

HELLO TOMORROW

Faculty of Science and Engineering

POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH

*YOUR GUIDE TO GETTING A **PhD***

**Wednesday, 26 June 2024
1pm - 2pm (BST)**



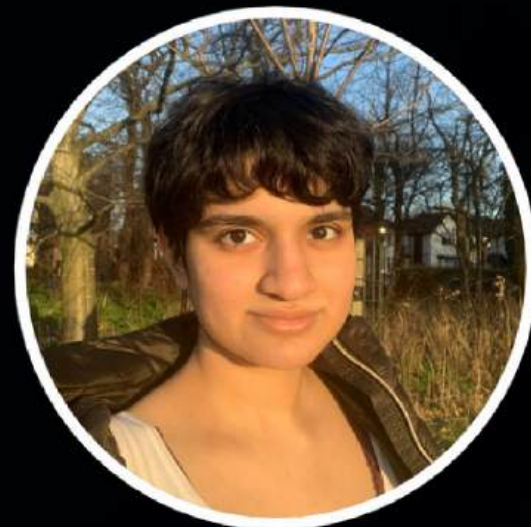
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TODAY'S PANEL

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IS THIS YOU?

ON TRACK FOR A 2:1?

CURIOUS?

TENACIOUS?

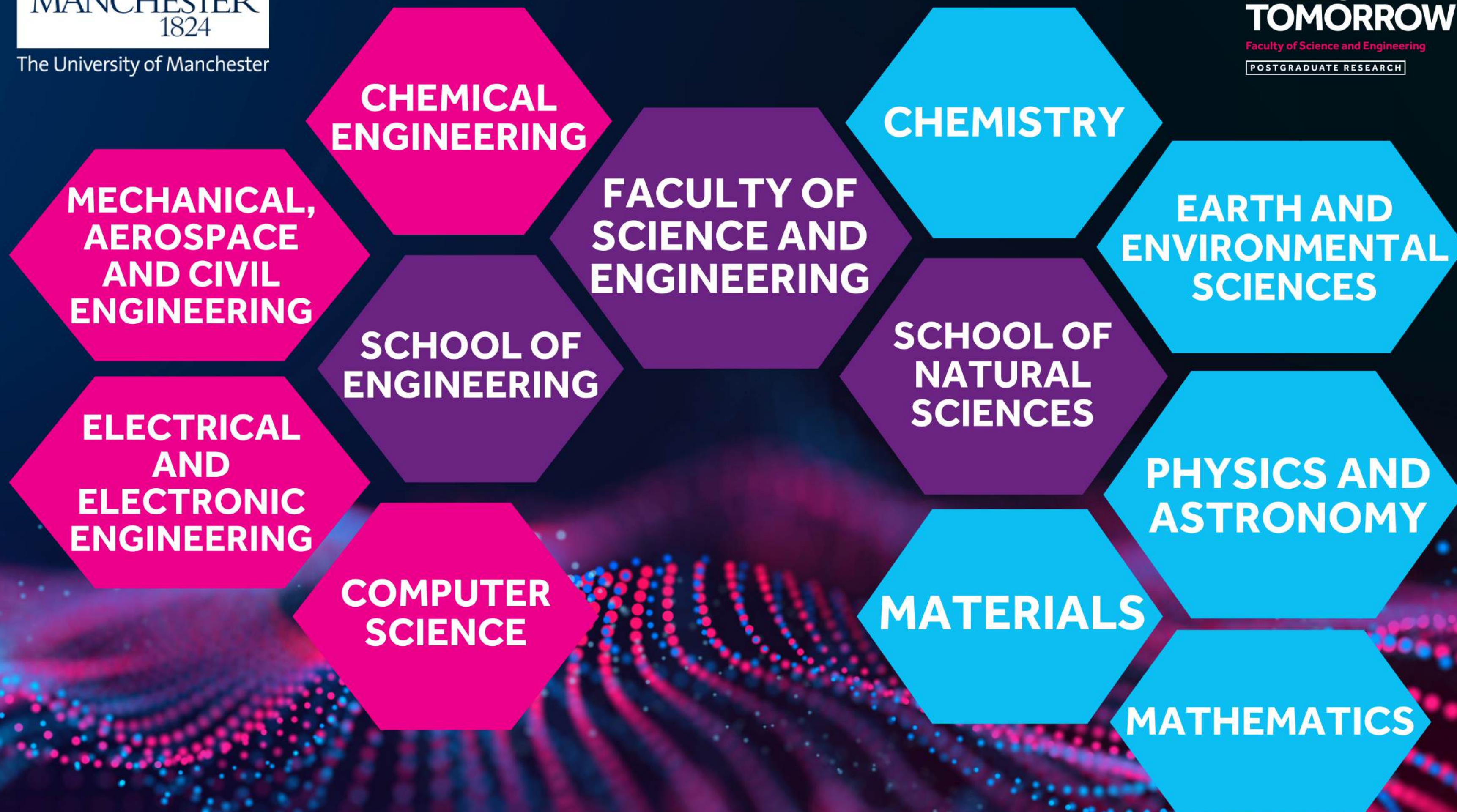
STRONG COMMUNICATION SKILLS?

PROBLEM SOLVER?

**DEMONSTRATEABLE
RESEARCH POTENTIAL?**

YES?

