

**Writing Specialist for Students
(Write Now CETL & the Flying Start
Project)**

REF: 3CWRN1

Salary: £29,705 - £35,469



Closing Date: 23rd January 2008

Applications are invited for the post of Writing Specialist for Students within the Write Now CETL and the Flying Start project, located at Liverpool Hope University. The post is for a fixed term ending on 31st December 2010 as it is dependent upon external HEFCE funding.

The Write Now Centre for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL) is a collaboration between London Metropolitan University and Liverpool Hope University to promote and celebrate student literacy with a focus on how student writing is assessed. Write Now aims to enrich students' learning experiences through the development of innovative, evidence-based provision focused on writing for assessment. The CETL celebrates and promotes student writing in the disciplines, enabling students to develop academic and disciplinary identities as empowered, confident writers. There are three main areas of work which are inter-related:

1. supporting students with their writing (through writing centres and peer tutoring);
2. staff development particularly in the area of assessment practice;
3. pedagogical research (on writing support and assessment).

The Flying Start project is a collaborative National Teaching Fellowship project at Liverpool Hope University and Derby University. It aims to ease students' transition from writing at A level to writing at university level. An important aspect of the project is designing, implementing and evaluating a transition mentoring programme for university student mentors to introduce pre-university students to writing at degree level which will focus on helping students to:

- develop more realistic understandings and expectations of university study, meta-learning and disciplinary epistemology;
- understand university assessment criteria;
- understand how to use feedback to improve writing performance.

The Writing Specialist for students will normally work for 70% of the time with the Write Now CETL and 30% of the time with the Flying start project according to each project's needs.

The purpose of the post of Writing Specialist for students is to design, deliver and evaluate programmes and interventions to promote student writing, with a particular focus on transition. The person appointed will have a higher degree, a postgraduate qualification and experience of supporting students with their writing in HE.

The role requires a person with excellent writing skills and an understanding of the difficulties students face in academic writing at degree level. We are looking for a person, who is reliable, has a strong sense of self motivation and who preferably has some background in pedagogical research. The post will require occasional travel to the partner universities in the CETL and in the Flying Start project and to Hope centres across the region. The post holder must satisfy a CRB Disclosure as some aspects of the post will involve working in local schools with children.

Please quote job reference on/in all communications

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