchell (pictured), Director of Lifeline IT Solutions Ltd, will be talking about the changes currently taking place in the IT landscape for small businesses. Daniel is a very experienced IT businessman, so we are expecting a session full of rich examples and insights for students to prepare themselves for a working career.

A brief update from the last SEW event - we successfully launched the IMPACT chapter supported by BCS Young Professional Group. Students and staff enjoyed an interactive session organised by Andrew Brown (pictured) - the BCS YPG student stream leader and Sara Stephens (pictured) - a



BCS YPG Executive member. This was followed by Dr Mark Ratcliffe's, the director of HE Engagement of e-skills UK, presentation on Internship, why it is important and how e-skills



can help our students to get internship opportunities.



Anvar Nazarov from IMPACT introduced his team (pictured) and invited the students to join them to shape the future of this initiative. Students were reminded of the WoW Agency, its purpose and how it can support student career prospectus. It was a well attended and a well received event.

The Ideas Lab @ IBM

IBM wants to let students know they recently launched a new campaign called "The Ideas Lab" to promote career opportunities they have in their UK Software Development Labs. They would like to promote opportunities to women who are looking to start a career in the IT industry. You don't need a technical background to become a Software Developer or Information Developer at IBM, just the ambition and the imagination to play your part in reinventing just about every aspects of modern life.

For further details please contact at Jessica McCarthy, Recruitment Marketing Coordinator: Graduate / Student Recruitment Tel: 023-9256-2267 252267 or e-mail: jessmcca@uk.ibm.com More details can also be found at IBM Webpage, <http://www.ibmideaslab.co.uk/>

Dean meeting with the StARs:

On Tue 16 Mar 2010, a lively discussion was held with 15 StARs from across the faculty and with 15 course leaders in attendance. The StARs appreciated the coursework feedback received via Weblearn, face-to-face and also how they can obtain a paper version. The StARs extended their appreciation for SEWs and IMPACT events but highlighted the need for more careers advice at level 2, PDP at level 3 and work placements. StARs and year 2/3 students expressed keenness to contribute to welcome week events for new students, which the faculty warmly welcomes. There were requests for longer library opening hours, some exams in Year 1 to practice and develop exam techniques, extended wi-fi usage in labs such as T2-20 with more access to unix/ FTP. The faculty will be responding to such requests in due course. Finally, questions were raised about the new 20 credit module UG scheme. The Dean reassured the StARs that it meant no loss of content, the same number of credits, similar contact hours and probably fewer assessment components. He cited the many examples of other universities where this had happened without loss of quality and no demand whatsoever for a return to 15 credit modules. It was a very productive meeting and the faculty aims to further strengthening links with its students as equal partners in enhancing quality of learning opportunities of its home and collaborative provision.

Results and Assessment Feedback

Autumn 09/10 assessment results were published on 11th March 2010. We congratulate students who successfully passed their modules. Students with resits are advised to contact module leaders for further advice on preparing for the summer assessments. Module teams have feedback written for all your assessments. Please make an effort to seek this feedback, particularly on the failed components. Students are reminded that resits are capped to the pass mark and non-submissions affect your resit opportunity.

Spring 09/10 Assessment Calendar

Fri 16 Apr Generic late submission deadline

Fri 21 May PG Dissertations submission deadline

Fri 4 Jun Last Assessment - Exam & CW

Web 9 Jun Deadline for mitigating circumstances

Fri 2 Jul Publication of Spring semester results

Summer 09/10 Assessment Calendar

Fri 30 July Last Assessment - Exam & CW

Web 4 Aug Deadline for mitigating circumstances

Fri 10 Sep Publication of reassessment results

Fri 10 Sep Publication of progression decisions

Summer 09/10: PG Dissertations Calendar

Fri 3 Sep PG Dissertations submission deadline

Fri 17 Sep Deadline for PG Dissertation Vivas

Mon 11 Oct Publication of PG Dissertation results

Enjoy the Easter break! (29 Mar to 9 Apr)