

#### STAR - Sky Transport Autonomous Robot

We are seeking excellent candidates with interests in computer vision, image processing, Artificial Intelligence (AI), and deep learning who want to study at a top 10 <u>UK research-led University</u> whilst working with industrial partners.

This project is part of the EPSRC Centre for Doctoral Training in Embedded Intelligence. In choosing this project you'll work alongside academics that are leaders in their field and benefit from a four-year studentship award that includes an enhanced EPSRC tax-free annual stipend of at least £17,777 per annum and UK/EU tuition fees. Furthermore, you will have access to a personal training budget of £10,000, which is in addition to a research budget and support from academic members of staff and industrial partners.

Loughborough University aims to ensure equality for men and women. We follow the principles of the Athena SWAN Charter by wishing to attract, support, and reward women in STEMM at all career stages.

# **Project Details:**

The studentship is co-sponsored by Motion Robotics and you will join a growing research group within the Department of Computer Science. This project is an exciting opportunity to be part of a team of engineers and researchers working with intelligent transport drones. This project will embed into a drone flight control system the machine intelligence to perform autonomous safe landings based on image processing of the ground below. The successful candidate would be involved in all stages of the drone development and deployment emphasising the AI and machine vision aspects.

# Find out more:

www.cdt-ei.org

www.motion-robotics.co.uk

#### **Entry requirements:**

Applicants should have, or expect to achieve, at least a 2:1 Honours degree (or equivalent) in related engineering or computer science degree with strong programming skills. A relevant Master's degree and/or experience in drone flying, image processing, pattern recognition and deep learning is desirable.

Applicants must meet the minimum English Language requirements, details available on the website.

### **Funding information:**

The studentship is for four years and provides a tax free stipend of £17,777 per annum for the duration, plus tuition fees at the UK/EU rate. Due to funding restrictions, this is only available to those who are eligible to pay UK/EU fees. In order to qualify for a full award, all applicants must

meet the EPSRC eligibility criteria including the minimum UK residency requirement <a href="https://www.epsrc.ac.uk/skills/students/help/eligibility/">https://www.epsrc.ac.uk/skills/students/help/eligibility/</a>.

#### **Contact details:**

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Enquiries about the application process and CDT programme can be made to <a href="mailto:cdt-ei@lboro.ac.uk">cdt-ei@lboro.ac.uk</a> or visit the website <a href="https://www.cdt-ei.org">www.cdt-ei.org</a>. For answers to frequently asked questions about the CDT, <a href="mailto:visit the website">visit the website</a>.

# **How to Apply**

All applications should be made online at <a href="http://www.lboro.ac.uk/study/apply/research/">http://www.lboro.ac.uk/study/apply/research/</a>. Under programme name, select "CDT Embedded Intelligence Wolfson School"

Please quote reference number: 2018CDTEICS5

Application deadline: 8th August 2018.





