



# School of Computing, Engineering and Intelligent Systems

Annual Report for Research & Impact

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**1. Foreword:**  
Research Director  
Professor Damien Coyle

In presenting the Annual Report for the School of Computing, Engineering and Intelligent Systems for the academic year 2018-2019, I am happy to report a very successful and busy year which saw major achievements arising from a range of research activities of our staff, postdoctoral researchers and PhD researchers, substantial enhancements to our research environment, a number of significant research grants secured and our research and impact being recognised nationally and internationally.

In the period, over 50 high quality research papers have been published in some of the world's top peer reviewed journals which represents an average of over two journal papers per staff member which is clear indication of the research and innovation intensity within the school. Publishing across many disciplines is indicative of the high-quality interdisciplinary research performed within the school. Our research quality goes from strength to strength each year with this year seeing a publication in Nature Communications (a leading journal) by a then PhD researcher from the school, Nadin Atiya, and supervisors. Other PhD researchers have had excellent achievements and successes this year, winning three of the four available Faculty prizes for Unit of Assessment 11 PhD Researchers (Mr Thomas Alderson – Best Paper, Mr Ciaran Cooney – Best Literature Review and Mr Shane Reid - Best poster). With 7 PhD researchers graduating this year and 6 additional recruited it has been a successful year for PhD research within the school.

By securing an additional £5.76M of research funding we have maintained our track record of successfully attaining year-on-year growth of research income. Building on the launch of the Cognitive Analytics Research Laboratory (CARL) in 2017, a significant endowment of £5M was provided by the Dr George Moore foundation to establish a Dr George Moore Chair in Data Analytics and a Dr George Moore Research Fellowship in Data Analytics. The funding will also support three PhD studentships in key areas of data science.

We continue to extend the impact of our data analytics and AI capability. For example, NeuroCONCISE Ltd., a spinout from the school won the IET and E&T Innovation of the year award for 2018. The innovative neurotechnology developed by NeuroCONCISE is now displayed on the 100 wall display at Savoy place in London, headquarters of the IET. Airbrio Ltd., another spinout company from the school, was nominated as finalist for the 2019 Invent Awards. These achievements are being followed by other new impactful research, including from a team who have licensed a new AI based technology to a local company, winning the Business Category Award (Under 50 employees) at the Ulster Impact awards. Another team won the most Innovative Award category at the Carnegie Mellon University IEA New Venture Competition for their bioinspired AI technology, Bionics.

It has been a busy and challenging year, compounded by extensive effort required by all staff and PhD researchers as we vacated our research space to undertake a complete refurbishment of the Intelligent Systems Research Centre building and develop a new Spatial Computing and Neurotechnology Innovation Hub (SCANi-hub) which will officially open in 2020. These are major improvements to our research

environment which will be further developed and expanded by funding through the Derry City and Strabane District Council City Deal, announced this year by the then Chancellor of the Exchanger, Phillip Hammond, when he visited the Intelligent Systems Research Centre in July.

As we publish this report, we look forward to another exciting year as we develop plans for this significant investment in the school, university campus and region.

Further details of our research, facilities, staff profiles and research expertise can be found at <https://www.ulster.ac.uk/faculties/computing-engineering-and-the-built-environment/computing-engineering-intelligent-systems/research>

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Damien Coyle', written in a cursive style.

**Professor Damien Coyle**  
**Research Director, School of Computing, Engineering and Intelligent Systems.**

## 2. Research Students

The following research students were registered on research degree programmes during 2018-19.

