Diamond Science & Technology
Professional Training Programmes
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Foreword

The EPSRC Centre for Doctoral Training in Diamond Science & Technology (DST) brings together leading academics from nine partner universities and industrialists from more than 30 companies to deliver research excellence and a unique, comprehensive training package in DST.

The training programme, based at the University of Warwick, has been devised to equip research scientists with the skill sets necessary to drive forward technological innovations in DST, and will develop and enhance the capabilities of employees working within related industrial sectors. The programme is designed to be fully flexible to meet the needs of industry, consisting of ten stand-alone modules, taught by leaders in the field. These modules can be taken in isolation, or in bundles leading to postgraduate qualifications from the University of Warwick, one of the UK’s most innovative and highly ranked universities. One 20-week or two 10-week research projects based at one of the partner universities or the sponsoring company completes the training package.

We look forward to welcoming you onto our programme.

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Professor Mark Newton
Director, EPSRC Centre for Doctoral Training in Diamond Science and Technology
University of Warwick
Introduction

The Diamond Science and Technology Centre for Doctoral Training is the world’s first postgraduate training centre in Diamond Science and Technology (DST). The centre brings together world-leading academics drawn from universities across the UK, including Aberystwyth, Bath, Bristol, Cardiff, Imperial, Oxford, Newcastle, Strathclyde and Warwick.

Training in DST

Associated with the centre is a standalone one year Master’s of Science (MSc) course in DST which benefits directly from this pooling of expertise and facilities. The course takes place at the University of Warwick and is delivered by academic and industrial experts in DST.

Students gain hands-on experience of a range of techniques and technologies available in research and commercial facilities, providing them with the transferable skills required to succeed in a rapidly changing field.

This comprehensive training package provides students with a skill set to exploit the unrivalled multi-functional properties of diamond, equipping them with expertise in materials synthesis, electronics, optics, photonics, quantum technologies, mechanics, modelling, defects and device engineering.
MSc in Diamond Science & Technology

Diamond is the epitome of an extreme material, exhibiting unrivalled multi-functional properties ranging from the thermal and mechanical, through the electrical to the optical. These extreme properties lead to tremendous opportunities for commercial exploitation.

New diamond technologies, which exploit this amazing combination of extreme properties, have the potential to revolutionise society through transformative breakthroughs in electronics, optics, quantum sensing, photonics, composite materials, energy efficiency and sensing.

The course will provide...

...a detailed understanding of the fundamentals of materials science, from the classical to the quantum, but with an emphasis on diamond and related materials and application-driven themes. The MSc will give students the theory, experience and problem solving skills needed to research, drive, manage and evaluate the advances in technology that underpin this field.

“Diamond is an exciting technology opportunity and we are confident further developments will emerge that will provide value not only to the defence sector but also to healthcare, environmental assessment, computing and information processing”

Physical Properties of Diamond

1. Broad transmission spectrum
2. Highest thermal conductivity
3. Highest resistance to thermal shock
4. Low thermal expansion coefficient
5. High chemical (bio) inertness
6. Excellent electrical insulator
7. Good electrical conductor (doped)
8. Low dielectric constant
9. Low dielectric loss
10. Wide electronic band gap
11. High electronic mobility
12. Extreme hardness
Teaching

DST taught sessions take place primarily in the state-of-the-art Materials and Analytical Sciences Building at the University of Warwick. Purpose-designed work rooms are available for use by students undertaking this course or selected modules.

Learning at Warwick is supported by an excellent library as well as the Learning Grid, which offers wireless access points, networked PCs and many other resources.

Facilities

Under the umbrella of the Global Research Programme, Warwick is home to an extraordinary array of facilities to carry out world-class research and to provide training in materials science. Our DST students will benefit from hands-on training on state-of-the-art research instruments.

- Microscopy suites
- High-end X-ray Diffraction
- X-ray Photoelectron Spectroscopy
- Raman Spectroscopy
- Clean room facilities
Taught Modules

The MSc comprises ten taught modules, covering a wide range of themes, and one twenty-week or two ten-week research projects. Each module is typically taught over a two-week period.

MSc Research Projects

Research projects in DST are proposed by members of staff from across the consortium of universities and industrial partners associated with the centre.

Projects cover a range of topics, from material characterisation and processing to applications.

The projects are carried out either at one of the partner universities or at the sponsoring company, after completion of the taught modules.