**Whatever your gender, age, ethnicity or disability, your
tomorrow could be postgraduate research!**



THINGS TO CONSIDER

Which subject inspires you?

Which aspect of that subject are you so passionate about that you'd want to study it for the next 3 – 4 years?

Do you have your own idea for a project, or are you attracted by an available/example project?

Do you know someone who could, or would, supervise you?

How are you going to fund your research?

HOW TO FIND A PROJECT

Search advertised
research projects
(on our website or
Find a PhD)



Propose your
own research
project



CENTRES FOR DOCTORAL TRAINING

**EPSRC Centre for Doctoral
Training in SATURN (Skills
and Training Underpinning
a Renaissance in Nuclear)**

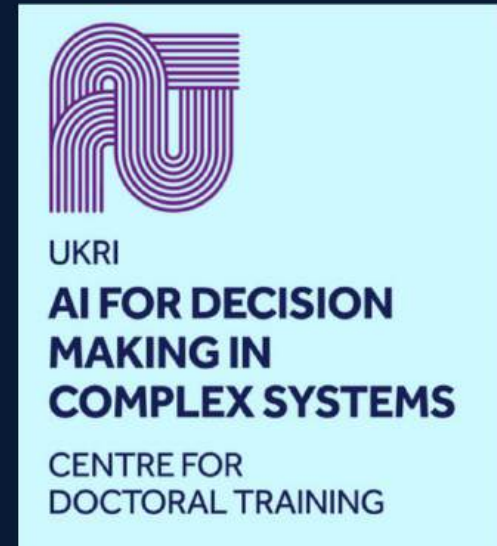
Recruiting for Sept 2024



SATURN

**UKRI AI Centre for
Doctoral Training in
Decision Making for
Complex Systems**

Recruiting for Sept 2024



HENRY
ROYCE
INSTITUTE

**EPSRC Centre for
Doctoral Training
Developing National
Capability for
Materials 4.0**

**EPSRC Centre
for Doctoral
Training in
Robotics and
AI for Net Zero**

**EPSRC Centre
for Doctoral
Training in 2D
Materials for
Tomorrow
(2DMoT)**

DUAL AND JOINT AWARDS

**Joint-award
with IISc
Bangalore**



**Dual-award
with IIT
Kharagpur**



**Dual-award
with the
University of
Melbourne**



**A*STAR
split-site
award
(Singapore)**



**Dual-award
with the
University of
Tokyo**





ADMISSIONS

James Lister
PGR Admissions Coordinator

HOW TO APPLY

1) Choose your research area

The first step is to identify a project or research area that you're passionate about

2) Find a supervisor

Find an academic member of staff with relevant experience and contact them to discuss your research area

3) Find funding

Securing funding can be difficult. Make sure you can start your search as soon as possible. Your supervisor may be able to help

6) Interviews

All students will be considered for an interview (it is competitive for funded places)

5) Apply online

Include as much information as you can in the application, so that it can go quickly to the right supervisor or research group

4) Write supporting statement

Check the department's website for details of what you should include

COMPLETING YOUR APPLICATION

Ensure you name potential supervisor/s in your application

Choose your preferred supervisor carefully - if you are not applying for an advertised project use our research pages to find potential supervisors whose area of interest and expertise closely match your research topic

**Ensure you upload all the required documents with your application to avoid delays in consideration of your application
Watch out for emails requesting additional information!**

Approach your referees to ensure they are expecting a reference request from us

FUNDING

President's Scholarship



UK and
international
students



3.5 years fully
funded inc.
tuition at UK or
int. rate



Annual
maintenance
stipend

Dean's Scholarship



UK and
international
students



3.5 years fully
funded inc. tuition
at UK or int. rate



Annual
maintenance
stipend and
£1,000 a year RTSG

PGRTA Scholarship



UK/non-Visa
students



Teach, study and
learn, PhD
scholarship with
teaching contract



Fully funded inc.
tuition



Min. combined
teaching salary and
stipend of £23,406
/annum

APPLYING FOR FUNDING

Indicate that you wish to be considered for funding in the application form



Discuss funding opportunities with your proposed supervisor



Check application deadlines - varies depending on funding awards



Nomination and selection process varies depending on funding source - most funded scholarships will involve panel interviews



WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

1) Initial assessment

Initial assessment carried out by the Admissions Team

2) Academic consideration

Complete applications referred for academic consideration

3) Interview

Interview with potential supervisor and independent internal interviewer

6) Offers

Details of the offer are agreed by the potential supervisor/s and Senior Reviewer.

5) Funding interviews

Shortlisted candidates are invited to an interview with an independent funding panel.

4) Funding nomination

Academic supervisor can nominate candidates for Faculty or Departmental funding.



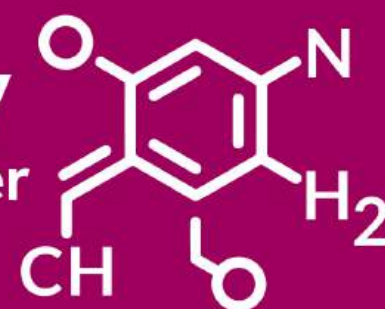
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Q&A

**Drop any questions you've got for
Charlotte and Amirhossein in the Q&A box**



THANK YOU