

JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title:	Post-Doctoral Research Assistant
Department / Unit:	Computer Science
Job type	Research
Grade:	7
Accountable to:	Dr. Matteo Sammartino

Purpose of the Post

The post holder will have an exciting opportunity to work on the EPSRC-funded "Verification of Hardware Concurrency via Model Learning" (CLeVer) project (EP/So28641/1), The project aims to develop a novel verification framework for hardware, which combines learning, testing and model-checking. Not all models are suitable for this purpose and hence specific classes of models will need to be developed, depending on the task at hand. Subsequently, learning and verification techniques for these classes need to be devised and tested in realistic case studies. We have an industrial partner, ARM, that will provide valuable guidance on the design and development of the aforementioned tasks.

Key Tasks

- Investigate classes of models, amenable for learning and verification, capturing essential features of hardware systems
- Develop efficient learning techniques and tools.
- Develop testing and model-checking techniques, and integrate them with learning techniques to obtain tools that can automatically learn and at the same time verify models of hardware systems.
- Evaluate the effectiveness of the techniques in industrial verification tasks.
- Using initiative and creativity to identify areas for research, developing new research methods and extending the research portfolio.
- Pilot, refine and optimise mathematical and computational techniques with limited supervision from the PI
- Take a leading role in overcoming methodological problems that arise during the project lifespan, and keep the PI up-to-date with the project's progress
- Formulate and test new hypotheses arising from the data, where relevant
- Provide technical support for designated research area including databases and webpages, ensuring that all work is carried out in accordance with statutory and Royal Holloway regulations as appropriate.
- Developing a body of outstanding quality publications in well-recognised peer reviewed outlets.
- Presenting research and giving invited papers at national and international conferences.

- Communicating research findings to a non-specialist audience.
- Contribute to the preparation of grant applications, research presentations and publications as requested.
- Undergo continued personal professional development

Other Duties

The duties listed are not exhaustive and may be varied from time to time as dictated by the changing needs of the College. The post holder will be expected to undertake other duties as appropriate and as requested by his/her manager.

The post holder may be required to work at any of the locations at which the business of Royal Holloway is conducted.

Internal and external relationships

The following list is not exhaustive but the post holder will be required to liaise with: Students, other members of staff within the school/department and College, academics in other institutions and, where relevant, industrial or professional contacts