Call for SPRITE+ Expert Fellows from Professional Practice

Call overview

SPRITE+, the EPSRC-funded NetworkPlus for Trust, Identity, Privacy, and Security (TIPS) in the Digital Economy (grant reference EP/S035869/1), is a 'one stop shop' for engagement between academic and non-academic communities and a platform for building collaborations.

We are seeking new Fellows to join a diverse group of experts, each bringing deep expertise and creative thinking to SPRITE+ activities, and together providing a broad, challenging and informed range of viewpoints on TIPS in digital contexts.

We invite applications for Expert Fellows from stakeholder organisations including, but not limited to, industry, government, law enforcement and the third sector.

The scope of SPRITE+'s remit is broad and can be viewed through many disciplinary lenses. The Expert Fellows group includes many from academia and professional practice, with a track record of research and engagement with TIPS in the Digital Economy. New insights may also come from Expert Fellows who have not previously worked in this area but who may have expertise in related or pertinent topics or in methods that have not previously been applied to digital security challenges.

Detail

SPRITE+

SPRITE+ creates opportunities for interdisciplinary discussions, events and projects on the future of TIPS in the digital age. We bring together diverse academic and non-academic communities to take part in developing those interactions, helping them to work together to address the key research challenges, in an inclusive and constructive way. SPRITE+ activities are based around four broad Challenge Themes relevant to a wide range of societal and industrial concerns. We have a 'pump-priming' budget to fund activities that explore and test new ideas and that create new collaborations between academic disciplines and non-academic partners.

SPRITE+ is led by Professor Emma Barrett (University of Manchester). Co-investigators are Professor Deeph Chana (Imperial College London), Professor Stacey Conchie (Lancaster University), Professor Vladimiro Sassone (University of Southampton), and Professor Sakir Sezer (Queen's University Belfast). Professor Mark Elliot (University of Manchester) is Expert Fellows Co-ordinator.

Expert Fellows

Expert Fellows are champions for research engagement within their organisation and sector and, together with our Project Partners, play a key role in setting the direction of SPRITE+.

You can see the current list of Expert Fellows here.

As a SPRITE+ Expert Fellow:

- You will have the opportunity to work with the Management Team to identify and prioritise core research questions to shape the future of TIPS research and achieve impact.
- You will have access to our online collaboration platform for networking, participation in interest groups and to build relationships with our pool of academic experts.
- You will be invited to participate in workshops, innovation labs and similar events alongside our Project Partners and academic Expert Fellows. In these meetings we identify potentially fruitful lines of collaborative research to address the most significant challenges. These challenges will be the focus of future SPRITE+ activities, including funding calls, workshops, industry attachments, and the development of working groups.
- You will have the opportunity provide expert advice to academic researchers to ensure end-user needs are at the forefront of our research activity, and to co-create new projects to address future Challenges.
- You will be our 'go to' people in your area of expertise when industry, government and academic stakeholders ask SPRITE+ for expert advice.

Expert Fellows will not be remunerated for this role.

Feedback from current Expert Fellows

About our events:

> "Meeting other Expert Fellows was very useful, especially those from other disciplines who I would not have typically come to know otherwise."

> "Thanks so much for organising the first SPRITE+ Expert Fellow event – I really enjoyed these two interdisciplinary days and felt it was very inspiring to meet the experts from different fields."

> "The event was fantastic. Looking forward to the activities over the next few years!"

> "I will be looking at some possible research funding applications with people I met at the event."

How they use SPRITE+:

> "I am using SPRITE+ network as a catalyst to identify where there may be problems in areas I can contribute to, and how I can work more effectively across those divides. "

> "SPRITE+ has been great for making me think about the questions I care about in new ways. The program's focus on connecting people working in similar areas also has great potential to help me build out my network, especially in the UK."

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"I made a few contacts with whom we share interests. I expect to get in touch with them to share papers, views, and look at ways to collaborate."

Eligibility

Any stakeholder, at any career stage, who can evidence the essential criteria below is eligible to apply.

Membership of the Fellows Group will be reviewed annually.

Application process

The application form can be downloaded here. Please return completed application forms to admin@spritehub.org. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis. We will let you know the outcome as soon as possible, but please allow up to 6 weeks for a decision.

Applications will be reviewed against the following criteria:

Essential Criteria

- An active track record in a relevant TIPS discipline commensurate with career stage (for instance, demonstrated through high quality engagement activities, leadership roles, technical input on projects, and/or publications e.g. white papers, blogs).
- Enthusiasm and potential to engage in interdisciplinary conversations and contribute to our understanding of future of digital TIPS.

Desirable Criteria

- Involvement in relevant activities on a national or international level, for example, in cognate networks and organisations.
- Experience of collaborative working (within or beyond the academic sector).

Note: When selecting new Fellows, we will also consider the overall diversity of the group to ensure the group reflects a wide range of backgrounds, disciplines, and organisations.

Privacy notice

SPRITE+ is fully compliant with GDPR. We will treat applications as confidential and share only with the Management Team. For details of how SPRITE+ handle Members' data more generally, see our Privacy Policy.

Further information

Please direct any queries to Natalie Theodoulou (SPRITE+ Network Manager) at admin@spritehub.org.

Useful links

- SPRITE+ website
- Application form