Assistant Professor (Teaching & Research) in Philosophy of Computing and/or AI

Position Overview

Department	Philosophy
Location	London, Devon House (St Katherines Dock)
Term	Full-time; Permanent
Salary	£38,000-£45,000 per annum
Benefits	Generous benefits package including 25 days holiday allowance pro rata (excl. Bank holidays), group life assurance, group income protection, pension schemes and private healthcare (optional)
Start	1 July 2023

The Role

Northeastern University London wishes to appoint an Assistant Professor (Teaching & Research) in the Philosophy of Computing and/or Artificial Intelligence (AI). The appointee will provide inclusive teaching, and conduct innovative research on any aspect of this fast-growing area of Philosophy (e.g. History and Philosophy of Computing, AI and Data Ethics, etc.), while also providing service to the institution and profession. Preference may be given to candidates with active interests in the relationship of Philosophy to one or more of the following areas: software and/or technology; employment contexts; diversity and inclusion.

Core duties will include: development and provision of innovative and inclusive teaching in relevant areas of Philosophy at undergraduate and graduate levels (e.g. for such courses as AI and Data Ethics, Minds and Machines); excellent research activity in the Philosophy of Computing and/or AI; and professional service commensurate to career stage.

We particularly encourage applications from those with an interest in innovative teaching, learning and assessment; those with experience of supporting a wide variety of students; and those belonging to groups underrepresented in UK higher education. We are open to appointing on a reduced fraction/job-share basis subject to our business needs.

Department

Philosophy at Northeastern University London is a vibrant and growing unit, offering both taught (BA and MA) and research (PhD) degrees. Philosophy has strong institutional links to Computer Science, with interdisciplinary masters programmes at NU London in Philosophy and Artificial Intelligence, and in Responsible AI; and we are launching a new BSc in Computer Science and Philosophy in the academic year 2023-24. There is existing research activity (funded both internally and externally) at the intersection of philosophy and computing, and this area in particular is expected to grow as the University continues to expand. More generally, there is a collegial atmosphere with the Faculty, that is strongly supportive of students, and that provides ample opportunity to engage with research.

About the University

Northeastern University London has established itself as a prestigious higher education institution based in the heart of London. As part of the global network of Northeastern University, it offers innovative degree programmes, as well as opportunities for (domestic and international) research collaborations, e.g. through the Institute for Experiential Artificial Intelligence, the Network Science Institute, and the Ethics Institute (amongst others). It has recently begun offering research degrees, and expects ongoing expansion.

Additional Information

Enquiries

Informal enquiries may be made to the Head of Faculty in Philosophy, Dr Brian Ball (brian.ball@nulondon.ac.uk). However, all applications must be made in accordance with the application process specified.

Application Process

Applications should be made via this link by 20:00 on 5th April 2023 . Please reference your application "**APPCSAI0323**".

Please ensure that your application includes a CV and cover letter that sets out concisely your interest in and suitability for the role.

Participation in the equal opportunities section is encouraged, but voluntary. Applications are welcome from all sections of the community and will be judged on merit alone. We welcome applications from underrepresented groups.

Person Specification Criteria

Qualifications

- PhD completed, or near completion (all but dissertation), or equivalent professional experience, in a relevant area.

- FHEA status (or equivalent) achieved or expected.

Key Criteria

- Demonstrates, through evidence, excellent ability so as to be adaptable, innovative, and inclusive in the role as advertised with regards to teaching, research, and service.

- Willingness and ability to undertake world-leading collaborative, impact-focused projects, and large external research bids, involving colleagues across a range of disciplines as well as external partners.

- Flexibility and capacity to teach across a wide range of courses, where appropriate in collaboration with specialists from other disciplines including Computer Science.

- Ability to develop excellent educational provision in areas with significant appeal to students, including at postgraduate level.

- Willingness and capacity to undertake continuous professional development in relation to the use of technology, software, and data in relation to Philosophy, and to teach on these matters.

- Ability to engage and develop working relationships with external partners and with colleagues across diverse disciplines in NU London and across the NU Network.

- Willingness and capacity to exercise appropriate leadership in the development of Philosophy, and to do so through collaboration with a range of disciplines.

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