Postdoc Position in Computer Vision / Machine Learning / Robotics

DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING – Special Scientist (Research Associate)

Title: Special Scientist (Research Associate)
No. Of Positions: 1
Category: Employment Contract for one year with possibility of renewal
Location: Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, University of Cyprus, Nicosia.

Postdoctoral Fellowship (Special Scientist)
Are you an outstanding researcher interested to do a Postdoc in Computer Vision, Machine Learning and Robotics? The international team with world-wide reputation, the Vision for Robotics Lab (www.v4rl.com) at the University of Cyprus lead by Prof. Dr. Margarita Chli, has a new opening for a 1-year Postdoctoral Fellowship with the possibility of extension with highly competitive salary available from June 2023.

In 2023, Prof. Chli won the prestigious ERC grant of almost €2.5 million to work on the project “SkEyes” to advance robotic perception for swarms of drones and as a result, to extend her research activity from the group from ETH Zurich Switzerland to the University of Cyprus, where this postdoctoral researcher will be hosted. Notably, the University of Cyprus is the top-ranking university of the island (with excellent quality of living), and amongst the top 100 best young universities in the world according to the Times Higher Education’s ‘THE Young University Rankings’ for universities less than 50 years standards across the EU. The successful candidates will interact with the team in ETH Zurich giving them exposure to one of the top universities in the world.

The lab
At V4RL we are proud to have achieved some of the most highly cited works in this field with key world-firsts, such as the first vision-based autonomous flight of a small helicopter, and the first demonstration of collaborative SLAM for small drones equipped with single cameras. With awards (e.g. by Amazon Research) and features in Reuters, CNN, the lab is a friendly and dynamic environment hosting international researchers at the Master, PhD, and postdoctoral level, running several projects with academic and industrial partners (e.g. project with Huawei, Amazon, Unity Labs, Hilti). The director of the lab, Prof. Chli, was featured in Robohub’s “25 women in Robotics you need to know about” and is regularly invited to give talks at top venues such TEDx, the World Economic Forum, and some of the top conferences in Robotics, Machine Learning and Robotics.

Candidate’s profile
The applicant should hold or be close to finishing their PhD degree in Electrical and/or Computer Engineering, Computer Science, Mathematics, Physics or any other related topic with at least three first-author publications at international peer-reviewed venues in their field. Background in Robotics, Computer Vision and/or Machine Learning will be considered as an advantage, but emphasis will be given in scientific excellence and capacity of innovative research. The applicant should have strong analytical skills and background in mathematics, good programming skills and proficiency in English.

How to apply
Interested applicants should submit the following as a single PDF file: (1) Letter of motivation (maximum 1 page with a minimum of 10pt font size), (2) CV indicating the applicant’s education and employment history (if any) as well as their gender, and nationality/ies, (3) List of publications, clearly indicating the three most relevant publications that the applicant wishes to emphasize, and (4) Contact details of two referees.

The positions will be filled as soon as suitable candidates are identified, so please send your application as soon as possible via email to chlim@ethz.ch with subject title: “SKEYES POSTDOC APPLICATION”. No applications will be accepted after the 15th June 2023.

Employment Terms
Special Scientist positions are offered on a 12-month contract basis with the possibility for extension. The monthly gross salary for this postdoc level ranges between to €2600 – €3800 depending on the qualifications and experience of the successful candidate.
The Process
The best three candidates that satisfy the required qualifications will be interviewed by a 3-member Committee. Candidates shall be informed of the result of their application by the relevant entity.

The University of Cyprus shall collect and process your personal data according to the provisions of the General Regulation on Personal Data 2016/679 (EU).

The University of Cyprus (UCY) is committed to promoting inclusivity, diversity, and equality, as well as the elimination of all forms of discrimination in order to provide a fair, safe, and pleasant environment for the entire university community, where students and staff members will feel supported both in their professional and personal development, within and beyond their multiple identities. To this end, UCY seeks to create the necessary conditions that will encourage and respect diversity and ensure dignity both in the workplace and society at large. Moreover, UCY has adopted specific policies to promote equal opportunities, as well as respect and understanding of diversity, while it is committed to promoting and maintaining a working, teaching, and learning environment, free from any form of discrimination, whether direct or indirect.