

## Theme Information

### Google Scholarship in Online Content Safety

This scholarship is offered by Google Ireland in partnership with the Irish Research Council.

#### INTRODUCTION

Nurturing and maintaining strong relations with the academic community is a top priority at Google. The Google Scholarship in Online Content Safety has been created to recognise and support the development of exceptional and innovative research in areas relevant to the challenge of building a safer and more trusted internet.

Information quality and content moderation are vital to Google's mission and today there are Google engineers working across privacy, security and content safety around the world. Google's headquarters for Europe, Middle East and Africa (EMEA) in Dublin has been a key centre for our trust and safety work for more than 15 years, starting first with Google Search and now working across all of Google's major product areas. Our approach to tackling abuse online is informed by academic research as well as engagement with policy makers, regulators and civil society.

Google recognises the quality of academic researchers in Ireland and wishes to support promising PhD candidates of all backgrounds seeking to influence the future of technology in the area of online content safety, including:

- Online content moderation and governance of content-sharing platforms
- Public policy and legal frameworks for content safety
- Design of systems to address violative behaviour online

This scholarship will fund a postgraduate researcher to undertake cutting-edge doctoral research addressing one or more of these themes.

The successful applicant will be hosted and supervised by a higher education institution in the Republic of Ireland and may avail of an Enterprise Mentor from a relevant team in Google. The Enterprise Mentor will act as a point of contact in Google for the researcher where required for additional guidance and support.

#### PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

- Applicants must show how their proposed research furthers the objectives of creating a safer and more trusted internet.
- The funded proposal must consist of a new PhD proposal and must be completed within 48 months.
- Progress reports will be shared with Google.

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must be familiar with the Enterprise Partnership Scheme (Postgraduate) 2021 Terms & Conditions, guides for participants and FAQ document. In order to apply to this specific scholarship, applicants must:

- In the Participants section:
  - Add **Google** as the Enterprise Partner
  - Add **Rebecca Umbach (rumbach@google.com)<sup>†</sup>, Google Trust & Safety Research** as the Enterprise Mentor for the purpose of approving or rejecting the sufficient alignment of your proposal with the Theme Information as outlined above.
- In the Proposed Research section:
  - For degree type, select the '48 Month Structured PhD' option
  - Answer the following questions
    - **Are you applying for the Google doctoral scholarship? Yes/No**
    - ***The Google Scholarship in Online Content Safety is running in partnership with the Irish Research Council (IRC). It has the aim of assisting the objectives of providing useful resources and research to support the development of a safer, more trusted internet. It will focus on the theme of online content safety and related considerations. Please outline your reasons for choosing this specific scholarship, including how your proposal explicitly aligns with this aim or theme(s). [500 words].***

Please refer to the documentation available on the [EPS webpage](#) for further information.

<sup>†</sup>Please direct queries to your Research Office and if they are unable to answer the question, the Research Office should send it to [schemes@research.ie](mailto:schemes@research.ie) for answering through our FAQ process.

