

# EPSRC Robotics and Autonomous Systems Centre

## Information for Prospective Students - FAQs

<http://www.edu-ras.org>

<http://www.eps.hw.ac.uk/institutes/robotics-autonomous-systems-cdt.htm>

### Who runs the Centre?

Heriot-Watt University and the University of Edinburgh are jointly offering an innovative 4 year PhD training programme, drawing on our extensive experience with postgraduate teaching and research supervision in the area of robotics and autonomous systems.

### What programmes will the Centre provide?

The Centre will provide individually tailored course and project portfolios taken during the first year of the programme that ensures all students will have a strong general grounding in current theory, methods and applications, with flexibility for strategic individualised study, and strong support leading to a specialised PhD project.

### How many studentships are available each year?

Up to 25 per annum.

### Is funding available?

Yes, each eligible student would receive a scholarship of at least £13,726 per annum plus have their tuition fees paid for the duration of the 4 year programme.

### When can students start?

There is an intake each September, to ensure that students complete the requisite taught courses.

### What taught courses are studied?

Taught courses are studied during the 1st semester of the first year of the programme. The courses are offered by the University of Edinburgh and Heriot-Watt University (School of Engineering & Physical Sciences and School of Mathematical and Computer Science).

### Will there be industrial placements?

Some students will be linked to a company sponsor for the whole programme.

### How are the students supervised?

Each student will have two Academic Supervisors - one from HW and one from Edinburgh.

### Which University will award the final degree?

The final degree award will be a dual award from both universities.

**What does the first year of the CDT involve?**

The first year is partly taught and partly a preparatory project. Successful completion of the first year would qualify a student for the award of an MRes.

**Would students be mainly based within the Heriot-Watt campus or Edinburgh University campus?**

Students will receive instruction on both campuses during Year 1 but once they have been paired up with a PhD supervisor they are expected to spend most (but not all) of their time at their supervisor's campus.