

Department	School of Computing
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Project Title	The use e-Health tools and online information for the self-management of health
<p>PROJECT DESCRIPTION</p> <p>This is an open call for research proposals related to the broad area of the use of e-health tools and/or online information for the self-management of health and wellness. Proposals should primarily focus on patient experiences but may also consider how e-health tools effect the patient-practitioner dynamic or how they are used by family-based carers. Proposals should be anchored in the domain of Information Science with a focus on human information behaviour, information seeking and use, or social informatics and online information.</p> <p>We would be especially interested in proposals that use qualitative research methods to consider online information sharing behaviours related to long-term or chronic health conditions or those from a carer’s perspective that consider the use of e-health tools by a “proxy” or information intermediary.</p> <p>Perspective applicants are encouraged to contact the Supervisor before submitting their applications. Applications should make it clear the project you are applying for and the name of the supervisors.</p> <p>Academic qualifications</p> <p>A first degree (at least a 2.1) ideally in library and information science or similar with a good fundamental knowledge of information-based concepts and use and online information sharing platforms.</p> <p>English language requirement</p> <p>IELTS score must be at least 6.5 (with not less than 6.0 in each of the four components). Other, equivalent qualifications will be accepted. Full details of the University’s policy are available online.</p> <p>Essential attributes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience of fundamental principles of social science or information sciences • Competent in qualitative research methods and data analysis • Knowledge of online environments, applications, and tools (beyond casual use of social networking sites) • Good written and oral communication skills • Strong motivation, with evidence of independent research skills relevant to the project • Good time management <p>Desirable attributes:</p> <p>Intellectual curiosity with a willingness to consider new and different perspectives Interest in or knowledge of e-health tools or health-related online communities</p>	
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