

# **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](mailto:katy.henderson@lms.ac.uk)

**Enquiries:** For further information about the role, please contact Katy Henderson on [katy.henderson@lms.ac.uk](mailto:katy.henderson@lms.ac.uk)

**Deadline:** 5pm, Monday 17 July 2017

**Interviews to be held:** Friday 21 July

**Placement start date:** July/August 2017