

Looking for a PhD Candidate to start in either January 2027 / September 2027

PhD Topic: Happiness Cultivating Technologies for Work

This funded project will focus on studying, developing, and evaluating technologies that facilitate creative tasks while also cultivating happiness-related user experiences such as positive emotions, relatedness, meaning etc. For examples of our recent work in this area, please see the following examples: [example 1](#), [example 2](#), and [example 3](#). The project topic has flexibility for selecting specific directions for investigation based on mutual interest.

What's required:

The ideal candidate is one who is excited about topics related to creativity support tools, happiness, and human-computer interaction. If you are someone who wants to combine your interests in computer science and psychology, this position could be for you!

More specifically, looking for a candidate who is

1. Has strong software development skills
2. Has prior experience with human-computer interaction research (e.g., published a work-in-progress, short paper, workshop paper, or a full paper in a HCI venue)
3. Has some experience with design research methods, and qualitative and quantitative evaluation methods.
4. High overall GPA in past degree
5. Strong writing skills

Where is this position: University of Victoria, BC, Canada. Student will be joining the [VIXI group](#), which is part of the department of computer science, and working with [Sowmya Somanath](#). PhD programs in Canada are typically 4 years long and require completing course work (5 courses in total here at UVic) in addition to completing dissertation-related research.

How to apply: Please email me with a **single link** (e.g., website link) containing the following information. Emails with multiple attachments will not be reviewed. Thanks for your interest!

1. Full CV
2. Transcript
3. Examples of past projects
4. Relevant publications