



## **School of Computing, Engineering, and the Built Environment Edinburgh Napier University**

### **PHD STUDENT PROJECT**

#### **Funding and application details**

**Funding status:** Self-funded students only

**Application instructions:**

Detailed instructions are available at <https://www.napier.ac.uk/research-and-innovation/research-degrees/how-to-apply>

*Prospective candidates are encouraged to contact the Director of Studies (see details below) to discuss the project and their suitability for it.*

#### **Project details**

**Supervisory Team:**

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**Subject Group:** Cyber-security and system engineering

**Research Areas:** cyber security

**Project Title:** On-the-go EV charging methods

**Project description:**

The promise of electric cars is tempered by the pragmatic reality that they are limited in range and hampered by a lack of charging infrastructure. But a new technology would allow electric cars to be charged wirelessly—“on the fly”—while in motion.

The concept, dubbed “dynamic wireless charging,” allows electric vehicles (EVs) to power up from the grid while on the road. Specially designed trucks or busses, called mobile energy disseminators (MEDs), allow EVs to extend their range in a typical urban scenario.

Any vehicle requiring an electric charge would approach the appropriate MED—after having booked a charging appointment via specially designed “negotiation” software—from the front or rear (depending on MED construction).

If the vehicles are located in an appropriate stationary location, for example a parking lot, a physical plug-in connection to the MED could be used instead of the wireless option.

The project objectives are:

1. Design of a holistic framework for on-the-go charging that combines static and dynamic techniques
2. Conduct extensive simulations and small scale experiments to showcase the efficiency of the proposed method
3. Perform several attack scenarios and apply mitigation methods
4. Create a prototype within a small scale city arrangement

#### **References:**

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- [4] Leandros A. Maglaras, Jianmin Jiang, Athanasios Maglaras, Frangiskos Topalis, "Mobile Energy Disseminators increase electrical vehicles range in a smart city", Proceedings of the 5th IET Hybrid and Electric Vehicle Conference (HEVC 2014), London, 5-6 November 2014, DOI:10.1049/cp.2014.0947

## **Candidate characteristics**

#### **Education:**

A second class honour degree or equivalent qualification in Electrical / Electronic / Communications Engineering, Computer Science/Engineering, Mathematics with a good fundamental knowledge of Network Communication Principles, Digital Communications, software engineering

#### **Subject knowledge:**

- Wireless communications, OMNET++, communication protocols, Jamming and spoofing attacks

#### **Essential attributes:**

- Experience of cybersecurity attacks and defenses
- Competent in software development
- Knowledge of wireless communication principles, protocols, algorithms
- Good written and oral communication skills

- Strong motivation, with evidence of independent research skills relevant to the project
- Good time management

**Desirable attributes:**

- Team player, eager to learn new technologies, flexible and knowledge of Python, R or Matlab.