

Post doctoral funding: Not as backbreaking as
you think!!

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Who am I?

- Research Associate @ Institute of Sensors, Signals and Systems, Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh.
- Current project: Rathlin <http://rathlin.hw.ac.uk/>.
- Did my PhD in multimedia security (Digital watermarking for image and video), The University of Sheffield.



- What do I do:
 - multimedia signal processing,
 - computer vision for crowd analysis,
 - FPGA based embedded imaging hardware design.

Post-doctoral funding scenario

Limited but not rare.

Who funds us?

- EPSRC
- Royal Society
- Royal Society Edinburgh
- European Union

EPSRC Digital Catapult Researcher in Residence Programme

- Opportunity to take your research in real life.
- Two types: Applied projects and Strategic projects:
 - Applied projects will generally be user-centred and focused on impact generation in the short to medium term.
 - Strategic projects will help shape current Catapult projects, and drive the creation of new activities or projects relevant to the Catapult's overall mission.
- Open to those with a contract of employment at a UK university or RCUK Research Institute, or PhD students who have submitted their thesis by the closing date

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What I am doing there?



Media Copyright infringement equates a total economic loss of £1.2 bn in the UK alone.

And I want to solve this problem .. collectively with Digital Catapult and CopyrightHub .. for the sake of society.

I hope to make an economic impact in the society by helping creative industries.

My experience: proposal writing to submission

- Love your research.
- Think if you can solve any challenge that can improve our society..
- Search for funding opportunities.
- Don't delete research office emails.
- Think if your research knowledge fits the call or not..

My experience: proposal writing to submission

- First thing first – Speak to the institute head and your supervisor ..
- Speak to the funders even before you write your proposal
- Ask questions again and again ... so that you know the problem well .. and they know you :-)..
- Check internal time frame .. atleast 2 weeks before the deadline..
 - Research office approvals
 - Finance approval
 - Institute approval...

My experience: proposal writing to submission

- Write your proposal ... iterate
- Ask your supervisor, institute head to give you feedback
- Iterate get more feedback if possible
- Once happy .. submit ...

Keep trying .. as somebody rightly said

The best way you can be unsuccessful by not trying for it.