Postgraduate admissions process, 2016 intake

All applicants for the EPSRC Centre for Doctoral Training in Sensor Technologies and Applications need to fill out the Graduate Admission and Scholarship Application Form (GRADSAF) which can be found at

http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/students/gradadmissions/prospec/apply/

Instructions to fill out the GRADSAF online form

1. Select the box *Create/Continue an Application* at the top right, enter your email address and create a password.
2. Read the on-screen instructions and continue.
3. Enter your personal information.
4. On the Course Selection page search for the CDT by entering *sensor* in the search box.
5. Select *EPSRC CDT: Sensor Technologies and Application*.
6. Select *Michaelmas Term 2016* as your start date.
7. Click on *Apply for the Course Selected*. This will take you to Section A of the form where you need to enter your personal information, university education, etc.
8. You can always save your application and provide further information later by login back into the system through the Select the box *Create/Continue an Application* box.

   Notes for Section A

9. Fill out sections A(1) and A(2).
10. In section A(3) select *PhD* as Final Award and enter *4* in the box labelled Duration (years). The course code, EGCBR1, and the Department are automatically filled in – the Department of Chemical Engineering and Biotechnology is handling your application, but you can later carry out your PhD research in any of the departments participating in the CDT. The course is only offered for full time study.
11. In section A(4) you can select a Cambridge College. We recommend that you enter *Robinson College* as first choice. We hope to create a strong cohort identity in this way by housing CDT students in the same college during their course. You are free, however, to make your own choice or leave the fields blank.
12. Fill out sections A(5) to A(10).
13. In section A(11) select two referees. These should be two academic referees if you are a current undergraduate student, or one academic and one professional referee, if you are currently employed. Please check with your referees if they are able to provide their references within the 14 days after you submit your application.
14. In Section A(12), *supervisor's name* box, enter: **CDT in Sensor Technologies and Applications**. This is very important for the form to be processed correctly. Please enter the appropriate information in the larger box in section A(12) depending on the type of project you are applying for.

a. *If you are applying for the Sensor CDT in general*
You will only choose a research supervisor when you progress from MRes to PhD after your 1st year. We do not require a *research proposal* at this stage. Instead, use the space provided to clearly state 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.

b. *If you are applying for a specific industry funded project*
Please enter the project title of the project for which you are applying.
The research proposal has been described in the advertisement. Please use this space to clearly state why you want to work on the particular industry funded project. Wherever possible, please provide factual evidence for prior interest and relevant experience in areas related to this project.

15. Please use the space in Sections A(14) and A(15) to support your application by stating your vision on the current state of sensor technology and your aspirations.

    Notes for Section B

16. Section B of the form concerns the application for funding.

    UK and EU students:
    The CDT in Sensor Technologies and Applications offers ca. 10 studentships per year for UK and EU students. These studentships provide full funding (fees + stipend) for UK and eligible EU students. 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.admin.cam.ac.uk/students/studentregistry/fees/funding/councils/eligibility.html and the EPSRC student eligibility information:
    http://www.epsrc.ac.uk/skills/students/help/Pages/eligibility.aspx

    UK and EU students may also be eligible for the Cambridge Home/EU Scholarship Scheme and we suggest you select the appropriate box at the start of Part B of the online application form and fill out sections B(3) and B(4).

    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 a Gates Cambridge Scholarship or one of the Cambridge Commonwealth, European and International Trust and the Cambridge International Scholarship Schemes. **You need to apply to the CDT by 2 of December 2014 to be considered for any of these studentships.** Please select the appropriate

box at the start of Part B of the online application form and fill out the relevant sections in B(1) – B(4).

Notes for Section C

17. Please fill out Section C. The information you provide in C(2) will help us to optimise our course advertising.

Submitting your application

When you are ready to submit your application please click *Review and Submit*. You will have 14 days to supply supporting documentation, e.g. academic transcripts. Letters from your referees should also arrive within this time and will be added automatically to your application.

Once you have submitted your application, please send a confirmation email to Dr. Oliver Hadeler, admin@sensors.cam.ac.uk, **together with your CV** (max 2 pages). This is crucial for efficient processing of your application.

Please note that we place particular emphasis on the information you provide in sections A(12), A(14) and A(15), your academic transcripts, and your academic references when considering your application.