

Become an ETHOS Lab Junior Researcher

ETHOS Lab explores and experiments with creative, critical, and feminist methods and methodologies analysing technology in practice. We work with interdisciplinarity and employ digital methods, crafty materialisation of data, as well as ethnographical approaches. The lab is a space and a community at ITU within which you can explore new methods and have critical conversations about how our practices affect and are affected by our surroundings.

As a student, you now have the opportunity to become part of our community by enrolling as a Junior Researcher.

We are currently recruiting new Junior Researchers. **The application deadline is September 26th 2024, 23:59.**

Junior Researcher in ETHOS Lab

What is a Junior Researcher?

A Junior Researcher is a talented, enthusiastic ITU student who is interested in...

- being part of an experimental research lab
- working independently with their own research project
- improving their research skills along with fellow Junior Researchers.

The role is not paid but is an extracurricular activity that comes with a community of practice.

What do you mean by community of practice?

A community of practice is a group of people who share a common concern, a set of problems, or an interest in a topic and who come together to fulfill both individual and group goals. Communities of practice often focus on sharing best practices and creating new knowledge to advance a domain of professional practice. Interaction on an ongoing basis is an important part of this.

Here at the lab, you are invited into a community of faculty researchers and staff from ETHOS Lab's community, and you will receive input and feedback on your project at (at least) four events throughout the programme. You will also be invited to participate in events and workshops not directly related to your JR projects.

What will I be working on?

As a Junior Researcher, you enrol in ETHOS Lab with your own project which you will be working on throughout the course of one academic year/two semesters. Your project can relate to the Lab's themes and projects or merely reflect your own interests in dialogue with the Lab's theoretical grounding. The project can be related to a course or an individual project/thesis for which you will receive ECTS points, but it is not required.

Can we apply as a group?

Yes! We highly recommend you apply with 1-2 collaborators/teammates. This is however not a requirement, and many previous Junior Researchers have worked on individual projects.

How much time should I expect to spend on the programme?

The Junior Researcher Programme entails a few expected engagements and outputs. You will be expected to:

- Participate in bi-weekly meetings with the lab manager and your fellow JRs where you can discuss your project and progress. There will also occasionally be visiting researchers presenting their work during these sessions.
- Present your work at our informal Research Pitch and Play Fair sessions (presentations and interactive play), where you will get feedback from faculty and other JRs. There will be four sessions throughout the programme, and they will take place on November 6, Dec 4, as well as two dates in the spring semester - dates tbd (it is mandatory to be available for these sessions).
- Write 2 blog posts about your process and your findings for the ETHOS blog
- Participate in at least one ETHOS event not related to the JR programme
- Help out with volunteer tasks in the Lab

It is expected that you spend a minimum of three hours a week in the Lab working on your research project and attending the bi-weekly meeting. In return, you are given access to the Lab's resources and tools (such as the 3d printer and embroidery machine), expertise, workshops, insights into the internal workings of the Lab, and the chance to influence its development.

Anything else I should know?

In addition to sparring with faculty researchers and the ETHOS community, we offer the Lab space as a place to work (and hang out), the first bid at relevant academic events, access to software and workshops, and a great community of people dedicated to critical and experimental inquiry about the role of data and technology in society.

Inspiration from former Junior Researchers

On the ETHOS blog you can read blogposts from former Junior Researchers. You can also find the JR Flipbook on the ETHOS website, where you can read about former projects in the programme.

This is how the JR 22-23 cohort has described the programme

- It's a way of researching a topic that interests and trying to approach the subject from many different angles and methodologies in a semi-academic setting
- A sandbox for experimental extracurricular activities
- A non-competitive, collaborative community
- Your project isn't necessarily interdisciplinary, but the community and the way we give feedback is
- A fun way to experiment with different research approaches, without the pressure of having to excel academically

How to apply

ETHOS Lab is an interdisciplinary and diverse space, and students from all study programmes are welcome!

You apply by describing a project you want to work on in a 1-page application to ethos@itu.dk by September 26th 2024, 23:59

In this application you should unfold:

- A short project description
- Why this project is interesting
- Which methods you intend to use
- Which theories you are inspired by
- Why the Junior Researcher programme seems appealing to you

In addition, you may also add which relevant skills/knowledge you will bring into the Lab community. If the project is ECTS related, please include the name of your supervisor.

Important note: For planning purposes, we ask you to include a note of which of the following meeting times fit in your class schedule for the biweekly meetings:

- Tuesdays 10-12
- Tuesdays 13-15
- Tuesdays 15-17
- Wednesdays 14-16
- Thursdays 10-12
- Thursdays 13-15
- Thursdays 14-16

For questions regarding the programme or the application, contact ETHOS Lab Manager: Henriette Friis, hefh@itu.dk