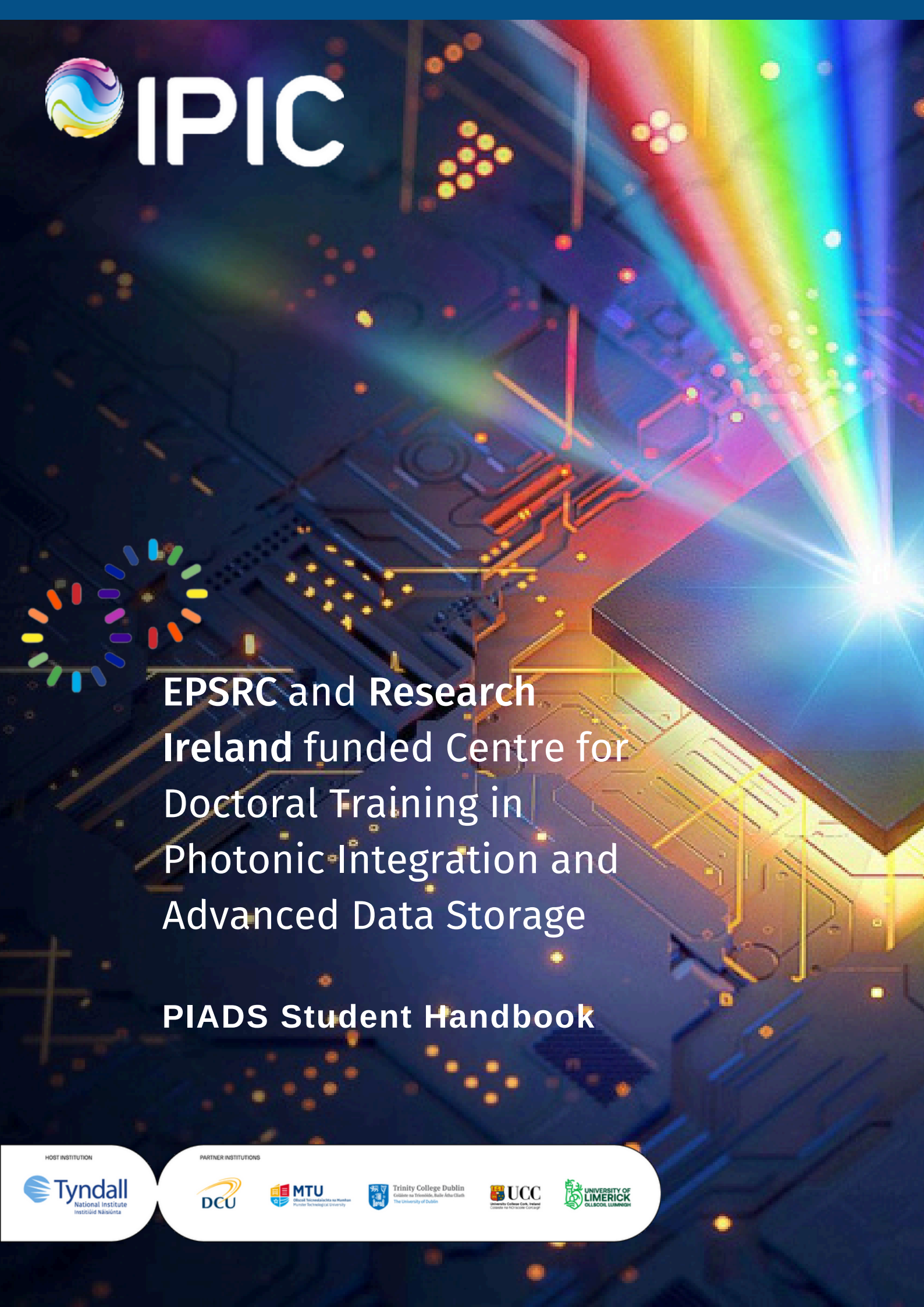

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PIADS Student Handbook

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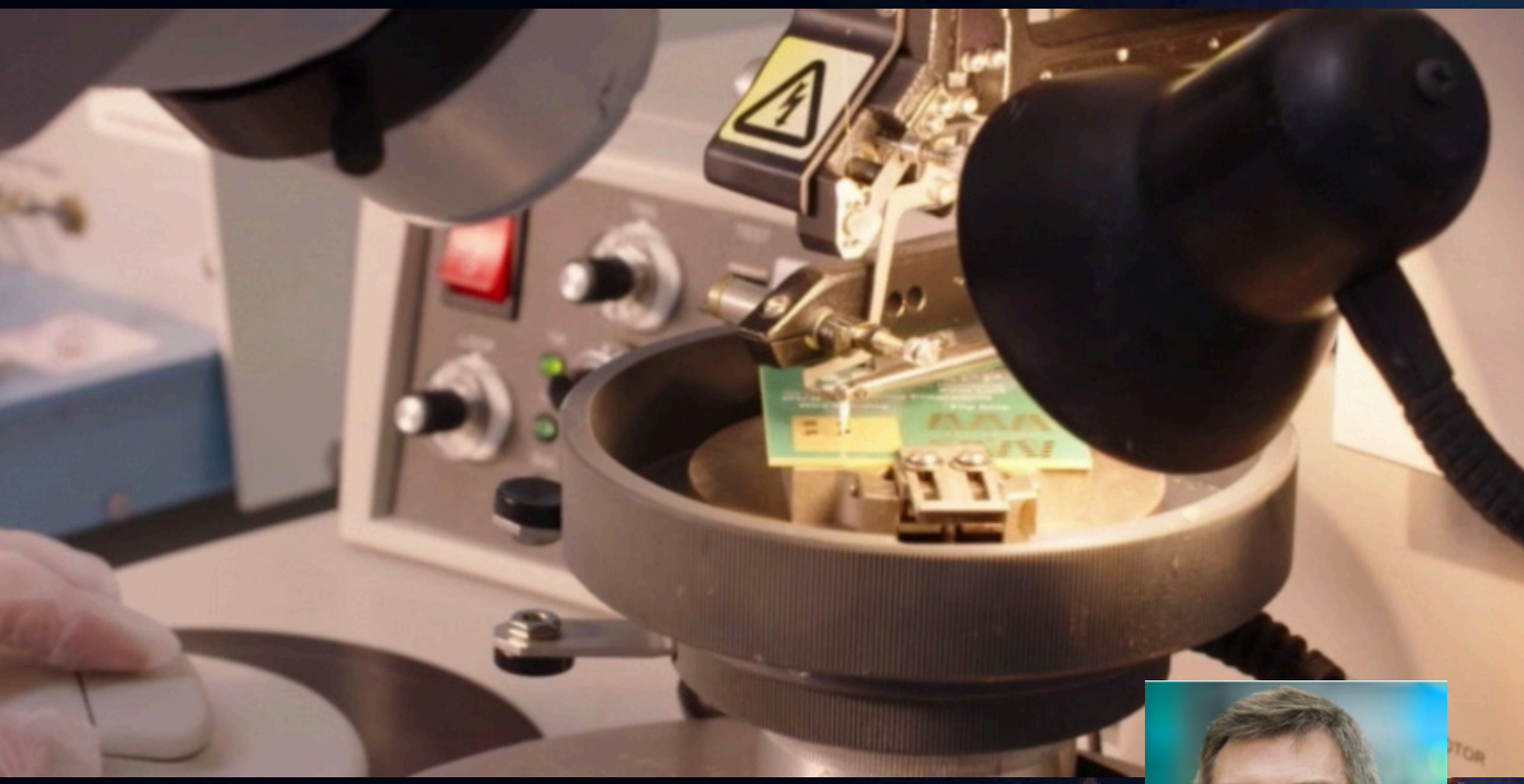

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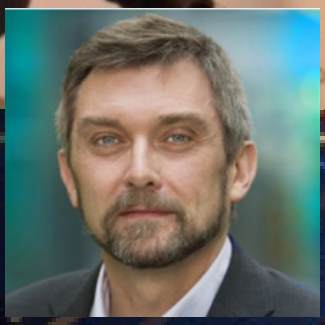


Professor Paul Townsend

I am delighted to have this opportunity to introduce you to our PIADS Centre for Doctoral Training. PIADS offers a range of exciting research and training opportunities that will enable you to gain a PhD qualification in a world-class photonics research ecosystem with cutting-edge facilities and unique training offerings spanning Ireland and the UK. If you choose to carry out your PhD in Ireland you will join IPIC, the Research Ireland Centre for photonics which comprises more than 200 people carrying out internationally-leading research ranging from photonics theory to advanced integrated systems. We accept the best candidates from all over the world and cover all stipend, research, training and registration costs within the programme. Our researchers go on to work for some of the best companies and research institutes in the world. If you aspire to be a future leader in photonics R&D there is no better place to start your career than here!