Surname	Thesis Title
Atiya, Nadim	Computational modelling of decision uncertainty.
Behera, Chandan	Neuronal circuit model of emotional learning.
Bigirimana, Alain	Discrete emotion recognition for brain-computer interaction.
Bonham-Noyle, Kyrsti	Home health monitoring.
Boyle, Juanita	Intelligent Identity Authentication.
Cichy, Przemyslaw	Data Analytics: Deep learning – Combining Reinforcement Learning and Evolutionary Strategies.
Cooley, Christopher	Bio-KIP: Bio-inspired Kinect Image Processing.
Cooney, Ciaran	Decoding imagined semantic, syntactic and phonological speech processes from EEG.
Dhakan, Paresh	Motivated reinforcement learning in robots.
Duffy, William	Unobtrusive activity detection using a single wearable sensor.
Fegan, John	Multimodal robotic object recognition system.
Gillespie, James	Learning of bio-inspired movement in highly noisy environments.
Gorman, Mark	Utilising multivariate high frequency time series datasets for real-time decision making applications.
Haji Karim, Shvan	Brain inspired self repairing electronic systems.
Harrigan, Shane	Neuromorphic vision processing.
Javed, Aqib	Intelligent hot-spot prediction in networks-on-chip (NoC).
John Bensam, Christina Sherly	IDENTIFY: Robot Object Identification using Vision and Touch.
Johnston, Vivien	Big Data for MIDAS (Meaningful integration of data, analytics and services.
Khodadadzadeh, Massoud	Intelligent data analytics.
Madden, Kyle	Secure Networks-on-Chip (NoC) for cyber-physical systems.
McBrearty, Shaun	Result ranking for searchable symmetric encryption.
McCombe, Niamh	Data analytics and modelling in dementia (CPM-CLINICAL Decision Making Project).
McHugh, Catherine	Computational approaches to real-time energy trading.
McKinney, Joseph	VR/AR Upper Arm Rehabilitation: Personalised Upper Arm Rehabilitation within Virtual and Augmented Reality.
Melaugh, Ryan	Human-machine emotion interaction.
Millar, Christopher	Kinaesthetic learning for robotic object manipulation.
Reid, Shane	Social signal processing.
Roy, Sujit	Advanced MEG based brain-computer interface supported upper limb post-stroke rehabilitation.
Sharma, Pratikshya	Early Detection of Autistic Spectrum Disorder using Computer Vision Techniques.
Sweeney, Terence	Machine vision for automated inspection of hard drive components CAST.
Toman, Marinus	A Computational Model of Regulating Neuronal Excitability by GABA Neurons.

## Graduated December 2018

<b>Student Name</b>	<b>Thesis Title</b>
Meena, Yogesh Kumar	Hybrid human-computer interfaces for effective communication and independent living.

## Graduated July 2019

<b>Student Name</b>	<b>Thesis Title</b>
Breslin, Kevin Patrick	Ionic homeostasis at the perisynaptic cradle.
Korik, Attila	Brain-Computer Interface for Decoding Imagined 3D Arm Movements from EEG.
Martin, George	Scalable interconnect strategies for neuro-glia networks using networks-on-chip.
Wingfield, George	Using computational Intelligence for knowledge discovery from the human microbiome.
Cullen, Gary	Cooperatively applied positioning techniques utilizing range extension.
Holmes, Dominic	Upper Limb Movement Modelling for Adaptive and Personalised Physical Rehabilitation in Virtual Reality.

### 3. Publications

Details of all Publications by the School Computing, Engineering and Intelligent Systems are on the Ulster University's Institutional Repository- PURE <https://pure.ulster.ac.uk/>. This section reports those outputs published over the period of this report and classified as either journal articles, books/chapters in books and published conference papers.

#### 3.1 Journal Article

Ab Ghani, NS, Ramlan, E & Firdaus-Raih, M 2019, 'Drug ReposER: a web server for predicting similar amino acid arrangements to known drug binding interfaces for potential drug repositioning', *Nucleic Acids Research*, vol. 47, no. W1, pp. W350-W356.

Ahmad, B, McClean, SI, Charles, DK & Parr, G 2018, 'Energy Saving Techniques Comparison for Green Computing in Cloud Server', *International Journal On Advances in Intelligent Systems*, pp. 192.

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Ramlan, E & Firdaus-Raih, M 2018, Engineering of Supramolecular RNA Structures. in S Ranganathan, M Gribskov, K Nakai & C Schönbach (eds), *Reference Module in Life Sciences: Encyclopedia of Bioinformatics and Computational Biology*. vol. 3, Elsevier, pp. 535-545.

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Black, M, Rankin, D, Wallace, JG, Bond, RR, Mulvenna, M, Cleland, B, Carlin, P, Fischhaber, S, Epelde, G, Nikolic, G, Pajula, J & Connolly, R 2019, Meaningful Integration of Data, Analytics and Services of Computer-Based Medical Systems: The MIDAS Touch. in *32nd IEEE CBMS International Symposium on Computer-Based Medical Systems. 32nd IEEE CBMS International Symposium on Computer-Based Medical Systems*, Córdoba, Spain, 5/06/19.

