

IT Specialists

Opportunities worldwide



*Your technical skills can
make an eternal difference
in people's lives!*

Find your place in mission

Technology offers exciting possibilities in the work of Bible translation.

More than 300 computer specialists currently serve with Wycliffe Bible Translators all around the world, but hundreds more are needed!

If we are to achieve our vision of seeing a translation project started in every language that needs one by the year 2025, this will involve training and supporting both expatriates and nationals in computer technology. Your technical skills are crucial to this task.

Your professional IT skills are needed!

No matter where you are, IT is important.

An IT specialist in Africa was attending a meeting of mother-tongue translators who had come from working in an area wracked by war. During their time together, he asked them to list the most difficult challenges they faced.

The men compiled a long list of the difficulties and obstacles they faced doing translation work in a war zone.

Then, each African translator was asked to vote for his top seven obstacles.

When the votes were tallied, the civil war came near the top of the list – but it was second. The number one hindrance on their joint list was the lack of computer support!



"I have seen how many companies have successfully used technology for profit, and I often thought how much better it would be to use it to advance the kingdom of God."

Pete Costello, former IT Director, Wycliffe UK

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Qualifications

You would normally already have qualifications and experience in information technology or a related area.

You would be a committed Christian, playing an active part in a local church, and willing to serve God wherever he sends you.

Short-termers make valuable contributions in many areas. However we especially welcome those who are open to working with Wycliffe for a year or more.

Specialist Training

If you are planning to work cross-culturally for a significant period of time we may recommend that you take a course in Language and Culture Acquisition run by the European Training Programme.

Those working with in-house software may also receive training in those applications.

For further information about the European Training Programme go to www.eurotp.org/uk

The opportunities

IT skills are required in a wide variety of areas.

Support: Networks, e-mail, software support, hardware problems... all the usual IT support tasks are needed overseas just as much as they are in the UK.

Training: Increasingly, national workers need computer skills in order to play a larger part in translation projects. Personnel are needed to train and support them.

Computer Centre Managers: Our computer centres around the world provide vital support services to language teams. We need experienced managers to run these centres well.

Specialist applications: Wycliffe uses a number of specialist applications in areas such as linguistic analysis and

translation adaptation. We need applications programmers to work on these projects.

Business applications: More applications programmers are needed to help develop finance and information management packages.

Non-Roman scripts: Languages that use non-Roman scripts pose unusual problems to software developers. We need specialist programmers to develop and support the software that displays and prints these scripts.

Increasingly websites are used to promote the work of Wycliffe in various countries and also to distribute Scripture via text, video and mp3 files. Mobile phones are also a key way of distributing scripture. A variety of web-related skills are needed.

Finding out more

An IT specialist must be willing to serve others and to work as part of a team. For roles overseas, you also need to be able to work successfully in a cross-cultural environment. You must be flexible, able to handle change and adapt to new situations.

If you think that God is calling you to a role in IT as part of the Bible translation team, we would like to talk to you.

Contact us on 01494 682259 or at recruitment_uk@wycliffe.org.

Or complete the enquiry form at jobs.wycliffe.org/enquiry1.php

Finance

Costs vary depending on where in the world you are working. We will help you draw up a budget for your particular situation.

Wycliffe positions are not salaried. Wycliffe personnel trust God to meet their needs through a team of prayer and financial partners: mission is done in partnership with the local sending church, and in reliance on God who says he will provide all our needs according to his riches in Christ Jesus (Phil. 4.19).



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