WHAT IS PIADS?

The Centre for Doctoral Training (CDT) in Photonic Integration and Advanced Data Storage (PIADS) is a partnership between the Irish Photonic Integration Centre, Queen's University Belfast and the University of Glasgow. We aim to tackle some of the challenges created by the increasing quantities of data generated by today's society.

The Centre's focus is on developing highly-manufacturable photonic integration technologies related to the magnetic storage of digital information. However, the development of these technologies will be relevant to a wide spectrum of end-users – from telecommunications to biophotonics, in which optical technologies are used to improve health and well-being.

Established in 2014 (PIADS 1.0) with substantial investment from the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC) and both universities and industrial partners, the centre was successfully renewed in 2019 (PIADS 2.0) with additional investment from Research Ireland, resulting in a vibrant joint EPSRC and Research Ireland funded centre.

Our aim through this doctoral training programme is to help to address a skills shortage in the photonics industry by educating future scientists and engineers.

WHAT IS IPIC?

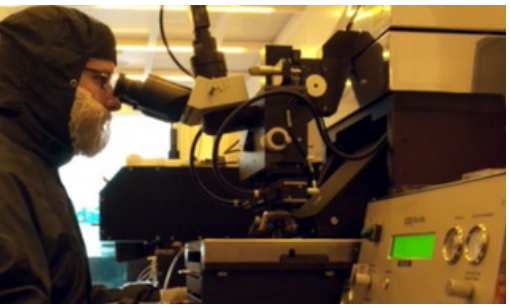
The Irish Photonic Integration Centre (IPIC), the Research Ireland centre for photonics, is Ireland's centre of excellence for research, innovation and PhD training in photonics – the science and application of light – which today represents a 0.5 Trillion$ global industry.

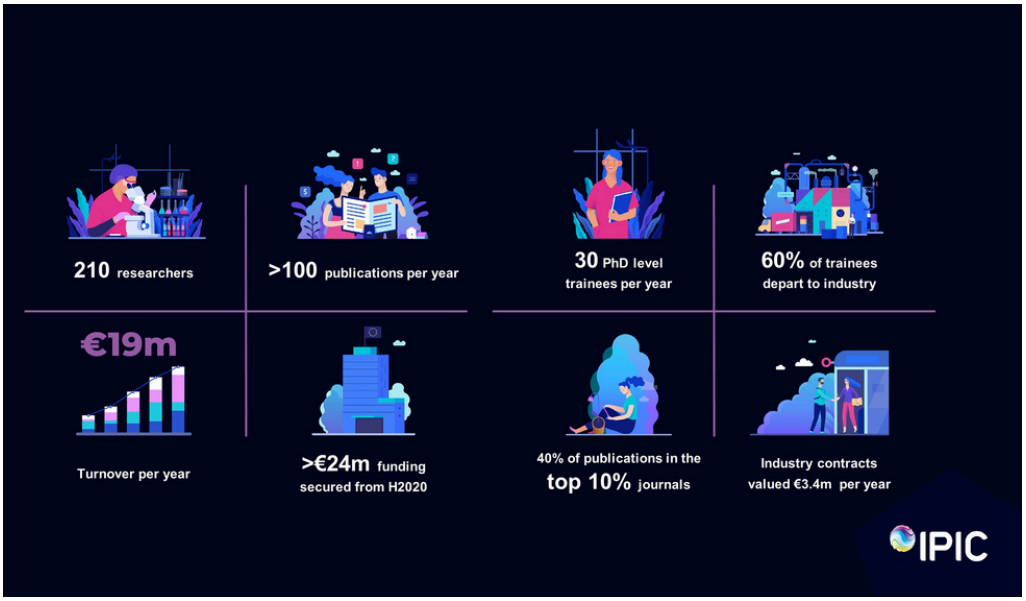
Photonic integration technology is the focus of our research, spanning areas from photonics theory right through to device and system development and fabrication, enabled through our in-house laboratories and semiconductor fabrication facilities at Tyndall National Institute.

We work closely with over 30 industry partners to develop their next-generation products, across Ireland's high-growth technology sectors of ICT and MedTech, supporting their attraction to and growth in Ireland. In addition, we commercialise our disruptive technologies through start-up companies and co-ordinate the Photonics Ireland National Technology Platform.

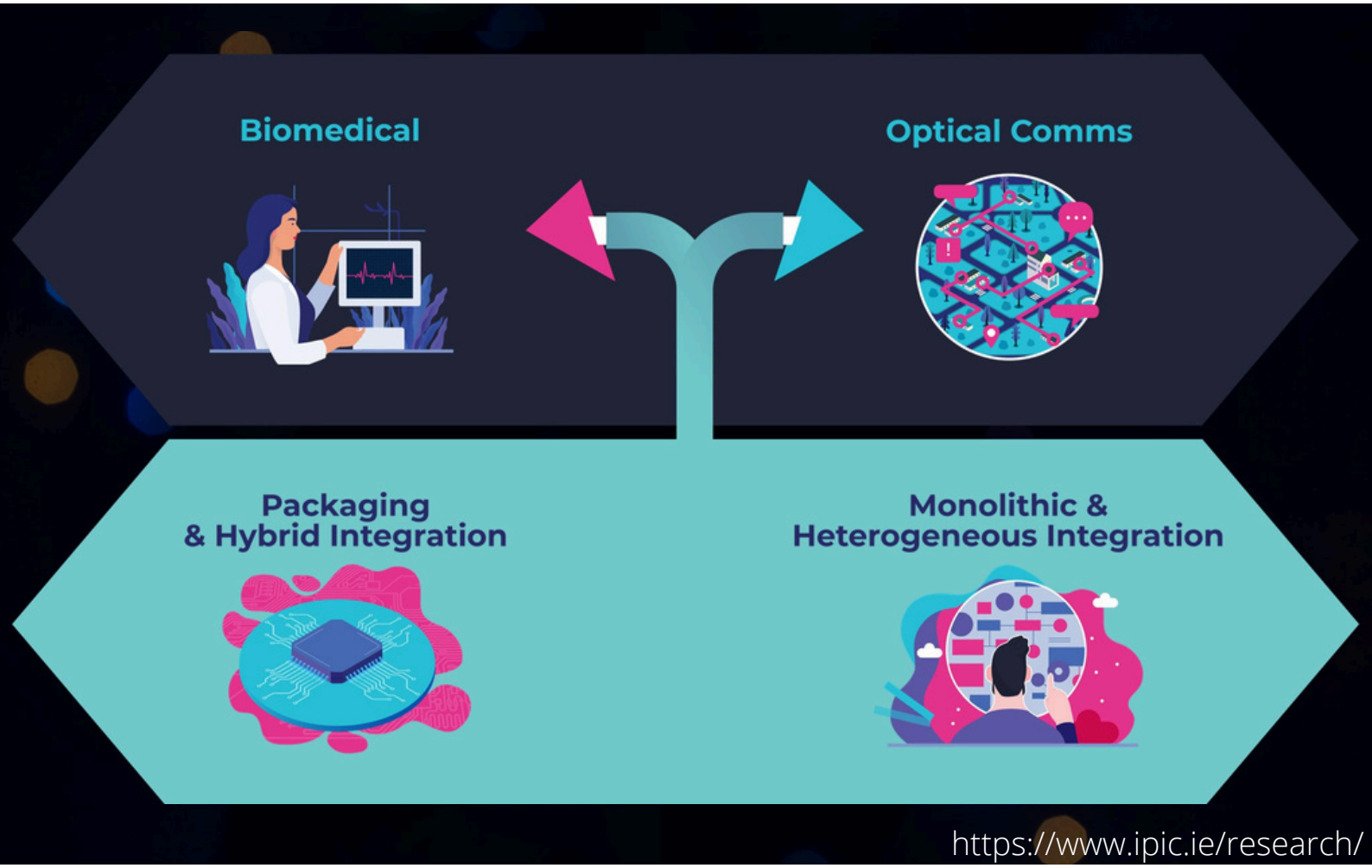
"Talent development is at the core of IPIC in order to meet our ambition for research excellence and its transition to societal and economic impact. PIADS is a key element that delivers an enhanced learning experience and empowers students to reach their full potential and become one of the world's future photonics research leaders."

