In2scienceUK PhD Ambassador

Grade: Part Time - 1 day a week equivalent - 3, 6 or 9 month contract starting in February 2021

Salary Range: £26,000 per annum (pro-rata)

Reporting to: Head of Regions

Location: Birmingham, Manchester, Bristol, Exeter (Work from Home) some regional travel may be required.

Terms and Conditions: In accordance with the conditions of employment as laid down in the contract

About in2scienceUK

Our mission is to support young people from low income and disadvantaged backgrounds to achieve their potential and progress to science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) degrees and careers to become the innovators and pioneers of the future.

To date the charity has supported over 2000 young people from low income backgrounds through an impactful programme involving STEM work placements and skills days. Based primarily in London and Oxford, over the next two years we have ambitious aims to grow the programme throughout London, the South East, South West, East of England, the Midlands and the North West.

Role Summary:

Are you self-starting, confident and passionate about improving access to STEM education and careers?

We are looking for enthusiastic and engaging PhD candidates to be our ambassadors of the In2scienceUK programme. You will work closely with the regional programme officer, head of regions and STEM based University departments to support recruitment of research volunteers, as well as supporting to raise awareness of the programme among local schools as needed.

We are currently looking for PhD candidates currently at the University of Birmingham, Manchester, Bristol or Exeter to support us at the equivalent of one day a week, and are flexible to working patterns/hours.
This role will include:

- Promoting the In2scienceUK programme amongst STEM University departments and researchers to increase participation of volunteer hosts, mentors and course leaders.
- Pro-actively seeking opportunities to attend and speak at relevant University events and conferences.
- Working closely with the regional programme officer and partner university stakeholders to attend and speak at department and other relevant meetings.
- Attending occasional school visits (where possible) to engage year 12 students with In2scienceUK programme.
- There may be a requirement to support other administrative, programme and reporting activities.

Person Specification

- Holds a science related degree and is a current PhD candidate.
- Enthusiastic, confident and engaging with experience of public speaking and presenting amongst different audiences.
- An understanding of social and economic barriers that prevent some young people from progressing to higher education.
- Knowledge and understanding of STEM careers, especially in higher education and research.
- Shows respect, humility and discretion in working with others.
- Responds to situations calmly, flexibly and appropriately, displaying resilience particularly when faced with challenges.

Skills

- IT skills: competent user of Word, Excel, Powerpoint, Gmail and relevant database experience.
- Ability to write clear, accurate and appealing text for different audiences.
- Excellent presentation skills.

Application Procedure

Please send your CV and brief cover letter to jobs@in2scienceuk.org demonstrating what attracts you to In2scienceUK and how you meet the competencies on the job description above.

Closing date: Friday the 8th of January at 5:00pm. Interviews will be held via google hangouts.