



The **Centre for Applied Creative Technologies (CfACTs)** led by Prof Jian Chang Bournemouth University, is recruiting Post-Doctoral Researchers Fellows (1<sup>st</sup> cohort starting April 2021) to work on Creative Technology R&D with Industry Partners. Please see:

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CfACTs is founded on the expertise of **National Research Centre for Computer Animation (NRCCA), Bournemouth University** <https://www.bournemouth.ac.uk/research/centres-institutes/national-research-centre-computer-animation> . NRCCA academics will provide supervisory support to the CfACTs Fellows during a two year placement with Industry Partners. Selected expertise and recent publications of the NRCCA team are provided below:

## Publications by Research Topic:

### 1. AI Assisted 3D Reconstruction and Character Modelling

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## 2. AI Assisted Human Motion Capture, Recognition, Prediction and Retrieval

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