Patrick Morrissey, IPIC Centre Manager





IPIC RESEARCH THEMES



Biomedical

The objective of the Biomedical theme is to work towards developing the World's smallest integrated imaging system for guided surgery. In the future, surgeons will require the ability to generate high quality, diagnostic images deep within the body using micro-scale instrumentation such as arterial guidewires. This theme will develop novel innovations in micro-scale cameras and surgical platform integration technologies, multi-spectral diagnostic imaging and in-body optical powering and data transmission.

Optical Communications

The Communications theme focuses on real-time internet that will require a converged wireless/optical edge cloud with unprecedented ability to dynamically reconfigure in the wavelength and time domain in response to rapid and massive bandwidth fluctuations and latency-critical service demands. This theme will address the question: can we build a coherent transceiver at the tens of Euro cost point required for the network edge and, if so, how will this transform metro-scale access network design?

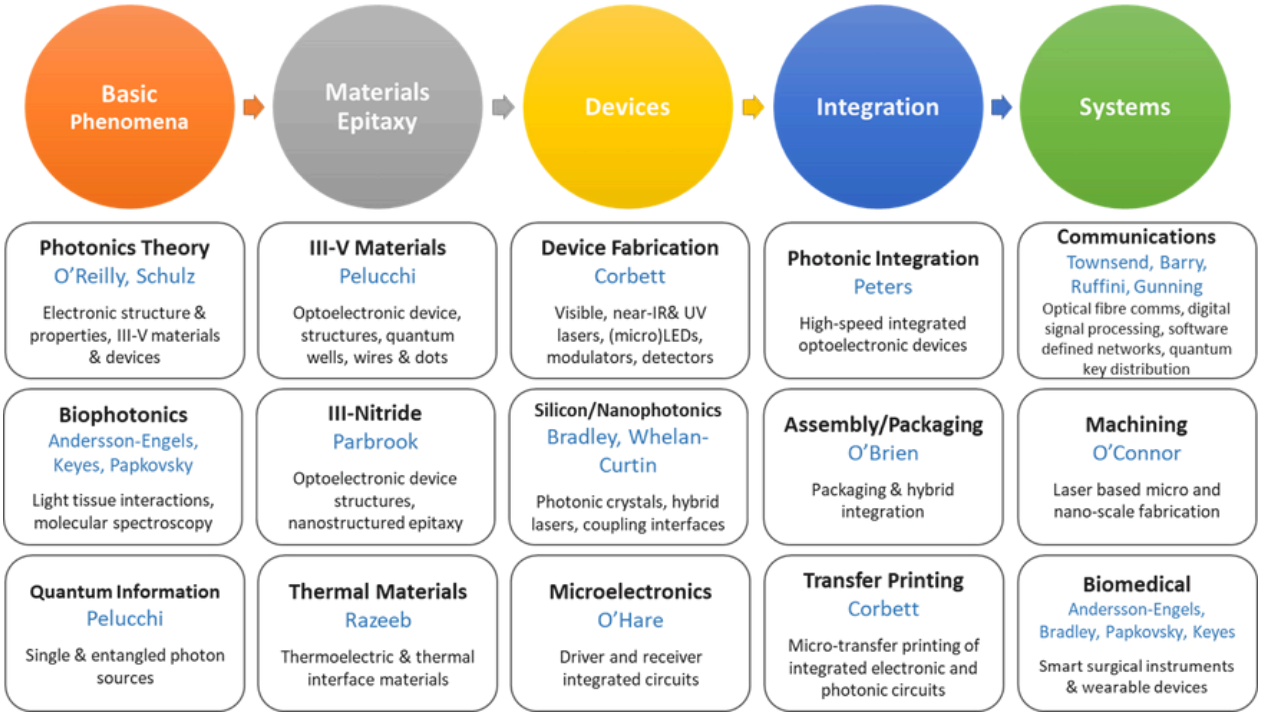
Packaging & Hybrid Integration

The Packaging and Hybrid Integration theme focuses on the high cost of photonic packaging, which can amount to ~80% of total product cost in some applications, restricting the deployment of photonics to a relatively small number of markets to date. This theme will develop optical and electrical wafer-scale assembly and packaging processes and low cost cooling technologies that aim to 'break this cost barrier'.

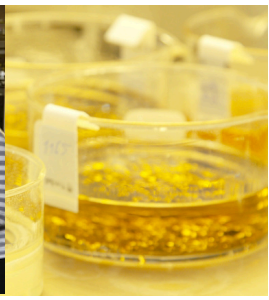
Monolithic & Heterogeneous Integration

'Printed photonics on anything' - This theme is developing a range of essential semiconductor material, device and integration technologies, with a key objective being to find new ways to combine photonics and electronics together on multiple substrates (silicon, ceramic, polymer etc.) with unprecedented simplicity and cost-effectiveness, using transfer printing.

IPIC RESEARCH CATEGORIES





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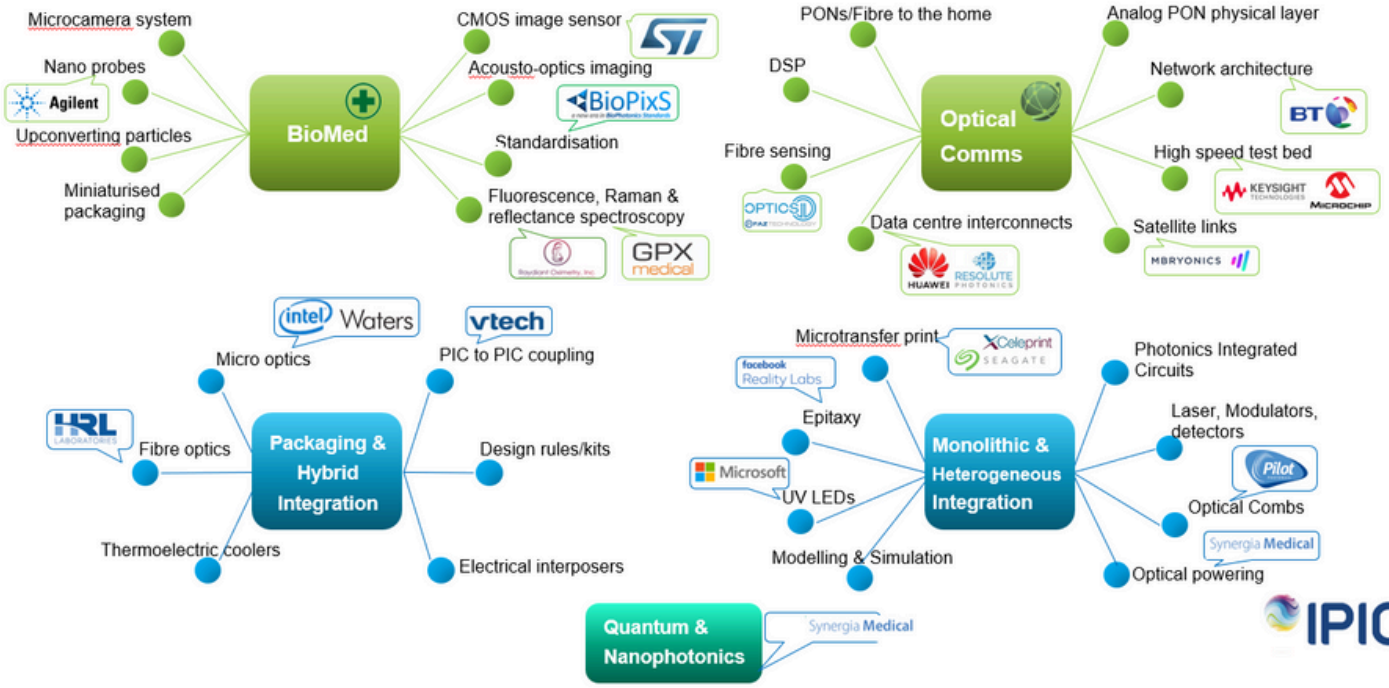

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CURRENT STUDENTS

2020 Cohort

Robert Bernson

PhD Project: Design and Fabrication of Low-Cost Glass Substrates for Wafer-Level PIC Packaging

Project Intro: I will be designing and testing the efficiency of various glass substrates used to connect Photonic Integrated Chips to sources, fibres, etc.

What made you want to do a PhD? The amount of resources available to PhD students is substantial. A PhD helps open many pathways for future careers and creates multiple opportunities for networking.

Samira Jastan

PhD Project: Narrow linewidth Blue Laser systems.

