

Re: Post-Doctoral Position for Experienced MediaLab and DirectRT User

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**Full Time Position Available: “MediaLab and DirectRT Software Specialist”
Employment Opportunity from Empirisoft**

Dear Colleagues,

Please distribute a copy of this employment opportunity to your doctoral students who are skilled with MediaLab and/or DirectRT experiment software. We are looking to employ a post-doctoral candidate who is eager to share his or her experience and expertise with fellow researchers around the world. Feel free to contact me directly with any questions (jarvis@empirisoft.com).

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Position: MediaLab and DirectRT Software Specialist
Employer: Empirisoft Corporation, New York NY
Full-Time: 40 hours per week
Can work locally *or remotely from home in other states.*
Note that some training time in New York (Manhattan) will be necessary.
Start Date: As early as January, 2013 (flexible)
Duration: At least 24 months. Open for extended, permanent and advanced positions.
Salary: \$80,000/year

Background

Since 1998, Empirisoft has been a leading developer of software and hardware for experimental psychological, physiological, and behavioral research. MediaLab and DirectRT are licensed in over 2500 labs in 1100 universities and colleges in over 70 countries around the world. We have grown quickly and must expand our capacity to help everybody who uses our software—especially in terms of providing timely and helpful answers to support questions. For this purpose, we are offering a new *two-year, full-time* post-doctoral job opportunity that can be performed here in New York City, *or remotely from one’s current place of residence.*

Position Description

The primary responsibility of this position will be to help others use MediaLab and DirectRT. This will involve dealing directly with users from all over the world. Support often involves helping colleagues with design challenges, explaining program features, offering “work arounds” when obstacles are encountered, creating short samples for illustrative purposes, and so forth. Candidates will not be expected to respond beyond their skill level—but will be encouraged to increase their skill level over time. We have recently implemented an online “case ticket” system that keeps all of the issues organized and linked where applicable. The successful candidate will be taught how to use this collaborative online system to view case histories, quickly answer questions, solve problems efficiently, and to escalate issues when necessary.

Qualifications

We are looking for candidates who are skilled with both MediaLab and DirectRT. Successful applicants should be able to create short sample experiments to demonstrate features and to solve design problems. Ideally, candidates will have substantial experience helping others with MediaLab and DirectRT to accomplish tasks and solve problems. In general, the position will be best suited to those with a talent for creative problem solving and a passion for helping others.

Ideal Candidate Description

- High level of skill with both MediaLab and DirectRT
- Excellent written/verbal communication skills
- Experienced in helping new users to learn and solve problems
- Thorough knowledge of the MediaLab and DirectRT user manuals
- Good understanding of experimental design
- Comfortable with the Windows OS and dealing with technical issues
- Experienced with the Advanced Features of MediaLab
- Experienced with using Custom Items in MediaLab
- Experienced with Microsoft Excel and SPSS
- Experienced with the Empirisoft Online Support Forums

Funding Opportunity

Funding is currently available for one full time position which can begin as soon as January and no later than April of 2013. The position will remain open until a suitable candidate can be found. The position is open for annual renewal and provides for year-round funding. Possibilities are also open for permanent employment and advanced positions.

Additional Benefits

- Great experience for vitae
- Improve both basic and applied research skills
- Establish dialogues with colleagues in most major universities around the world
- Increase design expertise by helping colleagues with widely varied research methods
- Broadens opportunities for non-academic employment
- Flexible schedule
- Opportunity to work from *current place of residence*

Hiring Procedure

Applications may be sent via email or regular mail to Blair Jarvis (see address below). The deadline for the current round of submissions is January 15th, 2013. With your application, please include:

- Copies of curriculum vitae and academic record
- Statement of experience with MediaLab and DirectRT
- Statement of interest in the position
- Two general letters of reference
- One letter of reference pertaining to the use of MediaLab and DirectRT

Note: Finalists may be given a skill assessment task and asked to submit additional information.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask!

Best,
Blair

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