

**Job Description for the Post of
Technical Officer – Music Technology (Ref: CET08/6)**

1. **General Details**

Job Title:	Technical Officer – Music Technology
Location:	Faculty of Computing, Engineering & Technology
Normal workbase:	Stafford Campus (see special conditions)
Tenure:	Permanent
Salary:	Grade 5 currently £21,459 - £24,877 per annum

2. **Job Purpose**

To maintain and support the Faculty's music studios and laboratories providing general technical support for student learning within subject area.

3. **Relationships**

Responsible to: Faculty Technical Manager via Technical Team Leader

4. **Main Activities**

- To be based within a designated technical area, but expected to cover both laboratories and studios, providing supervision and guidance during use.
- To provide technical assistance to staff including setting up equipment for lectures and tutorials, experimental sessions, practical/workshop sessions, maintenance of office systems and support in the application of new software and hardware systems.
- To provide individual support to students on a day-to-day basis in the use of software and/or studio equipment.
- To be available to supervise the use of laboratories and studios for evening or weekend sessions, subject to the appropriate conditions of service.
- To assist in the management of resources including recommendations for improvements, the preparation of orders, responsibility for lab/studio inventory's, and the implementation of maintenance programmes.
- To resolve day to day technical problems in studios or laboratories.
- To assist with Enterprise work by providing technical knowledge and skills when required.
- To help ensure that Health and Safety legislation and regulations are adhered to, and that technical areas are kept in a safe and orderly manner.
- To undertake continuous development in order to ensure a current awareness of developments in related technical areas.
- To support when required on Faculty Open Days and Recruitment events.
- To undertake any other duties as may reasonably be required by the Dean or Technical Manager.

5. Person Sought

The successful applicant will have/be -

- A broad knowledge of the Music technology in place throughout the Faculty
- Possession of a relevant music qualification or industry experience
- Preferably technical support experience working within a professional music studio environment
- Familiar with standard and/or good practice music studio procedures
- Demonstrable IT skills, preferably with experience in Digital Audio Workstations (e.g. Logic, Cubase SX, Ableton, MaxMSP, ProTools, Reason)
- Self-motivated with a flexible approach
- Keen and willing to learn new skills in any technical area
- Excellent team player, but able to work with minimum supervision when required
- Prepared to work unsupervised and sometimes at differing hours/days than standard
- High level customer care skills
- High degree of initiative and excellent problem solving skills
- Excellent and proven verbal communication skills and able to communicate effectively to a wide ranging age group of students and staff
- Commitment to the University's mission and delivery of the University Plan
- A willingness to engage in a structured induction programme as a start to Continuing Professional Development (CPD) at the University

6. Special Conditions

This post is available on a permanent, full time basis.

The specialist area for this post has been assigned based on the current needs of the Faculty and will be reviewed on an annual basis. The role holder should be aware of the requirement to undertake continuous skills and learning development, as specialist requirements of the role may change in the future in line with the strategic needs of the Faculty.

Some evening and weekend work will be required as appropriate.

The post holder will be required to work at alternative Stafford or Stoke campuses from time to time, for which appropriate travelling allowances will be reimbursed.

The University operates a Job Share Scheme. Applications from anyone interested in working part-time on a job share basis will be considered.

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Variation to Job Description

Staffordshire University reserves the right to vary the duties and responsibilities of its employees within the general conditions of the Scheme of pay and conditions and employment related matters. Thus it must be appreciated that the duties and responsibilities outlined above may be altered as the changing needs of the service may require.

Conditions of Service

The post is subject to such terms and conditions of employment as negotiated between the Board of Governors of the University and the recognised trade unions, and/or the employees of the University. In negotiating such terms and conditions the Board of Governors will consider any appropriate advice received from the Universities and Colleges Employers Association (UCEA).

Applying for this post

Should you now decide to submit an application for this position you are asked to kindly complete and return an application form. This is available either in electronic format (downloadable from our website) or as a hard copy.

