REPHRAIN: National Research Centre on Privacy, Harm Reduction and Adversarial Influence Online

Practitioner-in-Residence (Industry Fellow) programme
Expression of Interest

Call overview
We invite Expression of Interest (EoI) from practitioners to join REPHRAIN, the UKRI funded Research Centre on Privacy, Harm Reduction and Adversarial Influence Online as a REPHRAIN Industry Fellow. We are seeking to appoint a range of practitioners to the REPHRAIN Practitioner-in-Residence programme. The programme aims to cultivate and provide a public space to maximise collaboration with the wider community and to offer an environment for mutual engagement and learning. The remit of the programme is to host practitioners from the wider UK/International community in its touchdown space in Bristol (current Government restrictions pending) and the partner institutions to enable access to the Centre’s facilities, including datasets and testbeds, and for the Centre to benefit in return from their expertise.

Eligibility
REPHRAIN welcomes applications from members of the UK and international community, who may be based in industry (including SMEs), Government, Regulatory Bodies and third sector organisations who are interested in spending a defined period of time working within the REPHRAIN research centre. Successful applicants should be able to demonstrate the knowledge or expertise they will bring the REPHRAIN research centre, their proposed plan of work and clearly indicate how their residency will positively impact both their own professional development and feed into the REPHRAIN map and/or toolbox.

Details
Researchers in Computer Science, International Relations, Law, Psychology, Management, Design, Digital Humanities, Public Policy, Political Science, Criminology and Sociology have teamed up to lead an £8.6 million three-year UKRI Research Centre of Excellence focussed on the protection of citizens online. REPHRAIN is led by the University of Bristol (Director, Prof Awais Rashid) with co-investigators from UCL (Deputy Director, Prof Madeline Carr), Bath, King’s College London and Edinburgh. REPHRAIN is designed to build and lead the UK’s world-leading interdisciplinary community on this mission and provide a clear single front door to engage and build capacity with government, industry and citizens.

What to expect
Practitioners may be in residence for a flexible period of between one month and one year. Interested practitioners will also have the opportunity to participate in the broader academic environment and may be invited to deliver guest lectures. Practitioners-in-Residence will be provided with access to the REPHRAIN research space and facilities, invitations to REPHRAIN events, meetings and workshops and have the opportunity to be integrated into the REPHRAIN Research Centre.

The Practitioners-in-Residence programme does not include a salary or cover travel/living expenses and a letter of support from the employing organisation confirming the release of practitioner time as an in-kind contribution must be provided.

How to apply
To apply, practitioners should register their interest using the application form here. Following submission, a short (2 page) CV plus organisational letter of support should be emailed to the REPHRAIN Centre Manager. This is an open, rolling call for Expressions of Interest and submissions will be welcome until 31 March 2023. All submissions will be considered on receipt and decisions notified within 15 working days.
Assessment
Applications will be assessed by the Centre Director, Deputy Director, Centre Manager plus one member of the REPHRAIN Strategic Board based on the information provided in the application form, CV and letter of support. When selecting applicants we will also consider the overall diversity of the programme to ensure it reflects a wide range of backgrounds, disciplines, and institutions.

All questions and queries on the programme may be directed to the Centre Manager (rephrain-centre@bristol.ac.uk)