

## University of Edinburgh Secondments to Alan Turing Institute Call for Expressions of Interest

The Alan Turing Institute is the UK's national institute for data science. Its mission is to: undertake data science research at the intersection of computer science, mathematics, statistics and systems engineering; provide technically informed advice on the wider implications of algorithms; enable researchers from industry and academia to work together to undertake research with practical applications; and act as a magnet for leaders in academia and industry to engage in data science and its applications.

The Institute is based at The British Library in London, and will bring together researchers from the five founding universities (Edinburgh, Cambridge, Oxford, UCL and Warwick) and other partners. Its work will encompass a wide range of scientific disciplines and be relevant to a large number of business sectors (see. <https://turing.ac.uk> for more information).

One way that researchers can work with Turing is through secondment; this is the first call for those academic staff and senior Research Fellows working in data science to make an Expressions of Interest (Eoi) in such a scheme. The first secondments will normally start in September 2016 and can last up to 3 years. They are available to all academic staff and there is a separate junior fellowship programme. Secondments will take the form of a buy-out without any change of employment contract. It is anticipated that further calls will be made roughly annually.

This scheme corresponds to a significant investment of time in participating in the Institute's interdisciplinary and multi-institutional research programmes. It pays to release the member of staff from their normal duties for a substantial fraction of their time, in order to undertake research in data science and its application. It is an excellent opportunity to forge links with the Institute and to be a part of building its research culture.

There will also be an interim programme of work at the Alan Turing Institute during May-August 2016. We also invite Eoi in secondments for this period; these should be separate from Eois for secondments starting from September 2016.

Your expression of interest should include a CV and a one-page statement of your proposed research and how your expertise is relevant to the Institute's mission. To inform its research strategy the Institute has been running a series of scientific meetings (see: <https://turing.ac.uk/#data-summits-workshops> ). Your research programme should explain how your expertise would be complemented across the founding university partners. You will also need to obtain approval from your Head of School for the secondment, though this need not be before submitting your Eoi.

The nature of these collaborations is flexible, with the emphasis on the quality of the science and the added value of undertaking the work at the Institute. Some – not necessarily all – of your time should be spent at the British Library and you should detail your proposed pattern of work together with associated travel and subsistence costs in your proposal. If you are accepted, these costs will be funded by the Institute in addition to your salary.

For those interested in applying, the University's liaison director to Turing, Chris Williams ([c.k.i.williams@ed](mailto:c.k.i.williams@ed)) will hold briefings on the work of the Institute and the secondment programme during mid January. Questions can also be addressed to Richard Kenway ([r.d.kenway@ed](mailto:r.d.kenway@ed)) and Arthur Trew ([a.s.trew@ed](mailto:a.s.trew@ed)). If you wish to attend a briefing please contact Jenny Mallinson ([Jenny.Mallinson@ed](mailto:Jenny.Mallinson@ed)) who will provide details.

The Alan Turing Institute is committed to equality and diversity and we encourage women researchers to put themselves forward for these positions. Completed EoIs should be sent to Jenny Mallinson ([Jenny.Mallinson@ed](mailto:Jenny.Mallinson@ed)) by Monday 25th January 2016.