Project Intro: Narrow linewidth lasers in the blue wavelength range can open up new doors in various applications such as underwater communications, medical diagnostics, and sensing areas. The aim of this project is to provide a compact system with further narrowing using the Silicon Nitride photonic integration techniques.

What made you want to do a PhD? First of all, I am really interested in this field, and I would like to play an instrumental part in developing pioneering technologies. But, I thought my experiences weren't enough, so I decided to pursue my education to increase my abilities and enhance my knowledge. In my opinion, a PhD is a good opportunity to fulfill my academic ambitions and definitely can help me to find my desired career in the future.

CURRENT STUDENTS

2020 Cohort

Shengtai Shi

PhD Project: High speed InP photonics compatible with micro transfer printing.

Project Intro: My project covers research work related to design, fabrication and integration of III-V photonic devices to make photonic integrated circuits (PIC). I'm working on fundamental design of devices and also developing lots of technical expertise in labs and cleanrooms. By the end of the project, it will be very exciting to see a novel PIC developed and demonstrated from my research.

What made you want to do a PhD? I decided to do a PhD because I realize it is the way to lead me towards the frontier of the modern technology and research. It gives me many more opportunities to learn and grow as a researcher and enables me to pursue more professional goals in my career.

Fariba Jamali

PhD Project: Burst Mode Transmission for Coherent PONs

Project Intro: With the PON moving to the higher speeds allowed by the coherent modulation (100Gb/s and beyond) it is critical to maintain the granularity of BW allocation within the same wavelength since most individual users will not need an entire wavelength's worth of capacity. Time division multiplexing (TDM) is the simplest choice in downstream, which operates in continuous mode. In upstream time domain multiplexing requires burst mode transmitters and receivers, which will introduce specific challenges for coherent transmission. This project will focus on these challenges for coherent transmission in burst mode.

What made you want to do a PhD? There are lots of good reasons for doing a PhD; mine was my passion to research in optical communication and also to improve my employment prospects.

CURRENT STUDENTS

2021 Cohort

Yeasir Arafat

PhD Project: Photonics sensing platform using silicon waveguides at long wavelengths

Project Intro: The objective of my PhD project is to design and develop the waveguide platform for long wavelength, to demonstrate the integration of active and passive components and to test the functionality of the integrated photonic circuit for sensing application.

What made you want to do a PhD? When I was earning my master's degree, I got a chance to attend a summer school related to my study area where I met many researchers from around the globe. During the summer school, I realized that I feel comfortable and energized in the research environment. For this reason, I decided to continue my studies with a PhD so I can pursue a career as a researcher and be a part of the research community.

Nidhya Matthew

PhD Project: Compact Multi-Spectral Imaging for surgical guidance and diagnostics

Project Intro: My PhD project is titled as "Compact multi-spectral Imaging for surgical guidance and diagnostics", and my research is in developing a power and area efficient power converter for the micro camera. I am currently investigating on resonance based switched capacitor converters to come up with a excellent solution.

What made you want to do a PhD? I was working as an Electronic engineer in Synopsys India PVT LTD with great interest in Analog design. I found the research opportunity in Tyndall (MCCI) will give me great opportunity to explore more in Analog design. Especially it will give me an overall picture of complete IC design which will make my understanding better. Apart from this I have a great passion towards teaching, which insisted me to start my PhD.

CURRENT STUDENTS

2021 Cohort

Conor Russell

PhD Project: Self-Homodyne Coherent 100G-Class PON

Project Intro: My PhD project is focused on developing distributed fiber sensing technologies based on phase sensitive optical time domain reflectometry (φ-OTDR) for strain sensing and network health monitoring in optical communications networks.

What made you want to do a PhD? I initially became interested in pursuing a PhD during my Master's degree when I was offered an opportunity to work on a research project in the High Speed Optical Communications Group and later as a part time research assistant. I found that I really enjoyed working in a research environment as there was no defined solutions to the problems. I believe this allows for a very creative way of thinking. That is why the next step for me was to do a PhD.

Salvador Rangel

PhD Project: Heterogeneous integration onto a polymer platform for quantum photonics

Project Intro: I am working in developing a method of integration between polymer waveguides and quantum dots in micro pillars cavities for their uses in communications and quantum computers. The working wavelength is 800 nm and aiming to be at 4 K, that is to say, at cryogenic temperatures. This seeking to demonstrate the utility of using polymers at lower temperatures.

What made you want to do a PhD? I decide to do a PhD because I wanted to understand the interaction between light and matter, and all the information that light contains and I want to be able to contribute with research in this exciting field of work.

CURRENT STUDENTS

2021 Cohort

Saif Wakeel

PhD Project: Development of interposers for integrated photonic devices

Project Intro: My project is about designing, fabricating and testing of wafer level photonic packaging by microtransfer printing of optical components and devices.

What made you want to do a PhD? It is always curiosity of learning and developing new technology especially when it comes to photonic packaging led to me to do a PhD with the goal of improving human life by end results of my research.

Owen Moynihan

PhD Project: High bandwidth III-V modulators on silicon photonic integrated circuits

Project Intro: My project focuses on transfer printing high bandwidth III-V modulators on to silicon integrated circuits. The goal is to coalesce the high performing active devices of III-V materials, such as lasers, modulators and detectors, with the waveguiding capabilities of silicon while using a cost effective and scalable integration method.

What made you want to do a PhD? I wanted to do a PhD for a couple of reasons, firstly I wanted to contribute to cutting edge research which can develop and improve on the technology that exists today. I also wanted to do a PhD because of the style of work, which allows you to work autonomously to suit you and your project.

CURRENT STUDENTS

2022 Cohort

Risov Das

PhD Project: On chip non-reciprocal magneto-optic based optical devices realised by transfer printing

Project Intro: In this PhD project we will focus on integrating newly-developed Magneto-Optic material on Si or SiN waveguide employing transfer printing technology. Different types of device architectures like Mach-Zehnder interferometer, ring resonator will be designed and tested. In the later stage of this PhD thin-film permanent magnet will be explored for the integration with Magneto-Optic material.

What made you want to do a PhD? My addiction towards physics is not accidental. It grabbed my whole interest in high school. After completing a M.Sc. program in Physics, I planned to continue my quest to explore the mysteries of mother nature by following up a PhD. My natural attraction towards research led me to apply to the III-IV Materials and Devices group led by Brian Corbett at Tyndall National Institute. The reputation of the distinguished team members, outstanding research output from the group, and cutting-edge state-of-the-art research facilities in Tyndall motivate me to be a part of this group.

Suraj Kothuri

PhD Project: Integrated Photonics Time of Flight tools for next generation wearable biomedical applications

Project Intro: My work is primarily focussed on investigating different ways to extract the biological information of deep tissues in the human body by employing ‘Time of Flight’ tools in the field of ‘Time Domain Diffuse Optical Spectroscopy’. This work would bring plethora of benefits like non-invasiveness, compact bedside or wearable monitoring, and cost- effective solutions.

What made you want to do a PhD? Ever since I witnessed the role of Science in saving life of one of my closed ones, I developed a deep belief in science and its potential in making this world a better place to live in. All of us are beneficiaries of Science and the field is beneficiary of researchers & scientists. I wanted to be one among these researchers who make this world a better place.

CURRENT STUDENTS

2023 Cohort

Lin Lyu

PhD Project: Nanocrystal Based Micro-LED Array Via Heterogenous Integration (NC-MicroLED)

Project intro: Macroscale all-inorganic electrically pumped nanocrystal-based light-emitting diodes are fabricated by electrophoretic deposition (EPD). The EPD method allows hole-free nanocrystal film formation from colloidal nanocrystals of various shapes and is ideally suited for heterogeneous integrations. In NC-Micro LED, we aim to advance our technology further to demonstrate its feasibility in Micro-LED fabrications.

What made you want to do a PhD? Pursuing a PhD has given me more time to think and provided me with a platform for academic exchange, which has allowed me to meet more outstanding scholars. The process of doing research always keeps me focused and excited about the results. Additionally, it offers a wider scope for my future career growth.

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Kseniia Mamaeva

PhD Project: Single photon nanoemitter based on a quantum dot – plasmonic resonator

Project Intro: My project aims to use two-photon polymerization to achieve controlled coupling between a single gold plasmonic bipyramid nanoresonator and a single quantum dot (QD). The single QD-nanoresonator coupling will be explored the objectives of single QD strong coupling and single photon emitters.

