Call for Proposals: Documentation Support for KDE

About KDE

KDE is an international community dedicated to developing Free and Open Source Software for end users. Contributions are made by thousands of talented volunteer contributors (developers, artists, marketers, translators, documentation writers, etc.) from all over the world, working on software like a desktop environment, graphics applications, PIM programs, games, educational software and more. KDE e.V. is the legal organization behind KDE, that represents and supports the community.

About the role

KDE e.V. is looking for a person with technical writer experience to update KDE’s documentation across its various projects. Documentation for our software and community is constantly evolving and requires careful planning and maintenance, as well as regular communication and close collaboration with our contributor teams.

You will be building on the outcome of previous documentation work (1, 2), that analyzed the documentation needs of our projects and identified key areas of improvement. These include the KDE API Documentation, our TechBase and Community Wikis, our Developer Guide, as well as documentation for Plasma (Desktop and Mobile), Frameworks and Applications. You will be working directly with the existing documentation team of volunteers and the Board of Directors.

The ideal candidate would be experienced in technical writing and familiar with the process of writing and maintaining documentation. You will be able to deliver quality content with the goal of helping more contributors to get involved with our projects and make their first contributions.

Tasks and Responsibilities

• Update KDE's developer-focused documentation across many platforms with a special focus on documentation that will improve the onboarding of new developers
• Communicate and collaborate with contributors and teams to assess documentation state and actions
• Provide reports on work progress and completion to the Board of Directors and community

Qualifications and skills

• At least 3 years of proven experience as a technical writer or a similar position
• Fluent in English (verbal and written)
• Experience working with volunteers and in an open community
• A good grasp of the software development processes and the technologies KDE uses (Qt, C++, CMake)
• Familiar with asynchronous online communication tools like chat applications and mailing lists
• Strong desire for action and working independently
• Attention to detail

Job Details

• Type: Contract (can develop into a follow-up contract, depending on results and needs)
• Location: Fully Remote
• Salary Type: Hourly
• Number of hours per week: Negotiable

How to apply

Please send your proposal (including your availability, pointers to the project you are most proud of, a writing sample and your hourly rate) by email to kde-ev-board@kde.org with “Documentation Support” in the subject. Do not hesitate to contact us at the same address if you have any questions.