

Research Assistant in neural computation for robotics systems

A three-months research assistantship is available at the Department of Electrical Engineering at the Technical University of Denmark. The research assistant position is in the research field of neuro-robotics, where neuroscience and robotics intersect. The candidate will be part of a team that is already involved in the framework of the EU Flagship Project “Human Brain Project” (HBP). The position addresses research in neural computation for robotics systems.

Responsibilities and tasks

The purpose of the research assistant position is to explore new algorithms for real-time motor control and motor learning of compliant robotic systems, mimicking brain computations and connections. The focus will be on the design, programming and validation of different types of bio-inspired architectures for adaptive control. The main objective is to implement an architecture, which is capable to adapt to different robot system dynamics.

The successful candidate will explore the use of spiking neural networks on dedicated neuromorphic hardware (e.g., SpiNNaker board) to control real or virtual robots in the Neuro-robotics Platform (NRP, <https://neurorobotics.net>) built within the Human Brain Project subproject 10 “Neuro-robotics.” In the position, there will be a focus on creating such real-time demonstrators.

Qualifications

Candidates should hold a MSc in electrical engineering or related field. The candidate is required to have expertise about neural networks, computational neuroscience, and in robotic applications (hw and/or sw). Candidates without such experience will not be considered for the position. Experience on programming the Neuromorphic chip SpiNNaker, the Neuro-robotic Platform of the Human Brain Project, and knowledge about modular robotics is advantageous.

We offer

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Salary and terms of employment

The appointment will be based on the collective agreement with the Confederation of Professional Associations. The allowance will be agreed with the relevant union. The period of employment is three month with the possibility of extension.

Further information

Further information may be obtained from Postdoc Silvia Tolu, stolu@elektro.dtu.dk.

You can read more about DTU Electrical Engineering on www.elektro.dtu.dk.

Application procedure

Please e-mail your application no later than 15th October 2018. Applications must be submitted as one PDF file containing all materials to be given consideration. The file must include:

- Application (cover letter)
- CV

- Diploma (MSc)

Applications and enclosures received after the deadline will not be considered.

All qualified candidates irrespective of age, gender, disability, race, religion or ethnic background are encouraged to apply.

The Automation and Control group performs research and teaching in automation technology, control theory and robotics at DTU. The group has about 35 affiliated researchers and other employees. Please read more about the Automation and Control group on www.aut.elektro.dtu.dk.

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