



EU H2020 Marie Skłodowska-Curie ITN:
'JOLT: Harnessing Digital and Data Technologies for Journalism'

Storytelling Innovation

The Irish Times, Ireland

Job Title: Marie Skłodowska-Curie ITN Early Stage Researcher

Full Time and Fixed Term: 36 Months

Research Fellow: €42,358 gross p.a. (before national taxation and deductions)

Start Date: October 2018

The Irish Times, in collaboration with the [Insight Centre for Data Analytics](#) at Dublin City University (DCU), is offering a PhD position on storytelling innovations for news media.

The title of this project, 'Storytelling Innovation', reflects the need for new approaches to how we engage with news content. Professionally created text, image and video can be used to tell a story, but journalists also have access to legacy content and an increasing array of social multi-media content sources that could enhance storytelling. This project addresses the challenge of leveraging and combining multiple data sources to deliver high quality engaging and interactive stories across multiple digital delivery platforms (e.g. mobile). To this end, the project will adapt and extend existing state of the art multimedia analysis techniques - including NLP, computer vision and information retrieval - towards better understanding of how different modalities can be linked and accessed via a high-quality user experience.

Requirements (in addition to those outlined above):

- English language proficiency (IELTS 6.5)

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Requirements and Application Details

Eligibility Requirements: All applicants should ensure and demonstrate compliance with the Marie Skłodowska-Curie rules: **(1)** Applicants may be of any nationality, but must not have resided in or carried out their main activity (work or study) in the host country for more than 12 of the 36 months prior to recruitment. This condition excludes short stays such as holidays. **(2)** Applicants must have less than four years research experience (full-time equivalent) and must not have obtained a PhD. Registration on taught programmes such as undergraduate degrees or taught Masters degrees do not count as research experience. **(3)** Applicants must be willing to travel for two secondments or work-placements (where each is approximately 4 weeks in duration).

Salary and Benefits: The Marie Skłodowska-Curie programme offers highly competitive and attractive salary and working conditions. These include a living allowance/salary (see individual advertisements for details), a mobility allowance (€7,200 gross per annum), and a family allowance if applicable (€6,000 gross per annum). Expenses such as registration fees and training are covered by the JOLT network. Researchers will be funded for three years.

Responsibilities of the PhD Researcher

- To manage and carry out the research project within 36 months.
- To write a PhD dissertation.
- To participate in research and training activities within the JOLT network.
- To publish articles and deliver presentations to the research community
- To participate in public outreach and engagement.
- To participate in JOLT meetings and the organisation of JOLT events.
- To liaise with relevant research staff and students
- To write progress reports and prepare results for publication.
- To attend progress and management meetings as required.

How to Apply: Please complete the [online application form](#) and submit the following documents compiled in the following order into a single PDF file: **(i) Research Proposal** outlining your understanding of the topic, proposed theoretical approach, methodology, field for empirical research, and potential significance/contribution to existing state of the art (max. 2000 words); **(ii) Curriculum Vitae** (including two referees' contact details); **(iv) Certificates/Transcripts** of Degree and/or Master degree.

Closing Date for Applications: 27 May 2018. Selected candidates will be invited for interview within one month. Interviews may be conducted in person or electronically.