

**Marie Curie Early Stage Researcher (ESR)**

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School of Electronics, Electrical Engineering & Computer Science

Queens University Belfast and Bell Labs, two renowned institutions in the area of RF and communications technologies, are offering a unique opportunity for an Early Stage Researcher to undertake research in the framework of the project "Adaptive RF front-end for 4G communication systems and beyond". The Early Stage Researchers will be funded for 2.5 years by the prestigious FP7 Marie Curie European Industrial Doctorate (EID) programme [ARTISAN](#).

The successful candidate must enrol in the three year PhD programme at Queens University Belfast and will work towards a PhD degree within the dynamic academic and industrial research groups conducting cutting-edge RF hardware technologies. The Early Stage Researcher will be required to spend 50% time at the QUB [High Frequency Electronic Circuits Cluster](#) and the other 50% at Bell Labs, working on the project topic:

**"RF characterisation and application of tunable materials in reconfigurable devices"**

The project scope includes:

- Investigation of novel electromagnetic materials for reconfigurable RF devices.
- Assessment and measurement of RF properties of the voltage controlled materials
- Application specific high frequency characterisation of the novel materials for adaptive RF devices.

By the time of appointment, applicants must

- have at least 2.1 Honours Degree or equivalent in Electrical Engineering, Physics or related discipline
- be eligible and qualified for enrolment into PhD programme at Queens University Belfast
- be in the first four years (full-time equivalent) of their research career and have not yet been enrolled in PhD study and/or awarded the doctorate degree
- not have resided or carried out their main activity in the UK for more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately prior to their selection for this post.

In CV applicants have to provide a statement of how their qualifications and experience address the project topic and scope. The statement should also be supported by a sample of written or published work.

**Anticipated interview dates: Monday, 27 May 2014**

Salary: £35,005 per annum complemented by a monthly mobility allowance of up to £921

**Closing date: Monday, 5 May 2014**

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The University is committed to equality of opportunity and to selection on merit. It therefore welcomes applications from all sections of society and particularly welcomes applications from people with a disability.

Fixed term contract posts are available for the stated period in the first instance but in particular circumstances may be renewed or made permanent subject to availability of funding.