Research Centre
Insight Centre for Data Analytics

Post title
Postdoctoral Researcher – Video Analysis and Predictive Analytics

Level on the Framework
Level 1

Post duration
Fixed Term up 12 Months

Research Career Framework
As part of this role the researcher will be required to participate in the DCU Research Career Framework [http://dcu.ie/hr/ResearchersFramework/index.shtml](http://dcu.ie/hr/ResearchersFramework/index.shtml). This framework is designed to provide significant professional development opportunities to researchers and offer the best opportunities in terms of a wider career path.

Background
DCU has a strong track record in attracting both Irish and European Union research funding under Horizon 2020 (and all previous Framework Programmes), Marie Curie Actions and Erasmus. We offer a dynamic and internationally-focused environment in which to advance your academic career.

The Insight Centre for Data Analytics ([http://www.Insight-centre.org](http://www.Insight-centre.org)) is a joint initiative between researchers at Dublin City University, NUI Galway, University College Cork, and, University College Dublin, as well as other partner institutions. It brings together a critical mass of more than 450 researchers from Ireland's leading ICT centers to develop a new generation of data analytics technologies in a number of key application areas.

The €88m Centre is funded by Science Foundation Ireland and a wide range of industry partners. Insight's research focus encompasses a broad range of data analytics technologies from machine learning, decision analytics and social network analysis to linked data, recommender systems and the sensor web. Together, with more than 70 partner companies, Insight researchers are solving critical challenges in the areas of Connected Health and the Discovery Economy. Current project funding is to July 2019.

The Projects
The post is associated with the EU funded VI-DAS (Vision Inspired Driver Assistance Systems) project addressing the challenges of processing and analysis various sensors and
signals to improve driver assistance systems. The appointee will contribute to project deliverables and conduct research in the area of data integration, video analysis, action recognition and predictive analytics.

**Background & Role**

Insight wishes to recruit a Postdoctoral Researcher on a fixed term contract basis to facilitate the delivery of a number of industry-sponsored research projects. Working at the boundary of research and industry, the projects are a collaborative programme of research between industry and Insight researchers. Please note that the successful candidate may be asked to travel abroad from time to time to attend consortium and partner meetings, conferences etc.

**Main Duties and Responsibilities**

Reporting to his/her Principal Investigator(s) the Postdoctoral Researcher will:

- Conduct research and development in the areas of data integration, video analysis, action recognition and predictive analytics for the H2020 funded VI-DAS (Vision Inspired Driver Assistance Systems).
- Attend project meetings (within the EU) and contribute as required to project integration and testing tasks.
- Contribute to the design and implementation of the project’s prototype demonstrators.
- Provide support and advice to PhD students working on similar topics.
- Produce top quality journal and conference publications, in collaboration with the Principal Investigators (PIs).
- Participate in Insight Centre activities, including industry showcases, annual reviews and industry and agency visits to the Insight labs.
- Other tasks relevant to successfully implementing the project’s and the Research Centre’s research programme.
- Carry out administrative work associated with the programme of research as necessary including writing deliverables, compiling and presenting reports.

**The successful candidate should demonstrate strong competence in:**

- Programming and software development: especially in Python and/or C/C++, and experience in numerical and scientific computing in Python or similar.
- Theoretical and applied machine learning: unsupervised and supervised methods especially belief nets, fuzzy reasoning or classification. Experience in deep learning and related software frameworks is desirable.
- Various operating systems, especially Linux, and software integration.

**Skills**

- Excellent written and oral proficiency in English (essential)
- Excellent written and verbal communication and interpersonal skills.
- Proven ability to prioritise workload and work to strict deadlines.
- Ability to work in a team and to take responsibility to contribute to the overall success of the team.
- Strong problem solving abilities.

**Minimum Criteria**

The ideal candidate will have a PhD in Computer Science, Engineering or a related discipline with strong software and programming skills and relevant experience in information retrieval, machine learning, multimedia analytics or computer vision.

**Additional Information**

The successful candidates will be offered opportunities for developing their own careers in a number of directions including support for conference/workshop travel, upskilling through Insight’s continuous professional development in areas like research ethics and data privacy, student supervision and development and submission of their own research project proposals.

**Salary:** *€36,488 – €47,255 per annum*  
*Appointment will be commensurate with qualifications and experience*

**Closing date:** 25<sup>th</sup> December 2017

**Candidates will be assessed on the following competencies:**

**Discipline knowledge and Research skills** – Demonstrates knowledge of a research discipline and the ability to conduct a specific programme of research within that discipline.

**Understanding the Research Environment** – Demonstrates an awareness of the research environment (for example funding bodies) and the ability to contribute to grant applications

**Communicating Research** – Demonstrates the ability to communicate their research with their peers and the wider research community (for example presenting at conferences and publishing research in relevant journals) and the potential to teach and tutor students

**Managing & Leadership skills** - Demonstrates the potential to manage a research project including the supervision of undergraduate students.
Informal enquiries to:

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Please do not send applications to this email address, instead apply as described below

Application Procedure
Application forms are available from the DCU Current Vacancies (open Competitions) website at http://www.dcu.ie/vacancies/current.shtml and also from the Human Resources Department, Dublin City University, Dublin 9. Tel: +353 (0) 1 7005149.

Please clearly state the role that you are applying for in your application and email subject line: Job 731 Postdoctoral Researcher – Video Analysis & Predictive Analysis

Applications should be submitted by email to hr.applications@dcu.ie or by Fax: +353 (0)1 7005500 or by post to the Human Resources Department, Dublin City University, Dublin 9. Tel: +353 1 700 5149; Fax: +353 1 700 5500 Email: hr.applications@dcu.ie

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