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CURRENT STUDENTS

2023 Cohort

Armando Trapala

PhD Project: Hybrid integration of site-controlled (In)GaAs quantum dot photonic platforms for quantum computation

Project Intro: The revolution of quantum computation is a dream all the world is dreaming of nowadays. In my project we want to develop the experimental techniques to build and understand the behaviour of photonic quantum dots that can become "Qubits", which are the physical unities of quantum computation and quantum information.

What made you want to do a PhD? I wanted to become a scientist since I was a child, I deeply enjoy doing research, and the PhD formation provides me with the necessary skills I need to perform high impact research. I would say that doing a PhD is a fundamental part of every researcher's life, and I like to think about my own PhD as the beginning of my life as a scientist.

Annisa Sugiarti

PhD Project: Intelligent image analytics for in-vivo micro camera applications in biophotonics

Project Intro: The Biophotonics group in Tyndall has developed a micro camera for in vivo imaging. My PhD project is to developed an AI-based clinical functionality to be combined with micro camera. Such functionality includes tracking of vessels in real time and identification of useful biomarkers.

What made you want to do a PhD? Obtaining a PhD will not only open up more career opportunities in industry and academia. More than that, PhD study is about developing our intelligence; how to look at a problem from different perspectives and find a solution; and being able to contribute to science. These are the skills I want to hone in myself through the PIADS CDT programme.

CURRENT STUDENTS

2023 Cohort

Kaynat Alvi

PhD Project: Design of O-band electro-absorption modulators from Ge/SiGe heterostructure

Project Intro: My project is on waveguide integrated SiGe photonics. It includes theoretical modelling, device design and fabrication of electro-absorption modulator (EAM) using Ge/SiGe alloys with defects. The ultimate goal is to develop high speed, low power, low-cost, and CMOS compatible optical modulator in O-band regime.

What made you want to do a PhD? ? I opted for a PhD as I want to develop necessary skill set required for being a part of research community and having an industrial career. The PIADS CDT platform would provide me with ample opportunities to learn and grow as a researcher.

Hongliang Li

PhD Project: Advanced Digital Signal Processing Enabling Flexible Coherent PON towards 200G/λ and Beyond

Project Intro: Coherent PON offers several advantages over traditional PONs, including higher capacity, longer reach, and more robust performance in challenging environments. The aim of the project is to investigate advanced digital signal processing technique for coherent PON systems to enable flexible and efficient communication systems, which is critical to develop advanced solutions that can provide line rate of at least 100 Gbit/s, ideally 200 Gbit/s and beyond to overcome the access bottleneck.

What made you want to do a PhD? During my experiences in a telecommunications industry, I have witnessed firsthand the impact that optical communication has had on the industry. However, I feel that my current level of understanding is not sufficient to fully appreciate the complexities of this rapidly evolving field. Therefore, I am eager to deepen my knowledge and skills through a PhD program.

CURRENT STUDENTS

2023 Cohort

Jordan Walsh

PhD Project: Laser Dynamics in Integrated Photonics using Quantum Well Intermixing

Project Intro: Photonic integrated circuits (PICs) are a rapidly growing area of research and development that has accelerated due to the adoption of silicon photonics. There are a number of interesting applications that require multiple lasers on the same PIC. Whenever such lasers interact, the behaviour can vary greatly, including stable operation, pulsations, and chaos. It is often valuable to separate lasers on the same chip, yet this creates the challenge of ensuring that the connecting waveguides are sufficiently transparent to allow different lasers to interact. The goals of this project are to study the dynamics of coupled lasers on a PIC, while using quantum well intermixing (QWI) to create passive regions within the PIC.

What made you want to do a PhD? Interest in semiconductor physics/devices, condensed matter, and quantum mechanics.

Rory Fox

PhD Project: Next-Gen Intelligent, Compact Coherent-OTDR for Real-Time Distributed Acoustic Sensing over Existing Fibre Links

Project Intro: The goal of this project is to design an intelligent distributed acoustic sensing system to reduce the data management burdens of conventional setups via novel signal processing algorithms.

What made you want to do a PhD? I did an experiment in Tyndall as part of an undergraduate course and really enjoyed the facilities and atmosphere at Tyndall, as well as the interesting work being done in the Photonics Systems Group.

PIADS ALUMNI

2019 Cohort

Ayse Atar

PhD Project: Inverted laser structures for photonic integration: epitaxy, simulation and design challenges

Project Intro: I am aiming to propose a diffusion and transport model by combining diffusion equations and material growth processes. Identifying parameters by fitting the new model to the SIMS results and working on the growth process to solve this Zn tailing problem. After solving this issue, I will grow an inverted p-i-n laser structure.

Career progression after PIADS: Ayse successfully secured her own funding through the prestigious Government of Ireland Postdoctoral Fellowship from Research Ireland. Through this she is continuing her research as postdoctoral fellow at Tyndall National Institute.

Thomas O'Connor

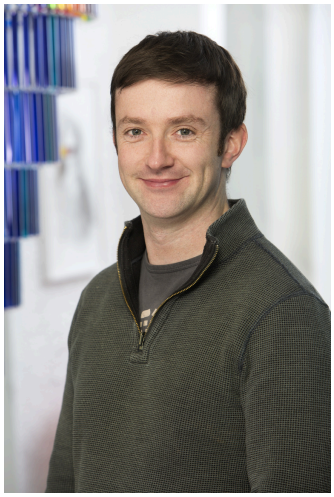
PhD Project: Boron containing alloys of III-Nitride semiconductors for Ultraviolet emission

Project Intro: I am working on the growth and modelling of boron containing III-Nitride alloys, for their application in UV light emitting diodes and lasers. With this research we are aiming for greater flexibility in tuning the bandgap energy and emission wavelengths of III-N devices. Addition of boron to III-Ns make it possible to reduce the overall internal field in the corresponding (B, Al, Ga)N/(B, Al, Ga)N heterostructures(piezoelectric and spontaneous polarization components of the internal field can cancel each other) and thus supress the quantum confined stark effect leading to potentially more efficient UV emitters.

Career progression after PIADS: Thomas transferred to industry and is now working as Metrology Technician at Meta.

PIADS ALUMNI

2019 Cohort



Niall Boohan

PhD Project: Optoelectronic device modelling

Project Intro: I do a wide variety of optoelectronic modelling and design. So far I've looked at very fundamental mathematical approaches to grating design as well as device level modelling using commercial modelling software in support of teams developing photonic devices in Tyndall.

What made you want to do a PhD? I wanted to increase my skill-set, particularly looking at developing more computer modelling skills for photonics. A PhD has allowed me to explore these areas in much more depth than would have been possible otherwise.

Career progression after PIADS: Niall transferred to industry and is now a Semiconductor light source specialist at Superlum.

2020 Cohort

Rhianne Curley

PhD Project: Precision targeted tumour responsive fluorophores: theranostic probes for real time biomarker sensing and for intraoperative fluorescence guided surgery

Project Intro: I work with metal complexes that can be used in bio-imaging and sensing. My research will investigate the performance of these complexes in a range of mammalian cell lines.

Career progression after PIADS: Rhianne takes a career break to enjoy some travelling before aiming to pursue a career in industry.

PIADS ALUMNI

2020 Cohort

James McCloskey

PhD Project: Non-classical light emission from III-N quantum dots

Project Intro: I'm interested in anything physics related! I chose to work in photonics because of how broad it is as a field, and because of the interesting quantum mechanics involved. The project I am doing involves many-body quantum mechanics calculations, which is what I'm primarily interested in. I generally enjoy any maths-heavy physics and computational physics.

Career progression after PIADS: James is now working with Bord Gáis.

Parnika Gupta

PhD Project: Study of Glass Interposers for Thermal and RF aspects of Photonic Packaging

Project Intro: Currently, I am working on the design of a thermally-stable high speed interposer for 2.5D integration of electronic and photonic chips. The aim of my research is to get a baseline around moving to scalable wafer level packaging in the photonics domain.

Career progression after PIADS: Parnika is translating her acquired skills to a role in industry with Global Foundries in Leuven, where she is working as Senior Integration Engineer.

THE PIADS JOURNEY

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Ayse Atar
2019 PIADS Cohort

My PhD work is mainly based on the dopant profile in MOVPE grown III-V materials. I am conducting my research at the Irish Photonic Integration Centre in Cork, which is the newest partner of the CDT-PIADS program. So far, I have had an amazing experience and I have already seen the benefits of this program in many ways.

