

School of Veterinary Medicine and Science

MRes Studentship in Veterinary Medicine and Science

Project title: Exploring the future of the veterinary textbook

Principal supervisor:

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Background:

The School of Veterinary Medicine and Science at the University of Nottingham is the first brand new, purpose-built veterinary school in the UK for over 50 years and it is our intent to make significant leading contributions to both veterinary research and teaching within the context of valid relevance and application to the wider veterinary profession.

Research is central to the activities of the School, both in terms of maintaining ourselves at the forefront of national and international efforts in veterinary medicine but also as an integral part of the training and education for undergraduate and postgraduate students. In the 2008 Research Assessment Exercise, the School of Veterinary Medicine and Science joint submission with the School of Biosciences was ranked first in the country for the power of its research with 95% of its activities classified at an international standard.

Project description:

This research, part of the PublishOER JISC funded project, will explore potential for traditional textbooks in the current context of Open Educational Resources and web 2.0 technology. Data collection will be carried out with groups of veterinary students to examine how they currently interact with textbooks, and how they may see this changing in the future. Similarly, academics will be interviewed and surveyed to establish their perspective.

Experience will be gained in qualitative methodology including running and analyzing focus groups and interviews. The project will be based in Nottingham although some travel will be required. The project will last for one year.

Further information and Application

Applicants should have a minimum of a 2.2 undergraduate degree in education, social science or similar subjects. Applicants holding a veterinary or medical degree will also be considered.

Informal enquiries may be addressed to the principal supervisor Liz Mossop
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Candidates should apply online and include a cv. Any queries regarding the application process should be addressed to Helena Percival, Postgraduate Admissions Officer, (email: postgrad-vet@Nottingham.ac.uk)

Start Date: January 2012 or as soon as possible thereafter.

Closing date: The position will be filled when suitable candidates have been identified. Early application is strongly encouraged.

Eligibility for Funding: The studentship is available for a period of 1 year from Jan 2012 and provides the standard UK/EU postgraduate stipend, though there are potential funding restrictions for non- EU students.