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#### 4. Research Funding

##### Ongoing and Active Research Projects, notably:

Unit of Assessment Member	Title of Award	Funding Body	Value
<b>Dr K Wong-Lin</b> Dr I Rano Dr D Wang	Brain Circuit Dynamic	The Royal Society	£ 8,935.00
<b>Prof LJ McDaid</b> Prof JG Harkin Dr G Marsciano Dr A Araque Dr H Hirase	Mitochondrial G Protein Signal	Human Frontier Science Prog	£ 151,800.00
<b>Prof LP Maguire</b> Prof D Coyle Mr R Johnston Mr P Devine	CARL Business Plan Development	Invest NI	£ 14,593.00
<b>Dr JV Condell</b>	Battery/compressed air storage	Invest NI-Centre for Advanced Sus Energy	£ 146,500.00
<b>Dr JV Condell</b> Dr P Chaurasia Dr K McCreadie	SoFIA	Interreg NPA Prep	£ 13,581.00
<b>Dr I Rano</b> Dr K Wong-Lin Dr M Khamassi	Highly Stochastic Learning	The Royal Society	£ 9,440.00
<b>Prof LJ McDaid</b> Dr JG Harkin	Self-repairing Hardware	EPSRC	£ 375,835.00
<b>Dr D Kerr</b> Prof S Coleman Dr P Vance Prof TM McGinnity	BIONICS	Invest NI - Proof of Concept	£ 96,938.00
<b>Prof D Coyle</b> Prof A Duffy	Feasibility of Cognitive CAED	EPSRC	£ 147,142.00
<b>Dr JG Harkin</b> Prof LP Maguire	iTEMPO	Invest NI - Proof of Concept	£ 105,993.00

<b>Dr Michaela Black</b> Dr D Rankin Prof MD Mulvenna Brian Murphy Dr R Bond Prof JG Wallace Dr D Weston Dr P Carlin Mr M Van Gils Mr J Paakkonen Mr D Bryce Mr R Kaikkohen Prof J Millar Dr I Macia Dr A Tanney Prof B De Moor Mr R Bilbao Dr P Davis Dr P O Sullivan Mr M Grobelnik	H2020 -MIDAS	CEC-H2020-SC Health	£ 660,325.00
<b>Prof G Prasad</b> Dr K Wong-Lin Prof AJ Bjourson Prof D Coyle Prof S Coleman Prof LP Maguire Dr H Cecotti Prof TM McGinnity	NI FUNCT BRAIN MAP FAC	Invest NI	£2,607,301.00
<b>Dr K Wong-Lin</b> Prof T Sharp Prof D Bannerman	Midbrain Raphe Microcircuitry	BBSRC	£ 192,572.00
<b>Dr JV Condell</b> Mr J Barton Mr A Tarkiainen Dr M O'Kane	SENDOC	CEC NPP Northern Periphery & Arctic Pro	£ 25,133.00
<b>Dr JV Condell</b> Mr M Callaghan Dr I Rano Dr SM Moffett	CINE	CEC NPP Northern Periphery & Arctic Pro	£ 131,258.00

<b>Dr JV Condell</b> Mr RJ Davies Dr D Kelly Ms M Saastmoinen Mr J Barton Ms S Timmons Ms A Nordstrom Mr J Connolly Mr A Niemi Ms AM Ulrik	SENDOC	CEC NPP Northern Periphery & Arctic Pro	£ 329,035.00
<b>Prof G Prasad</b> Prof SM McDonough Dr H Cecotti Prof A Dhutta	Advancing MEG-based BCI	UKIERI	£ 144,546.00
<b>Prof S Coleman</b> Prof TM McGinnity	Capital Markets Eng S-Ships	Various	£ 360,000.00
<b>Prof D Coyle</b> Prof LP Maguire Dr F Lotte	Human Machine Symbiosis	UK Government	£ 215,535.00
<b>Dr JV Condell</b>	IMUs measuring axSpa	Foundation for Research in Rheumatology	£ 91,523.00
<b>Prof D Coyle</b> Dr C Guger Dr A Del Felice Dr K Strauseer Dr O Lennon Prof F Molteni Prof S Murphy	PRO-GAIT: Physiological and Rehabilitation Outcomes Gains from Automated Interventions in Stroke Therapy	CEC-H2020- MSCA-RISE	£ 13,261.00

