

HELLO TOMORROW

Faculty of Science and Engineering

POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH

How to apply: PhDs, funding and admissions

Wednesday, 5 February
2pm - 3pm (GMT)

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!**

**CHEMICAL
ENGINEERING**

CHEMISTRY

**EARTH AND
ENVIRONMENTAL
SCIENCES**

**FACULTY OF
SCIENCE AND
ENGINEERING**

**MECHANICAL,
AEROSPACE
AND CIVIL
ENGINEERING**

**SCHOOL OF
NATURAL
SCIENCES**

**SCHOOL OF
ENGINEERING**

**PHYSICS AND
ASTRONOMY**

**ELECTRICAL
AND
ELECTRONIC
ENGINEERING**

MATERIALS

**COMPUTER
SCIENCE**

MATHEMATICS

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

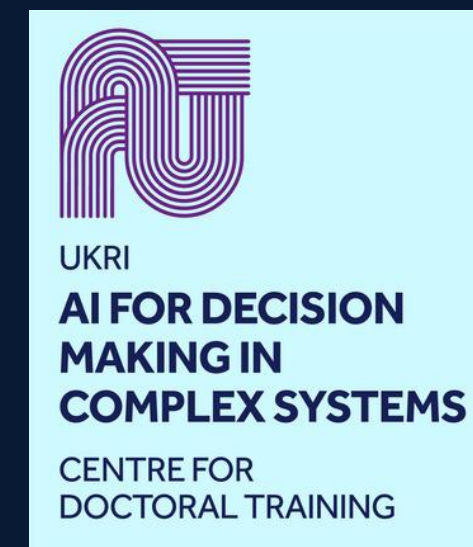


CENTRES FOR DOCTORAL TRAINING

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



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



All CDTs currently recruiting for September 2025

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



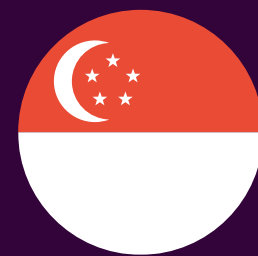
Dual-award
with IIT
Kharagpur



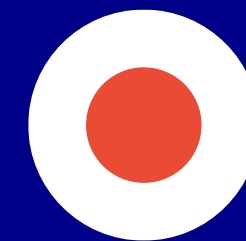
Dual-award
with the
University of
Melbourne



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

Diversity Scholarship

 UK students, identifying as black/black heritage

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

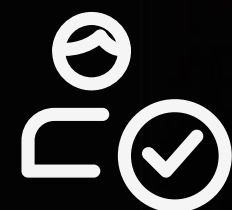
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Bicentenary

PhD Studentships
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*Celebrating 200 years of
research-driven learning*



UK and international
students



4 years fully funded inc.
tuition at UKRI rate



Annual maintenance
stipend

Making a difference
SINCE 1824

200
YEARS

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.

Q&A

**Drop any questions you've
got in the Q&A box**



GOT A QUESTION?

Drop us an email
fse.doctoralacademy.admissions@manchester.ac.uk



The University of Manchester

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