

ICT Theme Early Career Workshops: Call for Expressions of Interest

**16-17 February 2017
Sheffield**

**06-07 March 2017
Cardiff**

EPSRC is holding two two-day workshops for Early Career Researchers who work in the area of ICT.

The workshops will provide an update to EPSRC and ICT Theme strategies and policies, and guidance on applying for grants. The workshops will be attended by a number of EPSRC staff but also by experienced academics from across the ICT portfolio who will provide guidance and mentoring throughout the two days. The events will include a number of facilitated sessions covering topics such as impact from research, career development and a number of new ICT Theme priorities. They will also include opportunities for networking with other ECR colleagues and the previously mentioned mentors.

Target Audience

We anticipate that this event will be of greatest interest to ICT researchers that have completed a PhD (or equivalent qualification) within the previous ten years, are eligible to hold an EPSRC grant and hold few or no grants as Principal Investigator.

However, we do not wish to be prescriptive based on years of post-doctoral experience and welcome applications from prospective participants with a different pattern of academic experience, early career researchers based in industry and postdoctoral research assistants who are hoping to take lectureship positions in the near future. The internal assessment process will take into account the need for a balance of attendees across career stages.

Applying to Attend and Selection Procedure

Those wishing to attend the workshop should complete the short Expression of Interest (EoI) form at the call page (<https://www.epsrc.ac.uk/funding/calls/ecrworkshops/>). This will be used to select participants based on their justification of attendance as described in their EoI submission. In addition, EPSRC will also ensure a balanced representation of organisation, research area, expertise and career stages. Places are limited and the number of participants from a given organisation may have to be restricted in the event of multiple applications. EPSRC are committed to a policy of equal opportunities. Selection will primarily be based on justification of attendance. However, EPSRC is hoping to improve attendance by underrepresented groups at workshops and will consider this when selecting attendees.

The Expression of Interest form will cover the following questions:

- Personal details including name, organisation and current role
- Location you wish to attend
- A short biography including your career aspirations (100 words)
- Your primary areas of research (100 words)
- Why is this workshop of interest to you? What are you hoping to gain from it? (100 words)
- How will you disseminate information from the event to colleagues at your institution? (50 words)
- Are there any topics you would particularly like to see covered at the workshop? (50 words)

All submissions should be sent using the short Expression of Interest (EoI) form at the call page (<https://www.epsrc.ac.uk/funding/calls/ecrworkshops/>). **The deadline for submissions is: 24/11/2016.** Applications will not be accepted after this deadline.

Successful applicants will be notified in the week commencing 12 December 2016. EPSRC's decision on attendance is final and feedback will not be given to unsuccessful applicants.

EPSRC will be covering the cost of accommodation during the workshop. However, expenses for travel and subsistence incurred by participants will not be covered by EPSRC.

EPSRC is committed to attracting the best potential researchers from a diverse population into research careers and supporting those researchers, in particular those with caring responsibilities and/or flexible working patterns. Where participation in an EPSRC activity would involve additional care requirements, our expectation is that the employer is approached in the first instance to meet these costs. If the employer is unable to cover these additional costs then EPSRC may reimburse reasonable extra costs incurred. Making arrangements for the care to be provided is the responsibility of the carer themselves. People invited to EPSRC events are advised to check with the event organiser and confirm what costs can be reimbursed prior to attendance.

Location and Date

The workshops will take place from 12:00 on day 1 to 15:00 on day 2.

An application will be considered confirmation of availability on this date and a commitment to attend if selected. Full details of the venue and agenda will be made available to the selected participants.

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