

Post Graduate Research Studentship Role

Role Title:	Research Studentship Role Masters by Research		
School / Department	Business	Role category	Research Studentship
Location	LINC, ITB, Blanchardstown, Dublin, Ireland	Role Advertised for	3 weeks
Award Level & Field Master / PhD e.g. MEng	Masters	Position Type	Full Time Research Student
Supervisor	Nathalie Cazaux	Start Date	TBC
Project Title: Short title for advertising	Game-Based Learning as a tool for foreign language teaching: The impact of game narrative design on language acquisition and motivation in a third-level educational environment.		
Project Title: Full Title as per funding application	Game-Based Learning as a tool for foreign language teaching: The impact of game narrative design on language acquisition and motivation in a third-level educational environment.		
Research Field / sub categories e.g. Computer / 3D modelling; Communication Sciences / Media; Language Sciences / Language	Education, Language, Gamification. Game Based Learning, Computer, Graphics		
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Applications by email	Admin:	Researchadmin@itb.ie	
Role Description			
<p>The Role</p> <p>ITB is now looking for a full-time Research Student to work on a research project. This is a Masters studentship that has been funded for a two-year period.</p> <p>The project will involve researching, developing, testing and evaluating the use of game-based learning and gamification in language learning at third level. The researcher will plan, develop, integrate and test the use of Game-based learning and Gamification as well as determine its effects on learners' engagement, motivation and achievements. The research will seek to test the hypotheses that the incorporation of digital game-based learning into third-level language teaching appeals to students, enhances grammar acquisition, promotes self-directed language learning and fosters student engagement.</p>			
Required Skills / Qualifications / Aptitudes			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interest in Education and Language Learning • Interest in Gamification, Game-based Learning and Serious Games • Very good communication skills in English, in particular, report writing and presentation skills • Strong organisational skills • Ability to manage a complex workload and work to tight deadlines • Excellent interpersonal skills • Excellent IT, Computer Graphics and Game Technology Skills an advantage • Qualitative and Quantitative research skills 			
Specific Requirements			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Honours degree Level 8 in Computer Science or Creative Digital Media with 1st class honours • Honours degree Level 8 in Linguistics / Education or Communication Studies with 1st class honours 			
Research experience required			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qualitative and Quantitative research skills 			
Desirable Experience			

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- Ability to work both independently and with others
- Ability to demonstrate project management skills and a track record of delivering on objectives
- Ability to demonstrate strong analytical and writing skills
- French Language knowledge at intermediate level desirable but not essential.

Language Required

Instruction for all courses at ITB is normally through English.

Funding

The scholarship will be awarded for a period of 2 years to a value of €12,000 per year. There is the possibility that funding can be provided for a further 2 year period should the project be advanced from MA to PhD level. However, this is not guaranteed.

Funding will cover the following elements:

- A maintenance grant of €10,000 per year
- Travel/Consumables/Materials budget of €2,000 per year

Tuition fees for all scholarship holders will be funded to a max of €4,500 per year for two years.

Postgraduate students receiving scholarships should not be in receipt of another Exchequer funded grant on appointment to the research project

Additional requirements

- ✚ **Any non-EU scholarship holder will be eligible for additional fees.**
- ✚ **Any non-EU applicants will require a visa to come and study in Ireland** [Overview Visas and Immigration](#)
- ✚ **English language requirements:** Instruction for all courses at ITB is normally through English refer to <http://www.itb.ie/studentcategories/entryrequirements.html>

Application process

To Apply:

Please email the following to – Shane at researchadmin@itb.ie

- ✚ Cover letter
- ✚ Full CV
- ✚ Names and email contact details for two referees (minimum)

Informal project queries should be directed to Nathalie Cazaux nathalie.cazaux@itb.ie **Closing date for receipt of applications is 12 noon 16th May 2018(GMT)**