The program is rich with training in entrepreneurship, leadership, management and personal effectiveness, and also visits to industrial companies and research centres. The CDT-PIADS program started with a one-week induction program in the University of Glasgow, where we were introduced to the program and met with the program administrators and the other CDT PhD students. Learning the details of the PIADS program, visiting the facilities of a partner university and getting to know the other students and their research environment have been a great experience. I think some of us have already discovered quite a few future collaboration opportunities.

The way I see it, this program both gives the opportunity to conduct high level scientific research for an academic career, and also prepares the students to discover the many other pathways best suited for their skills and interests. I feel very privileged to be a part of this program.

Rhianne Curley
2020 PIADS Cohort

I joined PIADS in September 2020 and I am currently completing my PhD in Dublin City University. My PhD work involves luminescent metal complexes or probes that can be used to measure oxygen in cancer cells. The long-term aim of this project is to develop and optimise luminescent probes that can be used to selectively target cancer cells. These probes will have an application in both light-guided surgery and also in photonics.

Since starting my PhD journey with PIADS I have already had the chance to collaborate with the UK and NI students through planning the summer conclave event and participating in the winter school and the Insights to Industry module. I have also had the opportunity to get involved in outreach activities like the Cork Discovers EU Researchers' Night and CEIA HighTechElec Transition Year Week.

Being a part of PIADS has provided me with a great support system, I enjoy being part of a cohort as it's nice to have a group of like-minded people to go through the PIADS PhD journey with. The diversity in each of our scientific backgrounds and PhD projects provides a great opportunity to learn about different fields of science to my own and also for collaboration. I am extremely grateful to be part of the CDT-PIADS programme and looking forward to the next three years.

THE PIADS JOURNEY

IPIC Students

Salvador Rangel
2021 PIADS Cohort

I applied to PIADS because I was deeply interested in the intersection of electronics and light, which is at the core of photonics. I see photonics as a field that bridges these two domains, offering incredible potential to revolutionize industries like communications, energy, biomedical, etc. The PIADS program provided the ideal environment to explore these possibilities further, and I was eager to work with a diverse group of PhD students who share the same passion for advancing photonics research. I believed the collaborative and interdisciplinary nature of the cohort would allow me to expand my knowledge, refine my research, and contribute meaningfully to the field.

The PIADS program has offered me invaluable opportunities for growth and development. One of the major benefits for me has been the hands-on training in the fabrication of lasers, which has greatly enhanced my practical skills and understanding of photonics. Additionally, we have the chance to visit different universities, allowing us to see the diverse research being conducted in photonics in this institutions. This exposure has broadened my perspective and has been crucial in expanding my knowledge. The program's focus on collaboration with other students and industry partners has also provided me with a strong network and knowledge.

Risov Das
2022 PIADS Cohort

My research focuses on addressing the challenges posed by back-reflected light, which can be detrimental to lasers and other light-emitting sources. A promising solution to this issue is the integration of magneto-optic-based optical isolators. During my PhD, I will fabricate and integrate optical isolators with photonic integrated circuits (PICs). In the long run, this work will help enhance the performance of light sources, ultimately improving PIC design.

One of the key reasons I applied for the PIADS PhD studentship was its strong industry involvement and the opportunity to collaborate with leading researchers at the University of Glasgow and Queen's University Belfast. I strongly believe that these experiences will play a crucial role in shaping my research career.

As a PIADS student, I've had access to cutting-edge research, training programs, and industry-academic collaborations. The winter school and summer conclave have been particularly beneficial, allowing me to showcase my work, explore collaborations, and learn from other PIADS groups. The industrial visit to Seagate in Londonderry was a great opportunity to see research in a real-world setting. Beyond academics, events like the conclave dinner have facilitated networking and community engagement. The CDT PIADS program provides a dynamic environment for research, career development, and professional growth, and I'm excited to continue my journey here.

THE PIADS JOURNEY

IPIC Students

Kseniia Mamaeva
2023 PIADS Cohort

I joined PIADS in 2023 and am currently pursuing my PhD at Trinity, focusing on plasmon-exciton coupling. This research area thrives on interdisciplinary collaboration, making PIADS the ideal environment for my work. The program's strong academic network, access to cutting-edge facilities, and emphasis on both scientific and professional growth immediately drew me in.

Since joining, events such as the winter school have provided invaluable insights — not only into my own field but also into emerging research areas across the consortium. These experiences have reinforced the importance of cross-disciplinary collaboration and innovation, helping me see new directions for my research.

Beyond research, PIADS fosters a highly collaborative and supportive community. Working alongside researchers from diverse scientific backgrounds has expanded my knowledge beyond my own specialization. Some of these interactions have already led to active collaborations with principal investigators, further enriching my research journey. This dynamic exchange of ideas is one of the program's greatest strengths.

PIADS goes beyond technical training by equipping students with leadership, entrepreneurial, and professional skills essential for diverse career paths. I look forward to deepening my engagement with the program, building new collaborations, and making meaningful contributions to this vibrant research environment.

YEAR 1 OVERVIEW

IPIC 1st year PIADS PhD Snapshot

Start PhD Research Project

Induction week in University of Glasgow — September

5ECTS Insights to Industry Module — October

Insights to Industry Group Project

End of Semester 1 — December

Winter School — January

1st Years Organise Summer Conclave

IPIC Annual Industry Day — March

Responsible Research & Innovation Course

5ECTS Seagate: Teamwork & Collaboration Skills Module* — April

Summer Conclave — June

End of Semester 2

Optional Advanced Practical Training Courses at IPIC:

- Compound Semiconductor Device Fabrication 5ECTS
- Photonics Packaging 5ECTS

TRAINING

Compulsory Modules

Insights to Industry 5 ECTS

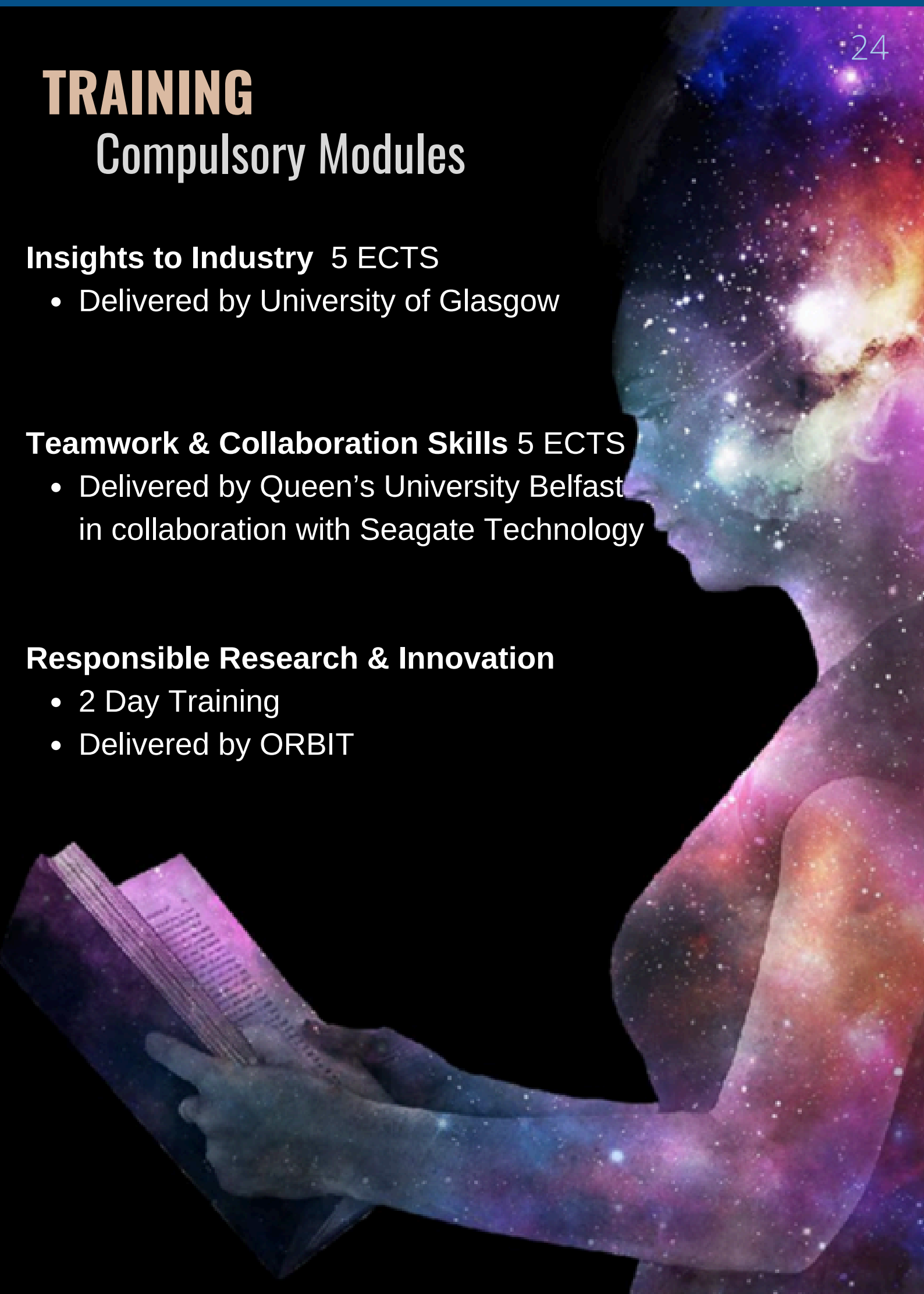
- Delivered by University of Glasgow

Teamwork & Collaboration Skills 5 ECTS

- Delivered by Queen's University Belfast in collaboration with Seagate Technology

