Localisation is the adaptation of digital content to culture, locale and linguistic environment. The Centre for Next Generation Localisation (CNGL) is a dynamic Academia-Industry partnership with over 100 researchers developing novel technologies addressing the key localisation challenges of volume, access and personalisation. Our objective is to produce substantial advances in the basic and applied research underpinning the design, implementation and evaluation of the blueprints for the Next Generation Localisation Factory.

One of the major research strands within the CNGL is Integrated Language Technologies (ILT). We are currently recruiting:

1 PhD Studentship in Integrated Language Technologies

This studentship is available for research into Tuning Machine Translation systems to different genres and text types. We will primarily use the internal documentation made available to us by the industrial partners of our project. This is, therefore, a chance to train and test the range of different systems developed by us in DCU (statistical, example-based, tree-based etc.) on data that previously has been unavailable to other researchers. We anticipate that this work will be carried out on a range of different language pairs.

The desired candidate should be a strong programmer. Prior experience of statistical and/or example-based models of translation would be beneficial, as would knowledge of machine learning (especially classification-based methods).

The successful candidates will join our large, successful NLP and MT group at **Dublin City University, Ireland** and work with **Prof. Andy Way**.

PhD positions are typically for 4 years. Starting dates: now – November 2008. Stipend: €16,000 (tax free) plus payment of registration fees. CNGL provides state-of-the-art research facilities and supports travel to present at conferences.

Deadline for applications: 31st August 2008

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