UCL Big Data Institute – Visitors Call Summer 2016

The UCL Big Data Institute (BDI) welcomes proposals from the UCL community for financial support to invite high profile visitors (from academia, industry and other organizations) to UCL to develop collaborative research ideas. Proposals are invited which address the challenges of Big Data, including its theoretical underpinnings, methodological developments, and applications.

Visits can range from a week up to three months and should lead to joint research publications or dissemination of state-of-the-art big data methods. All successful applicants will be asked to arrange at least one seminar for their visitor to engage the research community, at UCL and beyond, and the BDI may be able to provide assistance with visitor engagement / promotion if needed.

Applications are open to all UCL permanent academic staff members.

We plan to run this call a couple of times a year. If current application window does not fit your plans, please check back for details of future calls later.

Level of Funding
The BDI will contribute funds toward travel, subsistence and accommodation expenses for the visitor’s trip, as well as costs for any events to engage with wider UCL and BDI partner community. It is expected that each visit costs no more than £5,000, although higher budgets will be considered in exceptional cases, if appropriately justified in the application. Please note that for this call, projects will need to end (i.e. the visits need to be completed) by 30th June 2017.

Criteria
Applications will be judged on their scientific quality and expected benefit to the UCL and BDI research community. We particularly encourage cross-disciplinary projects that push the boundaries of current research in big data, those which further the theoretical understanding of big data, and those that bring visitors to UCL who have expertise complementing that currently found here. Assessment will be by a small panel of UCL academics and representatives of BDI partner organizations.

Application process and deadline
Proposals must consist of a completed application form (available on the BDI web site (www.ucl.ac.uk/big-data/bdi) as well as the CVs of the UCL applicant and the proposed visitor. For this call, proposals should be submitted via email to Russell Rodrigues (big-data@ucl.ac.uk) by 5pm on Friday 24th June 2016. All applicants will be notified of the decision by Friday 15th July.

Payment
Awarded funds will be transferred to departments by IDT, upon request. This must take place before 30th September 2017.