

JOB DESCRIPTION
Research Associate: Experiencing the Future Mundane
Vacancy Ref: A2895

Job Title: Research Associate: Experiencing the Future Mundane	Present Grade: 6
Department/College: Lancaster Institute for the Contemporary Arts (Design)	
Directly responsible to: Prof Paul Coulton	
Supervisory responsibility for:	
Other contacts	
Internal:	
External:	
University of Nottingham, BBC R&D	
Major Duties:	
<p>The potential economic and societal benefits of emerging and future technologies is ultimately linked to their adoption and acceptability by a majority of potential users. However, the processes that drive adoption and acceptability are rarely considerations for research into emerging and future technologies and the challenges and barriers primarily occur only 'after' potentially problematic design patterns have become established, resulting in diminished impact or unintended consequences. This project will address this challenge by shaping a novel methodology that merges Design Fiction and Breaching Experiments to create Mundane Experiential Futures that enable citizens to 'get their hands on the future'.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To work with the research associates at the University of Nottingham and academic staff to design and create the novel demonstrator to be situated in a caravan and toured to external venues around the UK. 2. To apply technical expertise (software/hardware) to develop the demonstrator utilising the DataBox system in conjunction with the RA at the University of Nottingham. 3. To work with RA at Nottingham to develop a strategy and then evaluate the demonstrator. 4. To work with partners to evaluate feedback from the prototypes. 5. To participate and organise project meetings as well as meetings with external partners. Tasks to include preparation and presentation of talks, writing of reports, and active participation in discussions. 6. To write conference papers and journal articles suitable for submission in appropriate conferences and journals. 	