Responsible Research & Innovation

- 2 Day Training
- Delivered by ORBIT



University of Glasgow

Insights to Industry

Weekly Workshops

[1] Problem Setting: meet your team and your project mentor

[2] Effective Teamwork: project planning using Belbin roles

[3] Problem Solving: marketing problem solving ideas and check-in with project mentor

[4] Business Communication: team presentations to mentors and panel

[5] Professional Development: a reflection on our professional development opportunities

Assessment

Group Presentation
(15 mins - 35%)

Group Report
(1500 words - 35%)

Individual Reflection
(750 words - 30%)

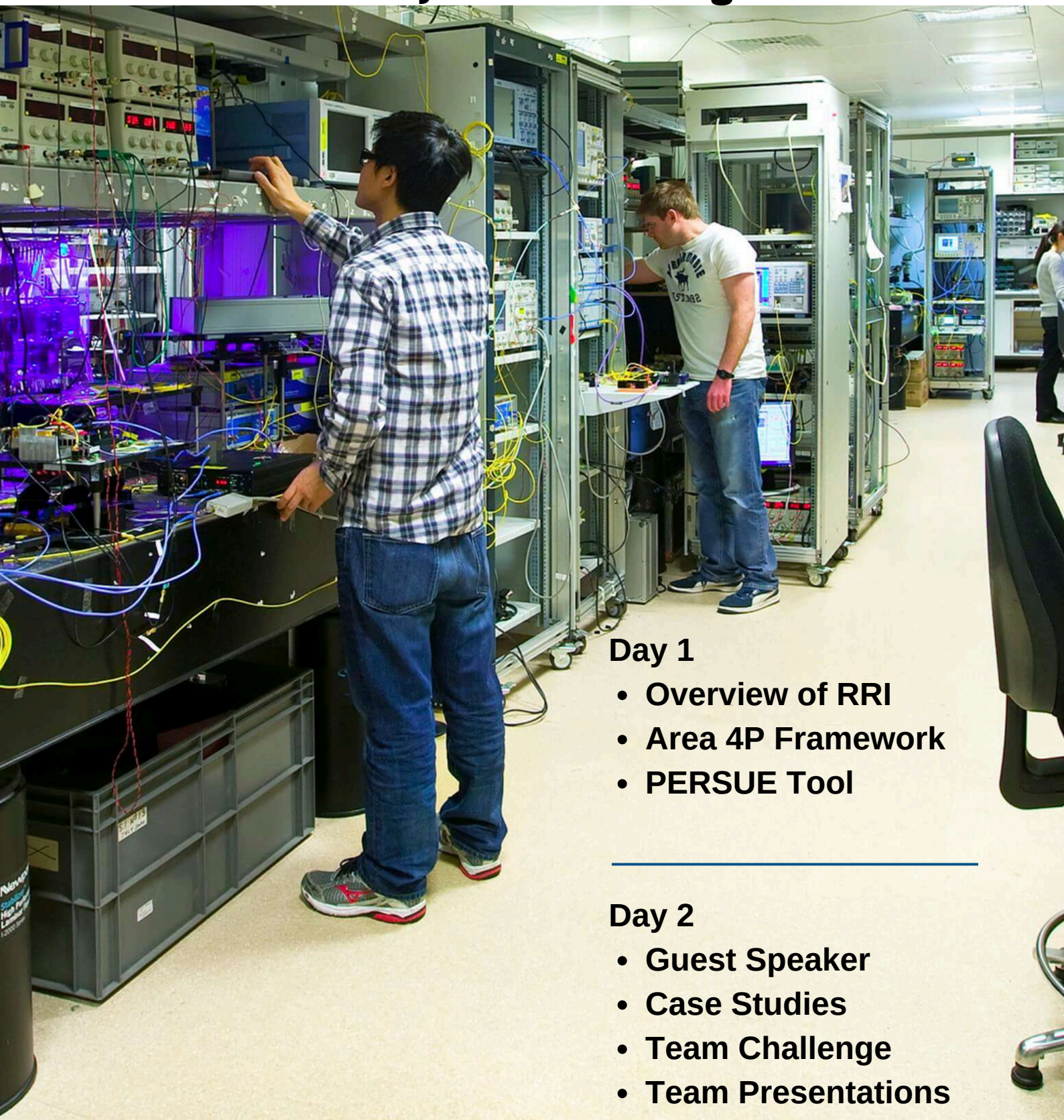
Teamwork & Collaboration Skills

Course Outline

- Pre-session facilitated by Seagate Technology
- Self-paced eLearning: Global Collaboration on Seagate iMap
- Students to complete "Before You Begin, Rate your Current Ability"
- Workshop 1: Working with Behaviour Styles
- Workshop 2: Global Collaboration
- Two interviews with Seagate leaders
- Mentor session with Seagate leader: global mentor's meeting and follow-on discussion
- Students to submit 2-3 page paper for assessment.

Responsible Research & Innovation

2-Day PIADS Training



Day 1

- Overview of RRI
- Area 4P Framework
- PERSUE Tool

Day 2

- Guest Speaker
- Case Studies
- Team Challenge
- Team Presentations

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TRAINING OVERVIEW

Transferable Skills

INDUCTION WEEK

Schedule

Day 1

- Directors Welcome: Prof Robert Bowman (QUB), Prof Paul Townsend (IPIC), Prof John Marsh (UOG)
- PIADS Programme Overview
- Meet the Team

Day 2

- IPIC Specialised Courses Overview
- Commercialisation Workshop
- EDI (Equality, Diversity & Inclusion) Activity

Day 3

- Introduction to Public Engagement
- Time Management Tips
- How to be an Effective Student Rep
- Introduction to Conclave Planning

Day 4

- Responsible Research and Innovation Training
- PIADS Quiz!

PIADS WINTER SCHOOL

The PIADS Winter School is an annual event that enables students to develop key skills and supports them to be well rounded researchers.

Schedule

Day 1

- Welcome & Opening Remarks
- Developing Your Publications Profile
- EPE @ Home

Day 2

- Participating Effectively at Conferences
- Elevator Pitch Training
- Connecting with Photonics Societies

Day 3

- Doctoral Forum
- CDT Steering Board
- Social Activity

PIADS SUMMER CONCLAVE

The PIADS Summer Conclave is a research showcase organised by the first year students each year. The conclave is a 2-day in-person event but has gone virtual for the 2020 and 2021 events. We've resumed in-person events from 2022 onwards.

Schedule

Day 1

- Director Welcome
- 2020 Cohort Overview
- Flash Presentations (1-2)
- Flash Talks (1-4)
- Keynote Speaker
- Poster Session
- Networking

Day 2

- Flash Presentations (3-8)
- Flash Talks (5-10)
- Panel Discussion
- Keynote Speaker
- Awards & Closing Remarks

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CAREERS EVENT

The PIADS Careers event gathers professionals from both industry and academia to highlight career opportunities after earning a PhD. Additionally, it offers training sessions focused on career development.

