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Promoting Digital Resilience in Adolescence

ESRC DTP Joint Studentship

University of Warwick and University of Leicester

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We are now inviting applications for an ESRC Doctoral Joint Studentship between the Department of Psychology, University of Warwick (where the student will be registered) and the Department of Neuroscience, Psychology, and Behaviour, University of Leicester, to commence in October 2020. The PhD student will be jointly supervised by Dr. Michaela Gummerum (University of Warwick, michaela.gummerum@warwick.ac.uk) and Dr. Caren Frosch (University of Leicester, c.frosch@leicester.ac.uk).

This PhD project will provide insight into how best to facilitate adolescent decision-making about online risks to build digital resilience by employing experimental designs on the cognitive and emotional mechanisms underlying these decisions. Specifically, the project will address

- (1) how the presentation of information affects risky online decision-making across adolescence in order to create age-appropriate e-safety messages;
- (2) what role anticipated emotions play in risky online decision-making across adolescence in order to better support adolescents in building digital resilience;
- (3) how information presentation and anticipated emotions contribute to building digital resilience as part of an existing e-safety programme in order to maximise the effectiveness of such programmes.

We are ideally seeking an individual with experience in running lab-based experimental studies who is also interested in applying the findings gained from experimental research to an existing online risk intervention programme at Warning Zone, a Leicester-based life skills centre and children safeguarding charity. Experience with conducting research with school-aged children or adolescents would be considered a plus.

Application Process

To be considered for this PhD, please complete the Joint Studentship application form [available online here](#) and email this form, along with a CV and cover letter, to psychologyPG@warwick.ac.uk. Shortlisted applicants will also be required to provide two references.

Application deadline: 8am, Friday 28 February 2020

Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed in Mid-March.

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Informal enquiries about the research or the Department of Psychology prior to application can be directed to michaela.gummerum@warwick.ac.uk or c.frosch@leicester.ac.uk.