

## SME collaborative PhD studentships

**Are you a company seeking to upskill your staff or recruit highly skilled graduates?**

SEPnet has created an SME Doctoral Training Network (SME-DTN) to support regional industries and national science priorities. By forming small consortia to share costs, facilities and expertise, SMEs and large companies will develop industry-relevant research and create skilled, adaptable and commercially-focused PhD graduates to help meet their needs now and in the future.

We will recruit PhD students from diverse backgrounds to carry out industry-relevant research in areas including:

- condensed matter
- physics
- numerical modelling
- gaming
- AI
- data science
- quantum technologies
- medical imaging
- photonic materials & devices
- sensors.

Companies will share the costs of each PhD studentship with a SEPnet university partner and work with academics to shape projects in line with each company's business strategy. The first PhD students will start in October 2021.

For more information, visit: [sepnet.ac.uk/SME-DTN](https://sepnet.ac.uk/SME-DTN)  
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SEPnet is a network of 9 university partners including Hertfordshire, Kent, OU, Portsmouth, Queen Mary, Royal Holloway, Southampton, Surrey, Sussex.