



Lead Game Designer [Anno] (f/m/d)

Mainz - Full-time - 743999796276847

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Anno is a critically acclaimed and award-winning franchise, offering a rich city-building experience and providing players ample opportunity to create huge metropolises, plan efficient logistics networks, explore and settle new lands and dominate their opponents by diplomacy, trade or warfare.

Being a Lead Game Designer on Anno, you will guide an experienced, talented and highly motivated team of designers towards greater efficiency, growth and design quality. You will support them in the creation of workflows, techniques and AAA game systems.

Following the notion that comprehensible, consistent and elegant systems should form the foundation of how our games work, you help your designers adjust and balance their features, bringing them from concept to playability. You channel the talents of your team members, motivating them to meet their full potential and inspiring them to do their best work.

Thanks to your expertise, leadership skills, and ability to make informed choices, not only can your own team look to you for information and direction, but so can others. You're a go-to person for advice and a valuable resource for our studio.

What you will do:

- Work closely with the game director, production and other leads in order to push project quality and ensure that all game design is in line with the project's creative vision, technical guidelines and standards
- Inspire, mentor and challenge your team in order to develop both their creative and technical skillset
- Plan, prioritize and set ambitious but realistic goals and proper workflows for your team
- Provide regular reviews and meaningful feedback on performance and development to team members in a clear and constructive manner
- Create an environment which allows for open dialogue and encourage

What you bring:

- At least 5 years of experience in game design or related experience; including shipping at least

one AAA title

- Experience managing and leading a team (in a Lead or Associate Lead capacity)
- Strong game design skills and thorough understanding of overall game design processes
- A highly innovative, empathetic, and collaborative spirit
- Exceptional mentorship, communication, interpersonal, and presentation skills
- Solid knowledge of game production pipelines and familiarity with common scheduling, task and issue tracking tools (such as Perforce, Jira, etc.)
- Able to drive change and inspire others to generate new ideas
- Strong verbal and written English skills

* RTS experience is a plus

* German skills are a plus

What to send our way:

- Your CV, highlighting your education, experience, skills, and any games shipped
- A cover letter including your earliest starting date, expected salary and why you would like to join us

Please feel free to send us samples of your work (attach files or send us a link to your demo reel or online portfolio)

Your benefits:

- Relocation Support: We offer financial support in form of a cash allowance and assistance with accommodation search and settle-in support via our relocation partner, for international candidates we offer visa assistance.
- 26 days paid vacation per year. Additionally, you will get half a day off on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve and approximately 11 bank holidays in the Mainz region.
- Flexible Working Hours: We have core working times between 10:00 AM – 04:00 PM and the distribution of the other hours is up to you.
- Opportunities for growth on your desired career path: Leadership training, workshops, guest speakers from the industry, online Ubisoft learning platform, coaches, Experts and library.
- Company Pension Scheme. We offer an attractive scheme through salary sacrificing in which the employer also matches contributions
- Up to 350€ childcare support per child per month. In addition, we also offer 5 'care for ill children days' per child per year.
- Discounted Games. We regularly order Ubisoft Games for super cheap prices for our employees.
- Gym Subsidy. We contribute 50% (up to a maximum amount of 25€) towards the monthly cost of a gym membership of your choice.
- Monthly Mobility Budget. 80€ per month that can be used on bicycle lease, parking spot rental or public transportation ticket.
- Our Ubisoft Blue Byte Academy offers multiple opportunities for you to discover your full potential and develop yourself in various areas.
- English and German classes for free. Main language in the studio is English.
- Free fresh Fruit, Coffee, Tea and Water. Enjoy fresh fruit and beverages in our office.

We offer a highly motivating challenge for team players interested in showing personal initiative in an innovative and international company. If you are passionate about video games and would like to join an industry leader - please apply via our career portal.

For further information, please check <https://mainz.ubisoft.com/en/>