**Portfolio of Research Grants awarded during period 1 August 2018 - 31 July 2019**

<b>Unit of Assessment Member</b>	<b>Title of Award</b>	<b>Funding Body</b>	<b>Value</b>
<b>Dr JV Condell</b> Dr K McCreddie Dr P Chaurasia	Social Farming - Innovative Agriculture	Interreg NPA Prep	£13,581.00
<b>Prof LP Maguire</b>	Dr George Moore Chair in Data Analytics	Mrs Angela Moore	£3,000,000.00
<b>Prof LP Maguire</b>	Dr George Moore Research Fellowship in Data	Mrs Angela Moore	£2,000,000.00

<b>Dr D Kerr</b> Dr B Gardiner Dr P Vance Mr EP Kerr Prof S Coleman Dr L Eadie, Uni of Aberdeen Prof C Wu, North Eastern University Prof P Wilson, Uni of Aberdeen Prof Z Fang, North Eastern University	Rural Assistive Living	Department for the Economy-GCRF	£15,545.00
<b>Dr JG Harkin</b> Prof LJ McDaid Mr J Liu Dr Y Luo, Guangxi Normal University Mr S Deng, Guilin Earthquake Admin Mr Z Liao, Guilin Prime Power Tech	Transforming the Future of Infrastructure with Smart Analytics of Sensory Data using more Physically Robust and Efficient Neural Network Computing Technology	Department for the Economy-GCRF	£19,755.00
<b>Dr X Ding</b> Dr PL McClean Dr K Wong-Lin Dr M BucholcGongde Guo, College of Mathematics Honggin Yang, College of Photonic Qinyong Ye, Fujian Medical University	Towards Improving Dementia Care Pathway in China: Data Extraction for Dementia Diagnosis	Department for the Economy-GCRF	£19,800.00
<b>Dr D Charles</b> Prof SM McDonough Dr AA Moore Dr K Pedlow	Magic - Glass Phase 3	CEC-H2020-VIA Magic PCP	£257,993.00
<b>Dr M Bucholc</b> Dr K Wong-Lin Dr X Ding Dr J Palczewski,UU Dr S Titarenko, UU	Development of the prognostic multiple point-time model for predicting conversation from mild cognitive impairment to Alzheimer's disease using cognitive and functional	Alzheimer's Research UK Small Grant Pump	£2,300.00

<b>Prof S Coleman</b> Dr D Kerr	DFE CAST: Machine Vision for Automated Inspection of Hard Drive Components	Seagate Technology (Ireland)	£26,640.00
<b>Prof D Coyle</b> Dr K McCreddie	Spatial Computing & Neurotechnology Innovation Hub (Scan i-hub)	Department for the Economy-HERC Funding	£266,277.00
<b>Dr K Wong-Lin</b> Dr PL McClean Dr S Watterson Dr A Joshi	Computational modelling of novel serotonergic therapeutic mechanisms for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease	Alzheimer's REsearch UK Small Grant Pump	£3,000.00
<b>Michaela Black</b> Dr C Hughes Dr CIR Gill Prof HM McNulty Prof AJ Moore Dr D Rankin Prof JG Wallace	Time Series Geo-Referenced Health Care Analytics for Dementia	Health & Social Care Board	£7,451.00
<b>Michaela Black</b> Dr C Hughes Dr CIR Gill Dr L Hoey Prof HM McNulty Prof AJ Moore Dr D Rankin Prof JG Wallace Paul Carlin, SEHSC, Research	DARUG	NHSCT (HSC)	£99,904.81
<b>Dr P Vance</b> Dr D Kerr Prof S Coleman Dr B Wingfield	ICURE- BIONICS: BIO-Inspired surveillance System	Innovaate UK via ICURE Programme	£28,980.00
<b>Dr P Dunlop</b> Dr SP McDowell Sara Benetti Dr D Kerr Prof S Coleman Dr J Hanafin, National Uni of Ireland Dr R Noormets, The Uni Centre in Svalbar Mr C Kennedy, Derry City and Strabane Di Mr M McGarvey, Donegal County Council	Adaption and resilience tools for monitoring climate change impacts in NPA communities - Lead Partner	Interreg Northern Periphery & Arctic Programme	£12,908.00

<b>Dr R Price</b> Dr K Wong-Lin Dr L Dowey Dr F Duffy, NHST Mr B Crossey, Nightingale Analytics Mrs S Casey, AgeNI	Dementia Data Analytics Project	HSC R&D Public Health Agency	£100,000.00
<b>Dr JG Harkin</b> Mr M McElholm	iTEMPO - Track. Analyse. Optimize	Innovate UK/iCURE	£31,434.00