

## JOB DESCRIPTION

## Vacancy Ref: A2712-R

| Job Title: Research Associate (FIXIE)  | Present Grade: 6                     |
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| Department/College: School of Computing and Communications   |                                      |
| Directly responsible to: Dr David Bowes  |                                      |
| Supervisory responsibility for: None   |                                      |
| Other contacts   |                                      |
| Internal:  |                                      |
| Professor Tracy Hall (PI of the Fixie project)   |                                      |
| Staff and Students at the University   |                                      |
| External:  |                                      |
| Collaborators/partners working on Fixie project  |                                      |
| Major Duties for Research Associate and Senior Research Associate:   |                                      |
| 1. Undertaking research necessary to achieve Lancaster University's aims within the EPSRC-funded "Fixie: Exploiting Defect Prediction for Automatic Software Repair" project. More specifically, to assist in the investigation of human issues relative to software developers making use of automated code repair techniques. It is anticipated that the successful candidate will apply a range of quantitative and qualitative research methods within the project's industrial collaborators to identify important factors relevant to the design of acceptable tools for developers. The main work associated with this role will be understanding software developers' attitudes to the tools that they use and to automating some of the coding work that they currently do by hand. |                                      |
| 2. Participating in project meetings; preparing and presenting of talks, posi<br>results of the research.  | ters and reports to disseminate the  |
| 3. Preparing progress reports for project meetings describing the results o  | f the project.                       |
| <ol> <li>Participating in national and international conferences and workshops t<br/>to a wider audience and to learn about current advances in the field.</li> </ol>  | o present the results of the project |
| 5. Preparing conference and journal papers for publication of project findi  | ngs.                                 |
| 6. Any other duties appropriate to the grade, as directed by the Principal Investigator or his representative.   |                                      |