



# CITIES + CITIZENS IN THE DIGITAL AGE

U21 SUMMER SCHOOL 2015

**1 – 15 July 2015, University of Glasgow, UK**

## **The programme**

Cities are complex, dynamic structures: difficult to predict and manage, with everyday issues arising in economic stability, energy security, environmental integrity, independent living, communications, built environment and civic participation.

Understanding how these services combine to produce a city level effect is a challenge. Their sheer complexity and unpredictability makes the policy setting and management of effective, high-functioning, successful cities an increasingly important social and economic priority. Successful cities are those which position themselves to understand systemic behaviours and develop policy and service responses which address the issues these create – an ability to respond and adapt to the changing environment around them.

The 12th U21 Summer School 2015 theme is *Cities and Citizens in the Digital Age* and will offer a programme of seminars and practical experiences demonstrating how new technologies can be used to support and improve the vital components of a fully functional city. This will cover citizen engagement, transportation, energy, big data, protecting vulnerable groups and physical regeneration, with a focus on how key services are increasingly informed and influenced by emerging technologies.

## **About the University of Glasgow**

The University of Glasgow was founded in 1451 and is located in Glasgow, Scotland, in one of the most dynamic cities in Europe. Glasgow is a broad-based, research-intensive institution with a global reach. We have more than 25,000 students from 120 countries around the world, and our



work is structured within four colleges, 20 schools and 11 research institutes. The University of Glasgow is ranked in the top 100 of universities worldwide (55<sup>th</sup> in QS World University Rankings 2014), and we rank amongst the highest in the UK for student satisfaction.

### **Participation in the academic programme**

Staff members from across the U21 network who are active in teaching or research relating to the theme of Cities and Citizens in the Digital Age are invited to contribute to the academic programme. Academic staff members who wish to discuss their potential involvement in the Summer School should contact the International Networks Coordinator, Sarah Ward (Sarah.Ward@glasgow.ac.uk).

### **Registration**

Each U21 member can nominate up to five students and two staff members with an interest in the Cities and Citizens theme. Nomination forms have been sent to U21 Managers along with this briefing. **Nominations close on 28 February, and all attending students will need to register with us by 1 April 2015.**

### **Fees**

Fees are £600 per student/staff member, to include 15 nights' accommodation, breakfast and lunch, Welcome and Farewell events, a weekend trip and most evening meals. Students need their own spending money for occasional dinners on free nights, transfers to and from the airport, and personal costs while visiting Scotland. **Fees should be collected by the sending institution, and then paid to The University of Glasgow by bank transfer.** Invoices will be issued during April 2015.

### **Contact**

For further information, please contact International Networks Coordinator at [U21summerschool2015@glasgow.ac.uk](mailto:U21summerschool2015@glasgow.ac.uk).

