Sensor CDT Application Guidance – October 2022 intake

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All applicants for the EPSRC Centre for Doctoral Training in Sensor Technologies for a Healthy and Sustainable Future need to complete and submit an online application.

Instructions on how to complete the online application

1. Read the relevant pages in the course directory ("EPSRC CDT MRes + PhD in Sensor Technologies and Applications").
2. When you are ready, click "Apply Now". In the Applicant Portal, either register for a new account or login with your email address and password.
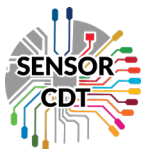3. Select 1-Oct-2022 as the course start date and continue by selecting *Apply for this course*.

Complete the each section following the instructions in the applicant portal. You can save your application at any time and return to it at a later stage.

Please read our additional notes below carefully and tailor your application accordingly.

About You

College Membership

In this section you can indicate your preference for a College. Colleges are independent from the Departments where the postgraduate courses are taught and provide a community, accommodation and pastoral support. All students become members of a College. We recommend indicating a preference. Advice on how to choose a College can be found here. If you do not indicate a preference, successful applicants will be assigned a College by the University.

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References

If you have left higher education more than three years ago, follow this [guidance](#) on selecting referees.

Research

You do not need to provide a PhD proposal or suggest a supervisor at this stage. Successful candidates will develop a PhD proposal during the MRes year in direct collaboration with a supervisor. Therefore, please select **No**.

Other Information

1. *Curriculum vitae (CV):* Please upload your curriculum vitae (max 2 pages).
2. *Career goals:* Tell us about your goals and aspirations.
3. *Additional information to support application:* Tell us anything you would like to highlight, that does not seem to fit in any other box. This is field is optional and there is no penalty if you leave this field empty. Do not use this field to expand your answers to other questions or to duplicate any statements.

Course Specific Questions

Statement of interest:

Please state clearly the reasons why you have chosen to apply to this course. Questions you may address could include but are not limited to: What is your vision of research in sensors and related technologies? How can sensor technologies and their applications contribute to a healthy and sustainable future? Please be factual and support your statements with evidence.

Research experience:

Please provide evidence for prior interest and experience in interdisciplinary research, e.g. research projects you may have carried out as part of your education or employment. We are particularly interested to hear about your prior experience related to sensor technologies.

Funding

Funding your study

You must select **Yes – I wish to apply for funding** to be considered for any funding. We strongly recommend that all applicants select this irrespective of their funding situation and apply to all funding sources available. Ensure that you research all opportunities thoroughly and provide a *tailored* statement for each award.

Gates Cambridge

Please select **Yes** if you wish to be considered for a Gates Scholarship and enter the required information.

Please note the earlier application deadline for Gates Cambridge Scholarships if you are a US citizen.

You do not need to upload a PhD proposal or name a supervisor. However, to be considered for Gates funding you must submit a statement of interest instead. This could start like this: *"The EPSRC CDT in Sensor Technologies for a Healthy and Sustainable Future is a programme in which a research proposal is developed during the first year. Therefore, I will here write about why I believe Cambridge and this programme are the best possible choice for me."*

UKRI

EPSRC is a member research council of UKRI and you will be automatically considered for our EPSRC funded places if you meet the eligibility criteria. No additional statement is required, we will consider you automatically provided that you have selected **Yes – I wish to apply for funding** under *How to Apply for Funding.*

Pay & Submit

Check whether you are eligible for a fee waiver here.

Once you are ready to submit, please review your completed application, and then submit and proceed to payment. Note that only complete applications can be submitted. Incomplete applications will not be processed.

After submitting your online application

Once you have submitted your application, please send a confirmation email to admin@sensors.cam.ac.uk. This is essential for your application to be processed efficiently.