

LONDON MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY

Women in Mathematics

Student Placement Description

Placement: Equality and Diversity Student Placement

Location: De Morgan House

Responsible to: Chair of Women in Mathematics Committee/ Council and Society Officer

Main purpose of Placement:

Work on a new outreach project, “Success Stories in Mathematics”. The goal of this project is to create an online resource that celebrates diversity in mathematics, in particular, diversity in who mathematicians are, what mathematics careers are like, and what constitutes success in mathematics. The resource will consist of a set of curated photos and profiles of mathematicians discussing their backgrounds, what they do, and how they are successful. An initial set of photos and profile information has been collected already at the 2016 Women in Mathematics events.

If time permits within the placement there will be work with the Society’s IT Consultant on a revitalisation of the Society’s webpages relating to equality and diversity. This is an ideal placement/post for someone looking for practical experience in popular science writing and outreach. It would suit someone intending to apply for a relevant postgraduate course or who has recently completed one.

Main Tasks:

1. Keeping a record of the individuals who have submitted profile data and photographs, including a range of possible search criteria that may be relevant for the site.
2. Compiling and editing profiles based on the submitted information, and checking finalised versions with the profiled individuals.
3. Writing profiles of some historical mathematicians who demonstrate various aspects of diversity.
4. Soliciting further suggestions of mathematicians (in any career area) it would be good to profile, and contacting these mathematicians to request either that they submit a profile, or that they permit a profile to be written about them, subject to their approval.
5. Collaborate with the IT Consultant at the LMS to create the final resource.

Further Information:

- Short-term role, 2 days per week (between Monday and Friday) for a period of up to 10 weeks.

- Hours of work: 10-5 with 1 hour unpaid lunch break.
- Remuneration: £8/hour

Student Background Requirements:

Essential:

- Educated to degree level
- Ability to work unsupervised and as part of a small team.
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills
- Organised approach to work
- Excellent writing skills
- Commitment to equality and diversity issues

Desirable:

- Previous experience of popular science writing
- Previous experience in a role related to equality and diversity

To apply: Please contact Katy Henderson for an application form on katy.henderson@lms.ac.uk

Enquiries: For further information about the role, please contact Katy Henderson on katy.henderson@lms.ac.uk

Deadline: 5pm, Monday 17 July 2017

Interviews to be held: Friday 21 July

Placement start date: July/August 2017