



## CHERISH International Mobility Awards - Guidance for Applicants

### What is the CHERISH-DE Centre?

The CHERISH DE Centre is one of six national Digital Economy Centres funded by EPSRC and a range of research users for a five-year period. Each Centre is focused on a specific area of digital innovation and all are charged with developing the impact of their work and researchers on society and the economy. Swansea's Centre targets challenging human environments ranging from health care, deprived regions to security contexts.

All of the Centre's work will be interdisciplinary in recognition that difficult social and economic challenges can be best tackled through the combined insights from arts and humanities, STEM, medical and social sciences.

The Centre has three objectives:

- Maximise impact of the unique Challenging Human Environment DE work grown within Swansea;
- Act as a beacon for an innovative impact-led way of working; and,
- Develop a generation of ambassadors who will be the sustaining dynamic of DE working.

One of the key ways we will achieve these aims is by facilitating a number of research-impact visits.

At this time, we are seeking proposals for International Mobility Fellowships that will lead impact within three broad areas of the Digital Economy:

- [Health and Social Care](#);
- [Resource Constrained Communities](#); and,
- [Safety and Security](#).

### What is a CHERISH International Mobility Fellowship?

The CHERISH Centre supports international travel via our fellowship award of up to £2K towards travel and subsistence to support:

- Inward mobilities to Swansea University from research collaborators based overseas.
  - For example, [http://cherish-de.uk/mobilities/learning\\_through\\_stories/](http://cherish-de.uk/mobilities/learning_through_stories/)
- Visits to research collaborators based overseas by Swansea University academics and researchers.
  - For example, <http://cherish-de.uk/mobilities/africhi/>

Further examples of both inward and outward mobilities can be found below:

<http://cherish-de.uk/projects/mobilities/>

<http://cherish-de.uk/blog/>



The Fellowship scheme is designed for researchers whose current work lends itself to the transformational change at the heart of the CHERISH Digital Economy project. The fellowships are for researchers seeking to move their emerging research towards impact – be that societal or economic impact, policy change or prototype (process/service) development. As such the mobility fellowships are there to further existing relationships with academic abroad. Visits to industrial collaborators are also welcome.

The award builds on Swansea's experience of delivering international collaborations and will develop researchers' skills, capabilities and international networks.

### **What is meant by impact?**

Research Councils UK (RCUK) defines research impact as 'the demonstrable contribution that excellent research makes to society and the economy'. This can involve academic impact, economic and societal impact or both:

- **Academic impact** is the demonstrable contribution that excellent social and economic research makes in shifting understanding and advancing scientific, method, theory and application across and within disciplines
- **Economic and societal impact** is the demonstrable contribution that excellent social and economic research makes to society and the economy, and its benefits to individuals, organisations and/or nations.

The impact of research, be it academic, economic and social can include:

- **Instrumental**: influencing the development of policy, practice or service provision, shaping legislation, altering behaviour
- **Conceptual**: contributing to the understanding of policy issues, reframing debates
- **Capacity building**: through technical and personal skill development.

### **Am I eligible?**

Applicants must be a member of the academic and research staff at Swansea University and be within contract for the tenure of the fellowship. Applications from PhD students can only be considered in exceptional circumstances.

### **How do I apply?**

You can apply [here](#) . Permission should be sought from your line manager and Head of College before submitting an application. Your application will be reviewed by non-specialists.

### **When can I apply?**

Applications for International Mobility Fellowships are processed on a monthly basis, with applications being considered on the last working day of each month. Applications should be received by 20<sup>th</sup> of the month to be



included in that month's round. Decisions will be emailed to applicants within five days of a decision being made.

**Who will decide if my bid is successful?**

Decisions about how funds will be allocated are made by the CHERISH-DE Centre team and Co-Investigators.

**What outputs will I be expected to produce?**

You will be required to submit a short report on the outcomes of the visit to the CHERISH-DE Centre. This must be submitted within one month of the return date. CHERISH-DE staff will contact you for a brief update on any successful funding applications and research activities following your fellowship.

**What should my application consider?**

Before you apply please check and consider how your proposal meets the aims of the call. Successful proposals clearly demonstrate a robust case for support, together with clear outcomes that relate the objectives of the centre, that also embrace an interdisciplinary way of working. Please also consider how your application addresses any of the context themes.

When you are satisfied that your proposal has a strong case to be supported, complete the [application form](#) .

Please do consider how you complete the application form. Your answers should be easily understood by a non-specialist audience.

**How will payment be received?**

Payment will be made to your college, following the approval of your budget.

All overseas allowances are to follow current [HMRC Worldwide subsistence rates](#) . In order for any expenses to be claimed, original receipts must be retained and submitted using the University's expenses process.

**What happens if the travel does not take place?**

Procedures are in place to co-ordinate the transfer back of funds that are not spent by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016. In the event travel is delayed until after this date, you should contact the CHERISH-DE centre ASAP to allow consideration of the circumstances.

**Do I need to consider conflicts of interest?**

If you have any concerns regarding conflicts of interest, please consult the Swansea University policy and procedures.

<https://www.swan.ac.uk/media/Conflicts%20Policy.docx>

<https://www.swan.ac.uk/media/Conflicts%20Procedures.docx>

**When is the application deadline?**

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Deadline to submit applications	20 <sup>th</sup> of each month
Panel Decision	Last working day of each month
Notification	Within five working days, by email.

### What other funding is available from CHERISH-DE?

Our funding streams have been designed to support the transformation of initial contacts and collaborations into real research collaboration. Following on from an International Mobility Fellowship, you may like to consider our other funding streams:

- Escalator Fund**  
 The fund can provide up to 15K of seedcorn funding per proposal. Applications are called for twice a year.
- Strategic Secondments**  
 Applications are welcome from University academic staff interested in building links with external partners through funded placements into public, private and third sector organisations. Awards of up to £2000 are available. This scheme operates on a monthly, rolling basis.

### CHERISH-DE Contacts

Please contact the CHERISH-DE Centre with any queries.

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### CHERISH-DE Project Partners

Our partners all contribute to the development of the centre's research themes and have established collaborations with Swansea University. They are committing significant resource to support the development and implementation of the centre, offering researchers:

- Training and development
- Access to facilities
- Hosting secondments
- Staff time
- Co-funding research
- Proof –of-concept activity

### **The founder partners of the CHERISH-DE Centre are:**

Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board

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