

## PhD students recruitment

Status: 4-year contract

Dept/Faculty: CTVR: The Telecommunications Research Centre

Application closing date: 30th March 2012

Salary: €18,000 net stipend per year, plus payment of PhD fees for EU citizens

Expected start date: May 2012 (or later by arrangement)

### Post summary

CTVR ([www.ctvr.ie](http://www.ctvr.ie)) is Ireland's largest telecommunications research centre. The Centre carries out industry-informed research focusing on wireless and optical networks of the future with a strong emphasis on the technologies that will underpin these networks. This position, under the direction of Prof. David Payne and Dr. Marco Ruffini, is funded by Science Foundation Ireland (SFI).

### Details

**Three** Phd studentships in **next-generation optical networks** are available at CTVR – The Telecommunications Research Centre, at Trinity College Dublin. Positions are funded by the Science Foundation Ireland, and will be funded for 4 years. The candidate must have a Bachelor degree (Master preferred) in Electrical Engineering, Computer Engineering, Physics, Computer Science, or a related field, with a minimum mark of 2.1 (i.e. with a score higher than 60%).

The PhD topics will focus on the following three research areas

1. Optical core and access network design:  
Knowledge of combinatorial optimization methods is a preferential skill for this topic
2. Network switching and routing node design:  
Knowledge of layer2 and layer 3 switching/routing protocols is a preferential skill for this topic
3. Traffic, techno-economic and power consumption modelling:  
Knowledge of statistical modelling methods is a preferential skill for this topic

In addition all candidates are expected to have:

- A basic knowledge of network communications and systems.
- Good written and oral communication skills
- The ability to work well in a group are also important requirements.
- Strong self motivation and willing to learn attitude.

Interested applicants should send a CV to Dr. Marco Ruffini ([marco.ruffini@tcd.ie](mailto:marco.ruffini@tcd.ie)) including contact information for at least two professional references.

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in carrying out research that is of the highest quality and that has international impact. We also pride ourselves in being an inclusive, diverse, creative, and friendly place to work.