Graduate admissions process – October 2020 intake

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 form via the Applicant Portal which can be found at: [http://www.graduate.study.cam.ac.uk/](http://www.graduate.study.cam.ac.uk/)

### Instructions to fill out the application form.

1. Under Filter Courses, enter sensor in the search box. Select **Sensor Technologies and Applications (EPSRC CDT)**1.
2. You will come to a set of pages with important information about the Sensor CDT. Most questions about the Sensor CDT and the application process, including language requirements and funding, will be answered on these pages.
3. To apply, select the **Apply Now** box on the right. In the Applicant Portal, either register for a new account or login with your email address and password.
4. Select 1-Oct-2019 as the course start date and continue by selecting **Apply for this course**.

Complete the next sections providing the following information (note you can save your application at any time and return to it at a later stage). Please read any additional information carefully before filling out the forms.

#### 5. About You

   a. **Personal Details**
   b. **Contact Details**
      
      Please enter your Skype address in case you cannot attend a potential interview in person.
   c. **Nationality** and, if required, your passport/visa details.
   d. **Additional Information**

#### 6. Course Application

   a. **Reference Request**
      
      Please provide details of two referees. You cannot submit your application without sending the reference requests.
   b. **Academic History**
      
      Please upload relevant transcripts or state when they will be available.
   c. **Employment History**
   d. **English Language**

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1 The full name of the Sensor CDT has changed recently and is not yet reflected in the course directory.
e. Research
You do not need a PhD proposal or supervisor at this stage. Successful candidates will develop a proposal together with a supervisors during their first year. Therefore, please select No.2

f. College Membership
In this section you can indicate your preference for a College. All students become members of a College, which provides accommodation, a community and pastoral support. Some 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.

g. Other Information – this section is mandatory
  * Curriculum vitae (CV): Please upload your curriculum vitae (max 2 pages).
  * Career goals: Tell us about your goals and aspirations.
  * Additional information to support application: Please state your vision of sensor technologies and applications. Why do you think sensor research is important?

h. Course Specific Questions – this section is mandatory
  * Statement of interest: Please state clearly the reasons why you have chosen to apply to this course. Wherever possible, please provide factual evidence for prior interest and experience in interdisciplinary research in areas related to sensor research, e.g. sensor related research projects you may have carried out as part of your education or employment.

Please note that we place particular emphasis on the information you provide under Course Application in the Other Information and Course Specific Questions sections, your academic transcripts, and your academic references when considering your application.

7. Funding
a. Finances
   Please select Yes and provide details if you already have funding for this course or if you are applying for funding from sources other than the Sensor CDT.

b. Funding Opportunities
   Please select Yes to be considered for funding from the Cambridge Trust and other merit based scholarships such as the Gates Cambridge Scholarship. Please provide a Personal statement which includes the reasons why you believe you should be considered for an award.

c. 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 submit a PhD proposal or supervisor. However, to be considered for Gates funding you should submit a statement of interest instead. This could start like this: "As the CDT in Sensor Technologies for a Healthy and Sustainable Future is a programme in which a research proposal is developed during the first year, I will instead write about why I believe Cambridge and this programme are the best possible choice for me."

2 If you are applying for a specific industry funded project please select Yes and complete the Research title and Research supervisor fields. Industry funded projects are advertised separately from the general intake; you cannot apply to work with a specific supervisor in the general intake.
Notes on funding

UK and EU students:
The CDT in Sensor Technologies for a Healthy and Sustainable Future offers about 10 studentships per year to UK and EU students. These studentships provide full funding (fees + stipend) for eligible students from the UK and the EU. Normally, to be eligible UK and EU students must have been resident in the UK for at least three years prior to entering the Sensor CDT (with some further constraint regarding residence for education). UK and EU students not eligible for full funding may still be eligible to receive partial funding (fees only). For full details on eligibility, fees and funding, please consult: http://www.graduate.study.cam.ac.uk/finance/funding and the EPSRC website: https://www.epsrc.ac.uk/skills/students/help/eligibility/

UK and EU students may also be eligible for funding administered by Cambridge University (e.g. Cambridge Trust) and we strongly suggest you select Yes in the Scholarships section.

You need to apply by the relevant deadline to be considered for any of these studentships.

Overseas students:
Overseas students are welcome to apply to the CDT but need to provide their own funding. For information on fees and funding, please consult: http://www.graduate.study.cam.ac.uk/finance/funding

Overseas students may be eligible for funding administered by Cambridge University (e.g. Gates Cambridge Scholarship or one of the Cambridge Commonwealth, European and International Trust and the Cambridge International Scholarship Schemes). Please select Yes in the Funding Application section to be considered for funding. You need to apply by the relevant deadline to be considered for any of these studentships.

8. Equal Opportunities

Please enter the relevant information if you wish to do so. Information on ethnicity will not be made available to us; if you disclose a disability you will be put in contact with the Disability Resource Centre to establish what support, if any, is required to enable you to study effectively. We will have access to information on any disabilities, but this will not be considered when assessing your application.

9. Pay & Submit

When 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.