Module Teachers

**Aberystwyth**
- Prof. Andy Evans
- Dr Martin Wilding

**Bath**
- Dr Joshua Nunn

**Bristol**
- Prof. Mike Ashfold FRS
- Dr Simon Kohn
- Prof. Martin Kuball
- Prof. Paul May

**Cardiff**
- Prof. Paola Borri
- Dr Stephen Lynch
- Prof. Oliver Williams

**Imperial**
- Dr Daniele Dini
- Dr Chris Dunsby

**Newcastle**
- Dr Jon Goss

**Oxford**
- Prof. John Foord
- Dr Brian Patton
- Prof. Jason Smith
- Prof. Richard Todd

**Strathclyde**
- Dr Erdan Gu
- Dr Jennifer Hastie
- Prof. Alan Kemp

**Warwick**
- Dr Claire Dancer
- Prof. Julie Macpherson
- Prof. Phil Mawby
- Dr Gavin Morley
- Prof. Mark Newton
- Prof. Pat Unwin

**Industry (De Beers/Element Six)**
- Dr Geoff Davies
- Dr David Fisher
- Dr Philip Martineau
Core Modules: October - December

**CH976 DST Module 1: Novel and Efficient Methods of Material Synthesis**
Students will gain a working knowledge of a range of advanced materials in use by UK science and technology industries, with an emphasis on diamond. The properties, fabrication processes and applications of these materials will be discussed. A visit to Element Six’s Global Innovation Centre at Harwell is included.

**PS904 DST Module 2: Properties and Characterization of Materials**
This module provides an overview of important material properties, with a focus on three-dimensional crystals. Students will develop (i) an awareness of quantum mechanical theory of electronic structure and its role in determining material properties and (ii) an understanding of the electronic, mechanical, thermal, optical and magnetic measurements that can be used to investigate the properties of a material.

**PX905 DST Module 3: Defects and Dopants**
This module covers the identification of intrinsic defects, dopants and impurities in semiconductors and insulators with a specific focus on diamond. Once the different types of defects have been introduced, characterisation techniques and the information they reveal on defect properties will be discussed.

**CH977 DST Module 4: Theory and Modelling of Materials**
Students will be taken from the basic principles of bonding at the atomic scale, through molecular and crystalline systems, arriving at the macroscopic system in terms of elastic properties, implantation damage and electronic devices. Through a combination of theory and practical application of computational simulation, students will review the most commonly used theoretical approaches to modelling materials, and develop an understanding of the advantages and disadvantages of each method.

**PX906 DST Module 5: Manufacturing the Future: Industrial Diamond**
This module introduces the students to polycrystalline diamond (PCD) composites and related materials, high pressure-high temperature synthesis and the importance of defects. The machining characteristics of PCD will be discussed along with tool fabrication, machining trials, wear and failure mechanisms.
Core Modules: January - March

CH978 DST Module 6: Surfaces, Interfaces and Coatings
The focus of this module is surface-specific characterisation methods widely applied in research and industrial laboratories. The emphasis is on diamond surfaces, but the techniques discussed are relevant to other structurally related materials such as Si, Ge, III-V, II-VI semiconductors and the surfaces of other semiconductors, insulators and metals. A visit to the Diamond Light Source at Harwell is included.

CH979 DST Module 7: Devices and Fabrication
This module aims to cover the basics of clean room technologies and device fabrication. The specifics of diamond processing will be addressed in context with silicon technologies. Operation of basic semiconductor devices will be explained.

PX907 DST Module 8: Diamond Photonics and Quantum Devices
Students will achieve a basic grounding in the physics and application of diamond to photonics and quantum devices. They will learn about principles of operation, advantages and challenges of diamond, and device design and manufacture. They will gain practical experience in optics and spintronics experiments, and in finite element modelling of relevant optical systems.

CH980 DST Module 9. Applications of High Performance Materials
(October - March)
This module aims to promote an appreciation for the wider context of DST: the applications, alternative materials and competitor technologies. Students will be encouraged to collate and critically analyse a body of scientific work and practice presenting this information to a variety of audiences.
Optional Modules: January

CH914 DST Module 10a. Electrochemistry and Sensors
This module provides a grounding in the fundamentals of electrochemistry, electroanalytical techniques and sensor technology. Potentiometry, voltammetric and amperometric techniques, microfluidic devices, lab-on-a-chip methods, and electronic noses and tongues are discussed.