Completed application forms and any accompanying information should be returned via e-mail to jobs@staffs.ac.uk or posted to Personnel Services, Staffordshire University, PO Box 662, College Road, Stoke-on-Trent, ST4 2XP.

If you wish to deliver the form by hand Personnel Services is located on the ground floor of the Cadman Building, College Road, Stoke-on-Trent. Office opening hours are 9.00am – 5.00pm Monday to Thursday, and 9.00am - 4.30pm on Friday.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CLOSING DATE FOR COMPLETED APPLICATIONS IS 3 MARCH 2009

Procedure following Receipt of Applications

Applicants are asked to provide us with an e-mail address where possible, as this is our preferred method of communication. All correspondence relating to this job application will be marked 'Private and Confidential'.

Where an e-mail address is provided, we will send applicants an acknowledgement of the application form as soon as possible following receipt; employees of Staffordshire University should note that this will be the internal e-mail address.

All applicants are asked to note that unless otherwise indicated, interviews will normally be held within one month of the closing date. Short listed candidates will be contacted to attend for interview as appropriate. Candidates who are not shortlisted for interview will be informed via e-mail. In the absence of an e-mail address, we regret that in the interest of economy we are unable to write to applicants. If you have not received an invitation for interview or any further communication within two months of the closing date specified, you are asked to assume your application is unsuccessful on this occasion.

The University wishes to thank all applicants for their interest in the Institution and the post advertised and for the time and trouble taken to complete the information for their application.

If you require a copy of the vacancy information in large print please contact us

Appointment to the University

The University is an independent Statutory Higher Education Corporation. As such the Board of Governors of the University is the employer, and is responsible for determining the employment policy, pay and conditions of service of all its employees.

The agreed terms and conditions for all staff are set out in the University's terms and conditions of service. In addition your attention is drawn to the following general points:

Medical Clearance

The appointment is subject to satisfactory medical screening, which normally consists of completion of a confidential questionnaire.

Eligibility to Live or Work in the UK

In line with the Asylum and Immigration Act 1996, documentation is required to confirm that employees are eligible to live or work in the UK. Any offer of employment is subject to this documentation being provided.

CRB Clearance

Where indicated in the job description an offer of employment will be subject to a satisfactory response to a check of criminal records.

Pension Contributions

All members of staff are eligible to contribute to the relevant occupational Pension Scheme which is either the Local Government Pension Scheme or Teachers Pension Scheme, both of which are final salary schemes. Staffordshire University as the employer also contributes to each scheme.

Sickness Pay

An employee absent from duty due to illness will be entitled to receive paid sickness leave, as set out in the University's terms and conditions of service.

Payment of Salary

Salary is payable monthly in arrears, normally on the last Wednesday of each month. Payment is made by direct credit to a recognised bank/building society/giro account. All new employees should ensure that the relevant details for credit transfer are completed on the standard form issued on appointment.

Annual Leave

Individuals are entitled to the following leave entitlements based on the grade of the post with effect from 1st August 2007 onwards:-

Grade	Number of Days Worked per Week*		
	4	5	6
One	24	29	35
Two	24	29	35
Three	24	29	35
Four	26	32	41
Five	26	32	41
Six	26	32	41
Seven	30	37	45
Eight	30	37	45
Nine	30	37	45
Ten	30	37	45
Eleven	30	37	45
Twelve	30	37	45
Thirteen	30	37	45
Fourteen	30	37	45

* This refers to those members of staff who work full time hours but on a standard 5 day working cycle or those operating a shift pattern over 4 or 6 working days. This does not refer to staff on fractional contracts.

In addition there are 11 Bank, Extra Statutory and Discretionary Holidays as follows:

Good Friday
Easter Monday
May Day
Spring Bank Holiday Monday
Late Summer Bank Holiday Monday
Christmas Day to New Year's Day (inclusive)

Trade Union Membership

The University believes that the interests of both the employer and employee are best served by individuals joining a recognised Trade Union. The Board of Governors of the University has recognised the following Trade Unions to operate within the university - UCU and UNISON.