DA CDT Application Instructions

To apply for a PhD with the Centre for Doctoral Training in Distributed Algorithms (DA CDT), **you must follow these instructions.**

Given the number of applications received, **any deviation from these instructions may result in your application not being received and assessed.**

You must apply using the University's PhD application form. It is a generic form used for all PhD programme applications.

These instructions tell you what is and is not required for a DA CDT PhD application and will ensure your application is received by the DA CDT.

Visit the University's PhD application site. Click apply online and complete the form following these instructions:

1. Enter the following information:
   Admission Term: 2022-23
   Application Type: Research Degree (MPhil/PhD/MD) – Full time (or part time if that is the case)
   Programme of Study: Select Electrical Engineering and Electronics (EEE) – Doctor in Philosophy (PhD)
   - *You must select EEE or your application will not be sent to the DA CDT. If you select an alternative department your application will not be received by the correct team and will not be 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 2022
4. Finance:
   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.**
   - **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

- **References:** please submit the names of your references and reference letters. If you don't have the letters yet, please submit their names and add a note that the letters will be sent in within 2 weeks of the advert closing date.

Don't forget!

- **Select 'Electrical Engineering and Electronics PhD' as your program of study – see point 1 below.**
    - o This ensures your application is sent to the correct department.
    - o The CDT is part of Electrical Engineering and Electronics (EEE) department. Do not choose any other department (regardless of supervisor 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 <u>at the end of your supporting statement.</u>**
    - o Review the DA CDT project adverts.
    - o 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'.
- **We need your references** – if you don't have them ready yet, please send us their names and when you plan to send the reference letters (no later than 2 weeks after the closing date).

Appendix A – International, EU student eligibility and student fees

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