



**UNIVERSITY OF LINCOLN STUDENTS' UNION
JOB DESCRIPTION**

JOB TITLE: Junior Software Developer	DEPARTMENT: Central
LOCATION: Students' Union	REPORTS TO: Senior Software Developer
SALARY: Grade 3, £18,009 per annum, permanent. 37 hours per week.	DATE: February 2021

Context	<p>The Students' Union is an independent body and exists to support students in both their academic and non-academic experiences; whilst working closely with the University and local community.</p> <p>Student leaders are elected by the student body and supported by the staff's expertise to deliver services and represent student needs; to enhance the experience of all students at the University of Lincoln.</p> <p>We are committed to diversity within our organisation and positively encourage applications from all individuals irrespective of their gender, age, home country, ethnic background, sexuality, religious beliefs or disability.</p>
Job Purpose	<p>This role is designed to support the development of the Students' Union sector leading and award-winning CRM system; Students' Union Management System (SUMS). SUMS support students to have a seamless and personalised student experience with an inbuilt EPOS, elections, advice, and reporting systems.</p> <p>The primary purpose of the Junior Software Developer is to assist in the development, maintenance and support of the SUMS platform. To ensure comprehensive documentation and quality assurance testing of the platform which is licenced out to various other Students' Unions across the UK. The role will act as the first level of support for any SUMS related queries, as well as providing introductory training for modules.</p> <p>The role will also involve performing website related tasks as required by the SU's communication department.</p>

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

<i>Key Responsibility 1</i>
<p>Development</p> <p>Assist in the implementation of solutions for support issues as required from all stakeholders of the software.</p> <p>Receive training and support to ensure all code produced conforms to modern industry standard coding guidelines.</p> <p>Develop and adopt industry standard best practice for current platform development techniques with one on one support.</p>



To work towards a development timeframe for the platform, as set out by the Director of SUMS and overseen by the IT Operations Manager.

Be responsible for taking calls both internally and from external stakeholders out of office hours, in line with the call out phone rota

Key Responsibility 2

Documentation

Assist in the creation of documentation, including training materials, to support all new platform developments.

Update and review current user guides as and when required, ensuring clear guidance is given to all stakeholders.

Maintain a support knowledge base, creating articles for frequently asked questions and processes as required.

Assist in training users on platform functionality.

Key Responsibility 3

Quality Assurance and Maintenance

Ensure new SUMS developments are independently tested and documented, highlighting enhancements and feedback using GitHub.

Ensure that any code errors or bugs within the software are corrected prior to any releases.

Develop a wider understanding of the Software Development environment, including code writing, MySQL, and Github.

Actively develop knowledge and expertise in platform maintenance to support the SUMS platform to remain future proof.

Actively develop knowledge and expertise in data compliance to support the organisation to remain data compliant under relevant legislation.

Key Responsibility 4

Support

Maintain a presence as initial support for the SUMS platform to all stakeholders.

Effectively evaluate, categorise and investigate incoming support tickets, escalating as required.

Ensure stakeholder expectations are met when dealing with support tickets and that issues are resolved within agreed timeframes and in a friendly manner.

Keep abreast of the latest development on the SUMS platform.

Actively develop knowledge and expertise in management and maintenance of support systems to support the Senior Software Developer in continuously ensuring the satisfaction of Stakeholders with the SUMS support provision.



Key Responsibility 5

Technical Support

Be responsible for day-to-day technical internal questions such as general IT issues, user accounts, printers and shared drives at the University of Lincoln Students' Union.

Ensure compliance with ULSU Group policies and procedures, giving support and guidance to staff who use the software.

In addition, undertake such duties as may reasonably be requested and that are commensurate with the nature and grade of the post.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Scope and Dimensions of The Role	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work in a manner that reflects the values of the organisation as shown in the ULSU Group constitution and strategic plan, and in line with policies and procedures. • Promote a positive image of the ULSU Group at all times. • Keep abreast of relevant national and local developments and attend conferences, training events and meetings as necessary. • Maintain confidentiality in respect of all areas of the job responsibilities and be aware of current policy relating to the Data Protection Legislation. • Engage in appropriate training programmes as identified by your line manager. • Participate in the staff performance and development review scheme. • Actively follow and promote ULSU Group policies. • Some attendance at meetings outside normal office hours may be required. • To undertake such other additional duties as may be required from time to time, within the overall scope of the appointment as directed by the Senior Management Team.
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Key Working Relationships	Senior Software Developer IT Operations Manager IT and Data Manager Director of SUMS ULSU Group Marketing and Communications Department ULSU Group Staff
External Contacts	University of Lincoln ICT Department Platform strategic partners External service providers

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PERSON SPECIFICATION**

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<i>Selection Criteria</i>	Essential (E) or Desirable (D)	Where Evidenced Application (A), Interview (I), Presentation (P); References (R)
Qualifications: Relevant IT or web discipline qualification or equivalent experience	E	A
Experience: Experience of PHP, HTML, Javascript and CSS Experience of producing technical documentation and maintaining a knowledge base and providing training to end users Experience of level one technical support issues Experience of quality assurance testing	D E E D	A,I A,I A,I A,I
Skills and Knowledge: Excellent communication skills – visual, written and verbal Good planning and organising skills Strong IT skills Knowledge of modern web technologies and standards	E E E D	A,I A,I A,I A,I
Competencies & Personal Attributes: Innovative, with strong problem-solving skills Excellent attention to detail Ability to relate to students and staff Ability to meet deadlines Desire to learn and develop	E E E E E	A,I A,I A,I A,I
Business Requirements: May be required to work the occasional evenings and weekends DBS clearance will be required	E E	A,I R

Essential Requirements are those, without which, a candidate would not be able to do the job. **Desirable Requirements** are those which would be useful for the post holder to possess and will be considered when more than one applicant meets the essential requirements.