

ADAPT Undergraduate Internship Programme 2018

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Institution/Team:	European Funding	
Project Title:	Building the next generation of professional research leaders	
Suitable for students who are studying in the following areas:	Social sciences, data science, economics, media / public relations. This position would also suit someone from any discipline with a motivation to stay in academia upon graduating, as it will give valuable insight into how universities operate in the research domain.	
Skills needed:	Data management & statistics, literature search and summary, web design, technical writing	
Project Description:	<p>The student will join a team managing a programme of European postdoctoral research funding that has been running for two years, to study aspects that can be improved and make recommendations for changes.</p> <p>Key aspects of the study will involve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Examining application rates to the programme to date in terms of gender and cultural background, seeking to improve the balance and diversity of the programme - Seeking ways to encourage applicants from backgrounds underrepresented in research today, and from challenging situations, eg. refugees - Investigating how interaction between postdoctoral researchers in different disciplines and geographical locations can be improved, in order to stimulate new research activity <p>Where possible, the student will implement improvements themselves, for example by using the programme website as a tool. Otherwise they can initiate them through the other members of the team.</p>	
The Role of the student & benefits gained from participation in this project:¹	<p>To achieve these goals the student will be required to study and summarise statistics from the programme, as well as published literature relevant to the subject. In the later phases, the student may need to learn new skills, and gain experience, in presentation and web authoring.</p> <p>The student will be encouraged to meet and interview postdoctoral researchers at various career stages and from diverse backgrounds, to gain insight into opportunities and challenges faced by those working in research today.</p>	
Who will be working with you?	This student will be working with the EU Funding Development team in ADAPT, and closely with the equivalent teams in other SFI Centres both in Trinity and across Ireland. The main project they will interact with is the EDGE MSCA Fellowships scheme. This project operates across the ADAPT, CONNECT and AMBER Centres on an Information & Communications Technology theme.	
Short description of the group:	The EDGE team is Richard Twohig, Programme Manager, and Linda Ryan, Researcher Development Officer. The main point of contact in ADAPT is Maire Brophy, EU Funding Development Officer.	
Recommended Reading Material:	EDGE Project Website: www.edge-research.eu About Marie Skłodowska Curie Fellowships: https://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/	
Other information:	This role may involve travel to partner institutes across Ireland.	
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¹ This is an initial description of the role of the student and it is liable to change following discussions between the investigators and the student.