

Job opportunity

Junior editors for mathematical texts aimed at a general audience

The Mathematisches Forschungsinstitut Oberwolfach (MFO) is looking for new junior editors to join our "snapshot" team on a flexible basis of 6-8 hours per week. The snapshots are accessible texts written by participants of the MFO's scientific programs and edited by our editorial team. The editing work will be done independently based on guideline documents and finalized in discussion with the senior editor and the authors. Issues are discussed in a small team. Starting date is as soon as possible, preferably in September 2015, the project duration is until August 2016 with a possibility of extension.

The MFO is an international mathematical research center hosting conferences, workshops and other scientific events. In 2013, it has been awarded a major grant by the Klaus Tschira Foundation for the project "Oberwolfach meets IMAGINARY". An important part of this project is called "snapshots of modern mathematics from Oberwolfach". It is designed to promote the understanding and appreciation of modern mathematics and mathematical research in the general public worldwide. The snapshot project is also supported by the Oberwolfach Foundation.

In the snapshot project, we collect high-quality content from the participants of the MFO's scientific programs. Snapshots address a topic that is related to the research topic of the program at the MFO. They are 4-8 A5 pages long and written in English or German. The targeted readership consists of mathematics teachers, science journalists, undergraduate and advanced high school students, etc. The snapshots are published free of charge under a Creative Commons license on the website www.mfo.de/snapshots and on the mathematics communication platform www.imaginary.org.

Interested applicants should submit a resume and cover letter to Dr. Carla Cederbaum (Senior editor snapshots) via cederbaum@mfo.de.

Please if possible also name a person who is familiar with your previous mathematics communication work and willing to talk to us about it.

Responsibilities:

- Editing of mathematical texts written for a general audience with a focus on accessibility and understandability, readability, language correctness, LaTeX typesetting, copyrights, etc.
- Professional email communication with authors and conference organizers.
- Communication within the editorial team and support staff.

Expected Qualifications:

- Degree in mathematics or related subjects (Bachelor, Master or PhD).
- Excellent written English skills (other languages are a plus).
- Good knowledge of LaTeX.
- Experience in communicating mathematics to a general audience, preferably experience in editing and/or writing mathematical texts for a general audience.
- Willingness to work in an international team.
- Interest in modern mathematics and current mathematical research.
- Independent and self-responsible working skills

Conditions:

- Approx. 6-8 hours/week on a flexible time schedule.
- Work at home from your own computer.
- Honorary following a German supporting scientist contract (approx. 12-15 Euro per hour).

More information on the project:

www.mfo.de/snapshots



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