



Job Profile - Examinations Officer

Company Summary

The Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing (ISTD) is a registered educational charity and membership association. Our mission is to educate the public in the art of dancing in all its forms: to promote knowledge of dance; provide up-to-date techniques for members and maintain and improve teaching standards.

With approximately 6,000 members in over 55 countries worldwide, the Society conducts over 120,000 examinations each year. We were recently listed by Ofqual as one of the top 20 largest awarding organisations in England and in the top 5 for delivery of performing arts examinations.

The Society aspires to be a world leader in dance education, setting the benchmark for best practice through our extensive syllabi and teacher training. We are committed to becoming a dynamic, future-focused organisation that promotes the social, cultural, physical, and educational benefits of dance for all.

Summary of Role

We are looking for an Examinations Officer to provide a wide range of professional and efficient administrative services in support of Dance Examinations both online and live.

The job's focus is working within a team to assist with processing, planning, preparation, organising, co-ordinating and supporting Dance Examinations. The role will also involve communicating on a regular basis with examiners and members to provide support, guidance and help using the ISTD internal system.

This role will report directly to the Head of UK Examinations.

Key Responsibilities:

In addition to working closely with the Head of UK Examinations to assist with administration as and when required, the Examinations Officer will also be responsible for the following areas:

- Manage the examination process from application to delivery, following company policies and syllabus requirements including the verification of the membership status, candidate eligibility and accuracy of details on the online exam management systems within strict deadlines.
- Manage the examiner allocation and organisational process of the examination session. Proactively handle any arising issues and complications as needed.
- Maintain accurate records ensuring compliance with GDPR and ensure exam fees are received correctly within set deadlines.
- Act as the primary point of contact for examiners and members, handle enquiries in a professional manner and provide support with the use of the online exam management systems.



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- Collaborate with other ISTD departments and the faculties as required, for example, to arrange sitting in sessions, examiner upgrading and ongoing monitoring of international examiners.
- Work flexibly and provide support to other operational areas/colleagues as required and carry out any other reasonable duties as required by the Head of Department or Executive Management.

Person Specification

To take up the role of Examinations Officer, the individual will need to be engaged and motivated in the work and mission of the Society.

The Examinations Officer must demonstrate:

- A commitment to fairness and to promoting equality, diversity, and inclusion.
- A wholehearted commitment to the mission of the Society.
- Knowledge of and an interest in dance education and training and the wider dance arts environment.
- A willingness to contribute ideas, thoughts, comments.
- Excellent verbal and written communications skills in English.
- Proven experience of developing and managing complex procedures in a fast paced, high volume office environment.
- Commitment to a high standard of customer service, with excellent interpersonal skills and confidence in dealing with enquires from internal and external contacts.
- Excellent organisational skills, coupled with the ability to multi-task, prioritise, remain calm under pressure, and see tasks through to completion whilst demonstrating accuracy and strict attention to detail.
- Critical thinking and good analytical problem-solving skills to support effective decision making.
- Excellent team player, working flexibly and with others to meet the needs of Members, customers and the organisation.
- Sound IT skills with good working knowledge of Microsoft Office, with an aptitude towards online management systems.
- Attitude of personal responsibility and accountability and a flexible, 'can-do' attitude towards the workplace.
- Ability to maintain confidentiality and GDPR data protection legislation requirements.
- Experience of working with and/or a willingness and capacity to learn, a range of current online tools to support the role e.g. Microsoft Teams, Zoom and other online systems.

Desired attributes

- Educated to degree level or equivalent.
- Experience of travel or event management.
- Experience of working within an examination board, awarding body or dance/arts environment.



Working Hours

This is a full-time role, working 35 hours a week, from Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm, with a one-hour lunch break.

Flexibility to cover the emergency phone line outside of normal working hours during the weekend, will be required. This will be occasional, and a rota will be in place so that sufficient notice is provided.

Additional Information

This role may initially be based remotely, with the view of working part time from the office in due course (in accordance with government guidance). The Examinations Officer may be required to work from home in an environment with a high-speed broadband. The office is open and available to those who would prefer to work in the building.

Remuneration

The annual salary for this position will be Grade B - Officers / Coordinators, (which ranges from £26,051 to £30,580 per annum), depending on experience.

Additional Benefits

- Flexibility: this role can be worked on a hybrid basis, (2 days in the office and the remainder can be worked from home). On days working in the office, employees have the option to adjust their start/finish time to avoid busy commuting times. More information is available in the ISTD Hybrid Work Policy.
- 25 days paid holiday each year (plus the 8 public/bank holidays). In addition, 4 days between Christmas and New Year when our office building is closed: 37 paid days in total.
- Season ticket loan available.
- Employer Pension Contribution can be matched up to 8%. You will be auto enrolled into the pension scheme after 3 months of employment. Employee contribution must be minimum 4% and is matched by ISTD to a maximum of 8% (although employees can contribute more than 8%).
- Employee Assistance Programme, consisting of 24/7 telephone access to a trained counsellor, financial advisor or a nursing and midwifery council registered nurse. Access to the My Healthy Advantage App with live chat facility, wellbeing videos and articles, mini health checks, 4 week plans for lifestyle changes and a mood tracker.
- Virtual GP Service, complimentary 24/7 unlimited access any day of the year. Book appointments, arrange private prescriptions and fit notes anywhere in the world. Second Medical Opinion available – for greater peace of mind. Also covers Dependents.
- Funeral Concierge Service, with easy-to-use will writing tool.
When help is needed, the 24/7 Advisors are one phone call away, ready to personalise the funeral plan and compare and negotiate best prices at any funeral home in the world.



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- ISTD provides employees with Life Insurance benefit provided by MetLife. MetLife provides a death in service benefit, based on a multiple of three times your annual salary, bereavement and probate service to the family. This benefit is available to all employees after they have passed their probation and are below the age of 70 years.

Training

The Examinations Officer will be supported in their new role with an initial induction, followed by guidance on ISTD policies and processes to ensure they feel confident, fully informed and equipped to carry out their responsibilities.

Equal Opportunities

The Society values diversity of thought and experience. We welcome applications from anyone regardless of their age, disability, ethnicity, heritage, sexuality, gender, and socio-economic background. If you have any access needs or there are any barriers to access, please let us know this in your application or if you would like to discuss any of this prior to applying please email: hr@istd.org

Method of Application

To apply as an Examinations Officer please send a letter of application and CV to hr@istd.org. The letter of application should summarise what you are able to bring to the role and how you meet the person specification. The successful candidates will also be required to provide details for two recent references that can evidence skills and suitability to carry out this role, (whether in an employed or voluntary capacity).

The closing date for applications is Thursday 13 June 2024.