



The Scottish Doctoral Training Centre in Condensed Matter Physics

An EPSRC Centre for Doctoral Training in Condensed Matter Physics

Studentship Application Guide

The Scottish Doctoral Training Centre in Condensed Matter Physics (CM-CDT) Studentships are prestigious and competitive awards intended to attract outstanding physics students, to study for a 4 year, condensed matter physics PhD in Scotland.

You will be asked to state your first choice of CM-CDT University and preferred Supervisor / Project. You are strongly advised to make contact with prospective supervisors and research groups before applying (See Project webpage: http://cm-cdt.supa.ac.uk/research/phd_projects.php)

The CM-CDT universities are:

- St Andrews
- Heriot-Watt
- Edinburgh

Places in the Doctoral Training Centre are available for UK students or EU citizens who have spent at least 4 years in full-time study in the UK. We also have a limited number of scholarship places available to exceptional international students. Please contact the Centre by email at cm-cdt@supa.ac.uk for details. Also visit our [Frequently Asked Questions](#) page.

Studentships will be awarded competitively and up to 15 awards will be available this year for outstanding candidates. If you are awarded a studentship by the Centre, this will provide a generous annual stipend and a £1000 starting allowance for personal equipment e.g. laptop computer and £2500 per annum for conference and workshop attendance.

Applicants are advised that they must also apply to their chosen University to undertake a PhD and are obliged to meet the minimum requirements of that institution.

There will be a requirement, associated with these positions, to undertake 'Public Engagement' activities, and to teach or undertake lab supervision. This will be negotiated between the student and the host university.

Applications must be made online using the web form at: <http://cm-cdt.supa.ac.uk>. At the end of the process, you will be given an application code. Please make a careful note of this code.

On completion of the on-line form, you will be invited to upload a scanned transcript of your first degree (after high school) in pdf format. Transcripts are optional and not a requirement.

You are responsible for completing the form accurately and for ensuring that your two named referees upload the references.

It is very important that both you and your referees quote your unique application reference code and your name on all correspondence and submissions. The email address for enquiries about references is cm-cdt@supa.ac.uk.

Requirements

Please prepare the following before starting the application form:

1. Your contact details, including a valid email address **that you will check regularly.**
2. The contact details of two referees who **have agreed** to provide references for you.
3. Details of your higher education (after high school) academic record and any English language qualifications (including scores and grades) if applicable.
4. Details of your academic achievements, prizes, awards and publications.
5. A prepared statement of your interest in a chosen CM-CDT project or area of research (approx. 200 words).
6. A prepared statement of what makes you a suitable candidate for a CM-CDT studentship (approx. 200 words).
7. Optional: a scanned transcript of your first degree (after high school) in **pdf format.**