Panorama/SPHERES DTP Newsletter – February 2022

DTP Interviews

As you might have noticed from candidates talking to supervisors and fellow students we are in the middle of the interviews for our 4th cohort. We have received 390 applications and are interviewing about 100 candidates across the participating schools and universities over two weeks from February 21st to March 4th. Successful candidates will join us in October.

University of Leeds Computing Training Courses

Places are now available for upcoming Research Computing training courses from the University of Leeds High Performance Computing Team. Currently courses are all still virtual workshops run online via Teams with course materials available online. Please remember that even if you are studying in Hull or York you are registered as student in Leeds which should give you access to these courses. Courses include:

HPC0: Introduction to Linux (Online)

HPC1: HPC Carpentry

SWD2: Version Control with Git and GitHub

SWD3: Software development practices for Research

These courses will run throughout February to April. Please check https://arc.leeds.ac.uk/training/courses/ for details.

LinkedIn Learning

As part of the NERC Panorama DTP PhD students have access to the LinkedIn online learning resources. It contains over 16,000 video-based, professional courses in a wide range of areas including technology, business and professional, and creative subjects. Courses are led by experts, and are on average an hour-long, broken down into bite-sized video modules. More information here: https://peopledevelopment.leeds.ac.uk/news/linkedin-learning/

ResearchFish

As the DTP studentships are NERC funded you those of you in your 3rd year will have received an email from ResearchFish which is the platform that UKRI uses to collect outputs from research funding. If you have anything to report, please use the instructions in the email to do so. You supervisor can also support you as they are likely used to using ResearchFish.

Cohort Activities

New DTP Reps
A big "Thank You" to Frances Procter, Richard Fewster and Rachel Osguthorpe for their service as DTP PhD reps. We have new reps which are the easiest way for you to bring issues to the DTP management. Please get in touch with

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They will be in touch regarding drop-in sessions, social events, and the conference in summer.

New DTP Seminar series
The DTP reps have setup a new DTP seminar series. The next dates for seminars are:

16:00, Tuesday 22nd March 2022: Maria Taccari 'An introduction to physics-based deep learning'

16:00, Tuesday 26th April 2022: Maeve Murphy-Quinlan, Title TBC, and 1 other person TBC for a half hour talk

16:00, Tuesday 24th May: Speaker TBC

New DTP WhatsApp Group
We now have a rep organized DTP WhatsApp group that could be joined via the link:
https://chat.whatsapp.com/JaGP5EQNXqhD4wGbsJrwAp

DTP Careers Event
In collaboration with several other DTPs we are organizing an inter-DTP careers event, including external speakers, workshops and other activities. The event will take place in Birmingham on July 13/14th with all costs covered by the DTP. Please stay tuned for further information.

InfoHackit/Infographics workshops
In preparation to the DTP conference in the summer we are organizing a Poster workshop provided by InfoHackit (https://www.infohackit.com/). The training event provides you with design ideas for impactful scientific posters for a broad audience. During the course you will develop your poster for the Conference. The course will be in person and dates are TBC but please keep an eye open for the emails from Nigel.
Additionally, we are offering an Infographics workshop (online) open to all cohorts also provided by InfoHackit.

COVID Impact Extensions

UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) has provided limited funding for funded extensions for stipends and fees. Students within 6 months of their funding end date will be eligible to apply for this additional funding. UKRI expect that project have been adapted to account for the disruptions in the last 1.5 years and that funding for most project except in exceptional circumstances to be less than 3 months. We have prepared an online form if you want to apply for this funding and you are eligible. Funding will be provided on a needs basis and a panel consisting of representatives from the 3 DTP universities and a student representative will assess the proposals. We aim to fund as many extensions as financially possible.

DTP Placements

Remember that you have funding (£1500) to support short placements that aimed to give you some additional training, experience or opportunity that might be beneficial for a future career. The funding should typically support short stays (up to 4 weeks) as we don't expect you to suspend or extend your studies. In the past DTP students used these to work in museums, non-governmental organizations, schools, or thinktanks, or to take a non-PhD project related research opportunity (e.g. research cruise or visit to a research institute). The funding is very flexible. If you have an idea what you want to do please get in touch with Nigel to discuss.

Royal Literary Fund Writing Fellows

If you have any questions about scientific writing or struggle with writing the Royal Literary Fund Writing Fellows might be able to help. RLF Writing Fellows are professional writers who offer individual appointments where students can discuss all aspects of their writing, such as structuring an argument, making the essay clearer and improving style. The sessions are free, confidential and independent of the university. Contact information for the fellows here: https://www.rlf.org.uk/fellowships/university-of-leeds/.

PhD profiles

Please remember to send Nigel your forms for your researcher page on the DTP website. The template can be found here. Please check out how they look https://panorama-dtp.ac.uk/current-pgrs/. We would like a page for each of you. We will also ask all new starts for some description of their project for their page. Please let us know if you need to change anything on your page.

Publications

If you are publishing a paper, please remember to acknowledge the DTP training grants as your funding source.

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If you are based in Leeds, you (or your supervisor) will likely upload the manuscript to the paper repository Symplectic. Please remember to link the relevant DTP grant to your publication which allows us to track the scientific output. Let us know if you need help with this. Also let us know if you publish (*e.g.* through mentioning the DTP Twitter handle (@PanoramaDTP) when you tweet about your success.

Have you done something exciting lately?
Been to a conference, exciting fieldwork, got a paper published, done a placement?
We are happy to include these items into the newsletter. So please get in touch with Nigel or Sebastian to discuss.