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Who is your current employer and what do they do?

Nuance Communications in US, Burlington

This is a global software company which provides comprehensive speech-based human-machine interface solutions.

What is your job title and what does the job entail?

Senior research engineer

The responsibility involves research on new algorithms and development for software systems.

How did you achieve your current position?

I started to look for jobs a half year before the end my PhD study, and got a post-doc position at EURECOM, a research institute in south France. My supervisor Professor King offered much help in the job hunting, and the fame of Edinburgh University certainly helps. The work in EURECOM is purely research, which is in my favour; more important, the work environment is quite flexible and self-motivated. I enjoyed this flexibility and extended my research work in my PhD study, which resulted in numerous publications.

The continuous accumulation of experience and publications leads to more chances in career development. A recruiter for Nuance found my profile on the web and sent me an invitation. After several rounds of interviews, they offered me the current position.

I finish my viva in December 2009 and left Edinburgh in January 2010; the post-doc position started from April 2010 and ended in July 2011. In August 2011 I started my current job in Germany and then relocated to the US in December 2011.

How do you feel you have used the skills and/or knowledge developed during your research degree in your career to date?

In my case, all the experience and knowledge developed in my PhD study have been extensively used in all positions that I have taken after graduation. The skills learnt in Edinburgh, including research methodology, writing skills, communication skills are all highly valuable.

Other qualifications

BSc Computer Science, 1999, Tsinghua University China

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