Web Designer

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Position Overview

The Web Designer serves as a regular, full time, 12-month position with primary responsibility for designing, developing and supporting websites and web applications to enable Extension’s outreach mission and internal functions. This includes website development and content management systems, front-end design and theming, internal business applications, workflow processes and university systems integration.

One full-time position is available.

Location: Urbana-Champaign Campus / Remote work arrangements may be considered (Position will be housed at the Urbana-Champaign Campus or a remote work arrangement will be established)

- Design, develop, deploy, and support new and enhance existing templates for websites and internal business applications to meet Extensions program and operational needs.
- Maintain, evaluate, and support U of I Extension websites and applications.
- Ensure sites function well and meet accessibility standards on all modern devices using responsive design
- Serve as Tier 2 support for web applications to resolve customer issues to satisfaction.
- Collaborate with desktop support team members to provide excellent customer service.
- Collaborate and provide feedback on website design matters with team members and project committees.
- Produce documentation for web design projects including requirements and design documents, build documentation, user documentation and other reports as needed.
- Work with Extension graphic designers to develop standards-based user interface and user experience functionality in web and mobile applications.
- Engage productively in web team agile development process, effectively estimating time-to-completion for project tasks and working efficiently to produce tangible deliverables.

Application Due
September 24, 2021

Proposed Start Date
As soon as possible after the closing date

Salary
Commensurate with experience and qualifications

To Apply
Go To: http://go.illinois.edu/150671
Log in to your account and upload a cover letter and resume, as well as the names and contact information of three professional references

More Information
The position is a full-time, benefits eligible, Civil Service Information Technology Technical Associate position appointed on a 12-month service basis. Generous vacation and sick leave. State Universities Retirement System. Group health, dental, vision and life insurance.

This is a security-sensitive position. Comprehensive background checks, including but not limited to a criminal conviction information check, and a review of the Registered Sex Offender list, will be conducted.
• Comply with Affirmative Action Equal Opportunity policies and guidelines in all aspects of University work and responsibilities. Assist unit staff with data collection for Affirmative Action, Gender, and Targeted reports as needed.
• Assume additional related responsibilities to enhance the mission of the unit.
• To perform the functions of this position, the employee will be required to perform work both within an office and outside in the communities that are served, and must have the capability to travel from one location to the other in a timely fashion. Employee is responsible for securing personal transportation. A valid driver’s license is preferred. Some work will be required during evenings and/or weekends. When working, the employee may be exposed to a variety of environmental factors to include, but not limited to, hot or cold weather, exposure to noise and allergens, and uneven ground. In performing the functions of this position, the employee may be subjected to various mental and physical demands as well to include, but not limited to, independently traveling to and performing work at different locations, lifting and moving items that may occasionally weigh up to forty (40) pounds and frequently weigh up to twenty (20) pounds, and twisting, pushing and pulling movements. More detailed information regarding the functions of this position (including the physical, mental and environmental requirements of the position) may be obtained from Human Resources for the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences (ACES) by contacting hr@aces.illinois.edu.

Qualifications

Required:
• Any combination totaling two (2) years from the following categories: progressively more responsible work experience in an Information Technology (IT) related profession college course work which included Information Technology (IT), IT Management, or a closely related discipline, as measured by the following conversion table or its proportional equivalent: 60 semester hours or Associate’s Degree equals one (1) year, 90-120 semester hours or Bachelor’s Degree equals two (2) years.
• Experience with web application development.
• Experience providing end-user support.
• Demonstrated experience using CSS frameworks, such as Bootstrap, Tailwind, Bulma or similar systems.

Preferred:
• Bachelor’s degree
• Experience designing templates for Drupal or similar CMS, writing CSS preprocessors such as Less or SASS, and a good understanding of responsive design and accessibility standards.
• Ability to take a design layout and create HTML markup and CSS to industry standards.
• Experience working with Git version control.
• Experience working with template engines, like Blade or Twig.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:
• Working knowledge of best practices for the web, including accessibility standards. Ability to work independently and as part of a team. Ability to craft cross platform, accessible HTML markup and CSS. Ability to work with existing and legacy design systems. Proficiency in HTML, CSS, SASS or Less, and JavaScript. Willingness to learn new frameworks and design tools. Excellent organizational skills. Good written and verbal communication skills.

The University of Illinois conducts criminal background checks on all job candidates upon acceptance of a contingent offer. Convictions are not a bar to employment. The University of Illinois System requires candidates selected for hire to disclose any documented finding of sexual misconduct or sexual harassment and to authorize inquiries to current and former employers regarding findings of sexual misconduct or sexual harassment. For more information, visit Policy on Consideration of Sexual Misconduct in Prior Employment. The University of Illinois must also comply with applicable federal export control laws and regulations and, as such, reserves the right to employ restricted party screening procedures for applicants.

As a qualifying federal contractor, the University of Illinois System uses E-Verify to verify employment eligibility.

The University of Illinois is an Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action employer that recruits and hires qualified candidates without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, national origin, disability or veteran status. For more information, visit http://go.illinois.edu/EEO.
Knowledge of front-end design, including CSS frameworks like Bootstrap, Tailwind, or Bulma, proficiency with a CSS preprocessor like Less or SASS, strong skills in User Experience (UX) design, proficiency in Vue.js, React, or similar JavaScript framework, and knowledge of the University of Illinois and Extension and the mission, goals, and purpose of outreach within the land grant system is preferred.

Application Procedure:

Applications must be received by September 24, 2021. Apply for this position using the “Apply for Position” button (https://go.illinois.edu/150671). If you have not applied before, you must create your candidate profile at http://jobs.illinois.edu. If you already have a profile, you will be redirected to that existing profile via email notification. Please be sure to address how you meet each requirement of the position in your cover letter and/or resume. To complete the application process:

- Step 1) Submit the Staff Vacancy Application.
- Step 2) Submit the Voluntary Self-Identification of Disability forms.
- Step 3) Upload your cover letter, resume (months and years of employment must be included), and academic credentials (unofficial transcripts or diploma may be acceptable) and names/contact information for three references.

In order to be considered as a transfer candidate, you must apply for this position using the “Apply for Position” button. Applications not submitted through this website will not be considered. For further information about this specific position, contact Ashley Grilo (ashleyg@illinois.edu). For questions about the application process, please contact 217-333-2137.