

Department	School of Computing
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Project Title	Human Information Behaviours in Digital or Online Environments
<p>PROJECT DESCRIPTION</p> <p>This is an open call for research proposals related to the broad area of human information behaviours in online or digital environments, as they relate to everyday life and “lived” or real-world experiences. 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>All relevant applications are welcome, however we are especially interested in proposals that consider human information behaviours in the context of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The use of e-health tools and/or online information for the self-management of health and wellness, especially those with a primary focus on patient experiences or how e-health tools effect the patient-practitioner dynamic. • “Digital proxies” or other individuals who assist users to use technology and interact with digital/online platforms. For example, librarians or community volunteers who help people to access online information or parents/guardians/carers who use digital tools on behalf of someone they are responsible for. <p>Perspective applicants are encouraged to contact the Supervisor before submitting an application to discuss their suitability. 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, health-related online communities, or digital proxies/information intermediaries.</p>	

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