

## DA CDT Application Instructions

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To apply for a **Centre For Doctoral Training in Distributed Algorithms (DA CDT) PhD**, [complete the University's PhD application form](#).

Please note: The University's PhD application is generic and used for all PhD programmes. The DA CDT Application Instructions tells you what is and is not required for a DA CDT PhD application. When you complete an application for a DA CDT PhD, follow these instructions to ensure your application is received and processed by the correct team. Any deviation from the guidance may result in your application not being processed.

### In particular please note:

- **Select 'Electrical Engineering and Electronics PhD' as your program of study – see point 1 below.**
  - The CDT is part of the EEE. Do not choose any other department (regardless of supervisory department or any other instruction). See the highlighted note in point 1 for specific instructions.
- **Submit a ranked list of the 3 projects you wish to be considered for at the end of your supporting statement.**
  - Review the [DA CDT project adverts](#).
  - Failure to submit this list with your application may result in an unsuccessful outcome
- **Do not submit a research proposal** – the project advert is your 'research proposal'.

Visit the University's PhD application site. Click [apply online](#) and follow the DA CDT application instructions below.

1. Enter the following information:

**Admission Term:** 2021-22

**Application Type:** Research Degree (MPhil/PhD/MD) – Full time (or part time if that is the case)

**\*\*\*Programme of Study: Electrical Engineering and Electronics – Doctor in Philosophy (PhD)\*\*\***

The DA CDT is part of the EEE department and all application must be sent to EEE. Submitting a DA CDT application to an alternative department may result in your application not being processed.

2. For both generic and project-specific applications:

**Have you already identified a member of staff who will supervise:** Yes

**Supervisor(s):** insert Simon Maskell (Director of the CDT)

3. Research project or topic:

**Please give brief details of your research area of interest or the title of the project:** insert DA CDT

**Are you applying for a studentship within an RCUK Centre for Doctoral Training:** Yes

**Proposed Start Date:** October 2021

4. Finance (accurate as of Dec 2020, please check the [University PhD Fee pages](#) for fee updates):

**Do you already have funding in place?**

Home Students: Yes

International Students: Yes, international students who are successfully appointed to the CDT will be charged home student fees which will be paid for by the DA CDT. More info can be found in Annex A.

**What is the main source of funding?**

EPSRC DA CDT

**If you have been awarded funding or you are applying for a funding, please provide details:** DA CDT

**If you have selected Studentship, please indicate the type of studentship and provide the reference number of this studentship:** DA CDT (no reference number needed)

**If you are applying for a University of Liverpool Studentship please indicate the Studentship Title:** insert DA CDT and preferred project title.

5. Supporting Information:

**Supporting Statement:** (no more than 700 words) please [read the CDT Interview guidance](#) and align your supporting statement with the information on this page. **Include a ranked list of your top 3 preferred projects.** If you're submitting a generic application, please include a note that this is a generic application.

**Research Proposal:** Do not submit a research proposal despite what the University application form states.

**Curriculum Vitae:** upload a copy of your CV (2-page max) which highlights key points about your qualifications, MSc project (or similar), career/placements, your experience and any other details on your technical experience or professional interests which is relevant.

**Clinical Visit Form:** n/a

## **Appendix A – International, EU student eligibility and student fees**

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From Academic Year 2021/22 onwards, **EU and EEA students who do not meet the eligibility<sup>1</sup> requirements will become classified as international students.** Eligibility is based on residency not nationality:

- EU and EEA students with settled status will be classified as Home students.
- EU and EEA students who do not meet the eligibility requirements will be classified as international students.

[EPSRC](#) (the DA CDT's funder) allows the DA CDT to offer **up to 30%** of the new studentships per cohort (in any one year) to support the very best international students (**the 'International DA CDT Students'**). There is typically strong competition to make use of this flexibility.

If successful, International DA CDT Students would receive a fully-funded studentship award which includes:

- a minimum stipend at [the current UKRI rate](#), for your living costs which is paid in regular instalments,
- tuition fees, and
- research support for conferences, consumables, travel, etc.

**Successful International DA CDT Students will be charged the UK/Home student fee level.** Therefore, the International DA CDT Students will be fully funded.

Furthermore, EPSRC will not allow the DA CDT to recruit **self-funded international students** in addition to the 30% International DA CDT Students.

The University's current fee structure can be found here and will be updated with 21/22 rates in due course: <https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/study/postgraduate-research/fees-and-funding/fees-and-costs-19/>

Further information on what Brexit may mean for EU students is available here: <https://www.universitiesuk.ac.uk/policy-and-analysis/brexit/Pages/brexit-faqs.aspx>

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<sup>1</sup> Eligibility criteria for EPSRC DA CDT studentships (see Annex B on page 21): <https://www.ukri.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/UKRI-291020-guidance-to-training-grant-terms-and-conditions.pdf>