



Doctoral Training Studentships

Public Health and Social Care in Digital Civics

Starting Sept 2016. Newcastle University, UK

We have an opportunity for excellent candidates for fully funded four-year doctoral studentships in Digital Civics in Public Health or Social Care and we are seeking applicants with a passion for civic life, an interest in how digital technologies can be used to support citizens and communities, and an undergraduate or masters level education in public health, health sciences, social science or a related subject. We are particularly keen to attract candidates with an interest in cross disciplinary research into health inequalities, food environments new approaches to digital social care and the health/social care divide including tackling loneliness and social isolation amongst older people or how to identify older adults with increasing social care needs and mobilise community assets.

The EPSRC Centre for Doctoral Training (CDT) in Digital Civics at Newcastle University trains doctoral students in the design, deployment and evaluation of community-driven digital technologies and services. Whether it is through the redesign of local services within communities, or rethinking how citizens can and do interact with local government, technology innovation and design has a critical role to play in enabling digitally connected citizens and communities. The CDT will train a minimum of 55 doctoral students (5 annual intakes of at least 11 students), 22 of which started in September 2014 and September 2015.

The CDT in Digital Civics brings together a wealth of expertise at Newcastle University, and is a collaboration between 5 of the University's leading research centres including Public health and social care (Institute for Health & Society <http://www.ncl.ac.uk/ihs/>) and Fuse www.fuse.ac.uk with membership of the NIHR School for Public Health Research <http://sphr.nihr.ac.uk/> and School of Primary Care Research <https://www.spcr.nihr.ac.uk/>. Doctoral trainees will be supervised by a cross-disciplinary committee of academics, and will be expected to undertake projects related to Digital Public Health and Social Care which is one of six Digital Civics research themes:

For more information about the CDT, please see

<http://digitalcivics.org.uk/>

Informal Discussion

If you would like to arrange an informal discussion with potential supervisors on the CDT, please send CV to Profs Ashley Adamson and Patrick Olivier
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Application

Submit by: 03 / 08 / 2016

Shortlisting by: 05 / 08 / 2016

Interviews: Before 15th Aug

- collaborative and participatory design
- digital security, privacy and trust
- digital public health and social care
- digital community learning
- digital local democracy

The CDT is a unique partnership between Newcastle University, Newcastle City Council, Gateshead Council and Northumberland County Council, as well as a range of local, national and global industry and third sector partners. The CDT aims to deliver applied research training for doctoral researchers and includes a program of intensive training and research, internships and placements at some of the world's leading charities, companies and universities.

All doctoral students will benefit from an annual tax-free stipend of £14,057 for 4 years, full funding of fees, and will receive additional funding for research costs including computing facilities, research consumables, and local, national and international travel to attend conferences and participate in industrial and academic exchanges.