

# Candidate Information

**Position:** Research Fellow in Hardware Trojan Detection **School/Department:** Centre for Secure Information Technologies

**Reference:** 22/109640

Closing Date: Sunday 1 May 2022
Salary: £34,304 per annum.
Anticipated Interview Date: Tuesday 10 May 2022
Duration: Fixed term for 13 months

#### JOB PURPOSE:

To conduct research into the application of advanced machine learning techniques for use in hardware Trojan detection, as part of the EPSRC RISE DeepSecurity project. This project is a core research project of the UK Research Institute in Secure Hardware and Embedded Systems (RISE: ukrise.org), hosted by the Centre for Secure Information Technology (CSIT), Institute of Electronics Communication and Information Technologies (ECIT), Queen's University Belfast.

### **MAJOR DUTIES:**

- 1. Conduct research into the application of machine learning and deep learning techniques in Hardware Trojan detection and to collaboratively work on security verification in Electronic Design Automation (EDA) Tools.
- 2. Actively contribute to the general planning and delivery of the overall research project activities.
- 3. Present progress reports on research to the RISE research community/industry advisory board, to CSIT industry advisory board members or to external audiences to disseminate and publicise research findings.
- 4. Prepare, in consultation with supervisor, material for publication in national and international journals and presentations at international conferences.
- 5. Assist in the preparation of funding proposals and applications to external bodies.
- 6. Carry out routine administrative tasks associated with the research project. This might include organisation of project meetings and documentation, financial control, risk assessment of research activities.
- 7. Carry out occasional undergraduate/postgraduate student project supervision, demonstrating or lecturing duties within the post holder's area of expertise and under the direct guidance of a member of academic staff.
- 8. Read academic papers, journals and textbooks to keep abreast of developments in own specialism and related disciplines.
- 9. Any other duties that may reasonably be requested by the programme supervisor.

### **ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:**

- 1. 2:1 Honours degree in Electrical and Electronic Engineering/Computer Science/Mathematics (or related discipline).
- 2. Have, or be about to obtain, a PhD in a relevant subject.
- 3. At least 3 years relevant research experience in FPGA/ASIC/Embedded systems design.
- 4. Evidence of a strong publication record commensurate with career stage and experience.
- 5. Ability to contribute to broader management and administrative processes.
- 6. Ability to contribute to the School's outreach programme by establishing links with industry, community groups etc.
- 7. Sufficient breadth and depth of specialist knowledge in the discipline and of research methods and techniques to work within established research programmes.
- 8. Good written and verbal communication skills.
- 9. Ability to communicate complex information clearly.
- 10. Ability to innovate and rapidly contribute to research projects.
- 11. Willingness to visit collaborative partners and to attend meetings and conferences nationally and internationally as requested.

# **DESIRABLE CRITERIA:**

1. Expertise in Hardware Trojan design and/or detection.

- 2. Ability to build contacts and participate in internal and external networks.
- 3. Experience of collaborative research or working in a team is desirable.