The course draws on Warwick’s major strengths in this area and covers developments in ion selective electrodes, electrode kinetics, mass transport and key techniques, such as linear sweep and cyclic voltammetry, hydrodynamic electrodes, stripping voltammetry, ultra-microelectrodes and array devices.

PX908 DST Module 10b. Biomedical Optics and Applications
Students will develop an understanding of biomedical optical imaging and spectroscopy, and the potential biomedical applications of diamond. A variety of optical microscopy techniques are introduced including wide-field, confocal, fluorescence and advanced optical microscopy. Tissue optics (absorption, scattering, spectroscopy), imaging in biological tissue (OCT, multi-photon) and an overview of labels and probes for optical imaging will also be discussed.
Programme Pathways

We offer qualifications in three streams, allowing students to tailor their studies to match their needs and the needs of their company.

Taught modules can be taken individually to boost skills and knowledge or in bundles, leading to a postgraduate qualification.

Flexible routes to a qualification that suits you and your employer...

Successful completion of each of our postgraduate qualifications means that you can transfer credits and fees and join the next award level if you wish to continue your studies.

If you complete three modules to achieve a Postgraduate Award, you can then join the Postgraduate Certificate programme at the halfway point, completing three further modules to achieve this qualification.
Should I enrol?

The MSc course and individual modules are targeted at students who will benefit from comprehensive training in modern aspects of materials science and processing with an emphasis on diamond science and technology.

We invite applications from industrialists and students with backgrounds in chemistry, physics, materials science, engineering and maths.

The MSc qualification and Postgraduate Certificate provide an excellent foundation for careers in industry and further research at PhD level.

Fees

You can progress between any of the postgraduate award levels. Fees already paid will be credited towards the fees for the higher award, subject to a small additional admin fee.

“We are very confident that this programme will deliver the right kind of highly trained, multi-disciplinary scientist, who not only has a keen understanding of materials science but can understand how materials, such as diamond, can be employed in innovative ways in the industrial sector”
## Postgraduate Level

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<th>Qualification</th>
<th>Cost</th>
<th>Completion</th>
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<tr>
<td>Single DST Module*·**</td>
<td>£1,434</td>
<td>10 days</td>
<td>10-credit module. Typically five days of lectures, workshops and problem classes plus five days</td>
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<td>Postgraduate Award in DST*</td>
<td>£4,040</td>
<td>24 months part time</td>
<td>Three 10-credit modules (30 days)</td>
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<td>Postgraduate Certificate in</td>
<td>£7,950</td>
<td>24 months part time</td>
<td>Six 10-credit modules (60 days)</td>
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<td>DST Master’s Degree Home/EU students</td>
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<td>Ten 10-credit modules plus two 40-credit projects or one 80-credit project.</td>
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<td>Overseas (countries outside EU)</td>
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<td>Additional costs associated with research projects will be covered by the student or sponsoring company.</td>
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*For participants from a DST CDT Project Partner a 50% fee scholarship is available. Matched funding may be available towards fees for participants from an SME.

**Short courses carry credits towards other programmes for a period of up to 24 months.

Information correct as of May 2017. Fees are subject to change by the University.

Contact DST.admin@warwick.ac.uk to check eligibility or for further information.

For participants taking individual modules we can help in arranging on-campus accommodation (subject to availability, charges will apply). Contact DST.admin@warwick.ac.uk for information.
Life at Warwick

The University of Warwick boasts one of the largest multi-artform venues in the UK. Warwick Arts Centre houses two theatres, a concert hall, a cinema and an art gallery. The venue showcases some of the best in UK and international drama, comedy, dance, art, film and live music — from contemporary to classical.

Warwick Students’ Union (Warwick SU) offers great food, amazing entertainment and over 300 sports clubs and student societies. Getting involved with the Union is a great way to meet new people at Warwick. The postgraduate community is represented by a dedicated Postgraduate Officer.

Warwick University has a great location in the Heart of England and is easy to reach via train, car or air. Coventry is about 15 minutes away, Birmingham, and the historic towns of Warwick, Stratford-upon-Avon, Kenilworth and Leamington Spa are in easy reach. London is only one hour by train from Coventry Station.

Sport at Warwick

Sporting life is great at Warwick, whatever your interest. Warwick Sport supports 65 sports clubs as well as organising a wide range of exercise classes and courses.

There are excellent facilities including a swimming pool, gym, climbing wall, squash courts and playing fields.
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