Programme

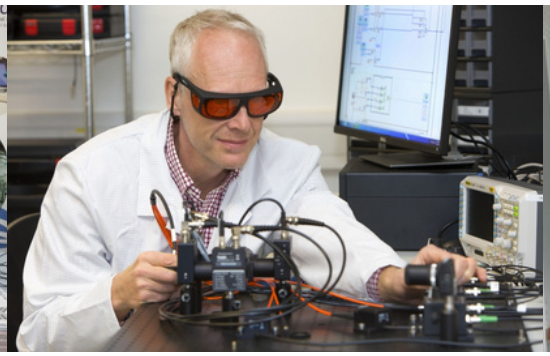
09:00	**Registration**
09:20	**Welcome** Prof. Sandy Cochran, Co-Director, FUSE CDT Prof. Marc Sorel, Co-Director PIADS CDT
09:30	**Employability Skills & Strengths Workshop** *Lesley Grayburn, Employability & Engagement Lead, University of Glasgow*
11:00	**Morning Break**
11:15	**Career Journey - Academic Panel Discussion** *Dr Andrew Reid, University of Strathclyde* *Dr Katy Tant, University of Glasgow* *Dr Scott Watson, University of Glasgow*
11:45	**' From Invention to Spinout: Career Pathways for PGRs and Postdocs'** *Dr Catherine Breslin* *Head Of Industry Engagement & Commercialisation* *University of Strathclyde*
12:30	**Lunch & Poster Display**
13:30	**Career Round Table with Industry**
14:30	**Storytelling for Researchers Workshop** *Alice Fernbank - Storyteller*
17:00	**Closing Remarks**

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

We strive to make photonics accessible to everyone. Photonics, the study of light, focuses on generating, controlling, and detecting photons, and can be found in every part of our daily lives; from the lighting in our homes, to medical devices through to the technology we use to communicate with each other.

We bring the science to you through immersive and fun demonstrations at a number of public events throughout the year, including Cork Carnival of Science, Culture Night, Glasgow Science Festival and Northern Ireland Science Festival.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT




With over 300,000 people working internationally in the field of photonics, this growing sector presents many opportunities for future scientists and engineers.

Our multiple programmes are designed to inform and inspire students to pursue education and careers in core science subjects, such as physics and engineering, and to show that these opportunities are equally open to female students.

Each PIADS student must complete two EPE activities per year. Activities include in-class school visits, Research Ireland Centres TY Week, vlogging, I'm a scientist get me out of here, IPIC Centre Podcast, Northern Ireland, Glasgow & Cork Science festivals.

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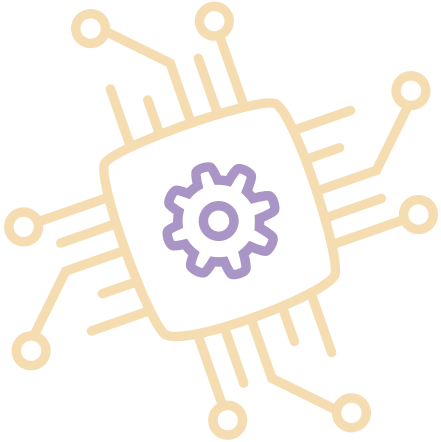

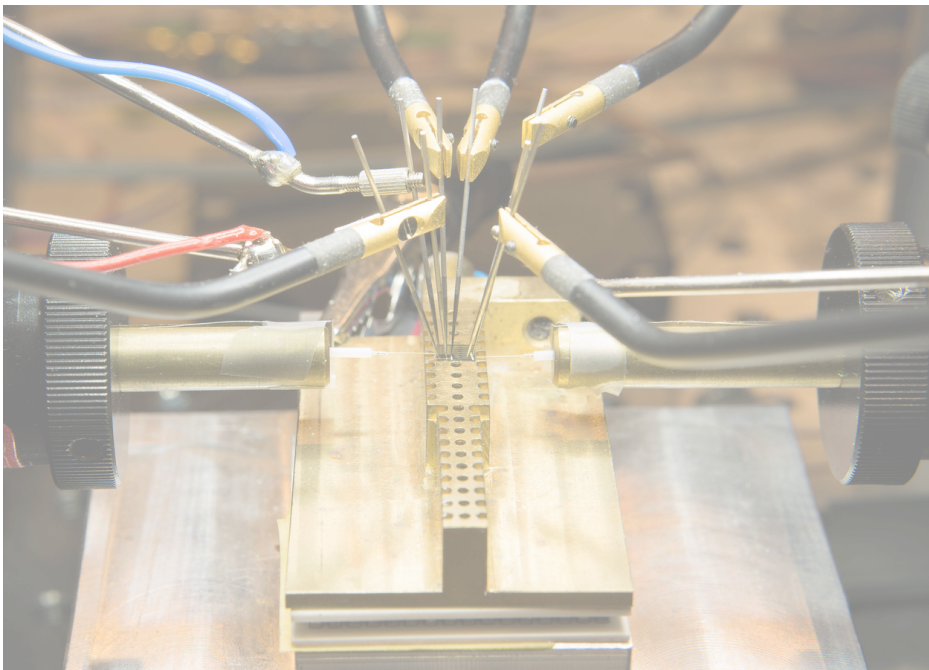

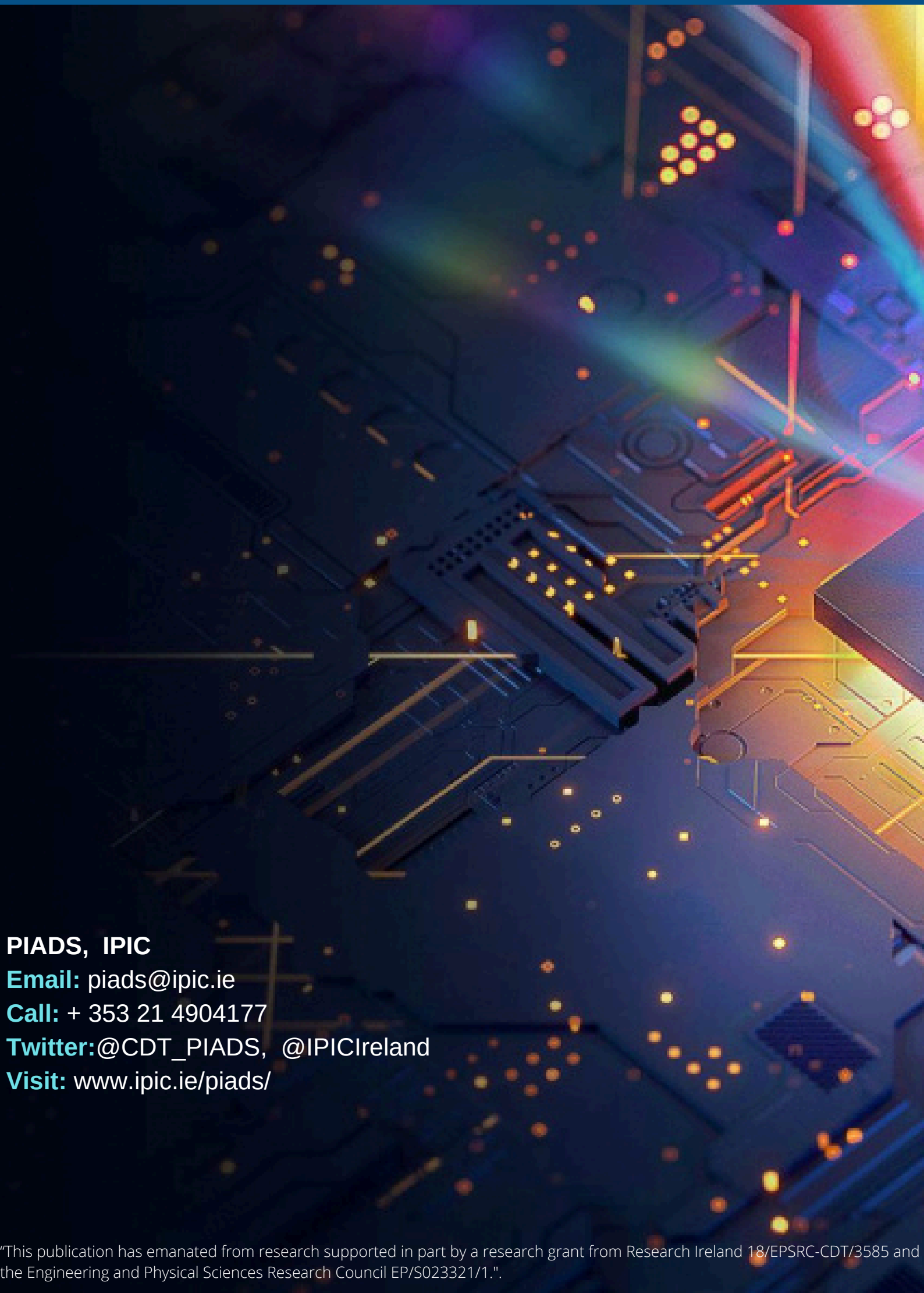

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