

Company information: Frequently asked questions about the Industrial Mathematics shorter KTP (sKTP) Programme

How does the selection process work?

If you need to recruit a student, we can help with this. This is a free service. Please contact Lorcan Mac Manus (lmmm@industrialmaths.net) to discuss your ideas. We will agree text to advertise the proposal and disseminate this through our usual channels. (You are encouraged to do the same.) Students apply with CV and cover letter. You come to a mutual arrangement with the most suitable candidate, then you, the candidate and the candidate's supervisor make a formal application for funding as described on our website.

When is the deadline for the application?

Funding deadlines for Expressions of Interest are announced periodically on our website.

What is a starting date for the project?

The starting date is flexible and agreed between a company and a successful candidate.

Can the student be from anywhere?

Yes – the student does not require the right to work in the UK to avail of this programme. However, she/he must be currently registered on a PhD programme at a UK university.

Where will the student be based during the project?

The student should normally be based at the company premises.

How will travel and relocation expenses be covered?

Travel and subsistence is something that we ask you to raise and agree with the student as part of the application process. We do not get involved in these discussions except to give advice, if requested. The issue is that while students continue to receive their stipend during the project, depending on circumstances, this may not leave them with sufficient money to live in a different town or city for 3-6 months. For instance, they may be locked into a rental agreement in their home town and unable to sub-let. What we want to avoid is the situation where nobody has addressed this problem and the whole project falls through 2 or 3 weeks in because the student cannot support him/herself...that's no good for anybody. We don't set any expectation that companies pay full rent and travel (though sometimes this does happen), just that all parties address the issue up front and come to a sensible arrangement that works well enough for everybody and circumvents potential problems down the line.

What level of engagement can we expect from the university? Do we get access to relevant academics aside from the current supervisor of the student?

You will have direct access to the immediate supervisor of the students, and possibly indirect access to other academics, but that is by no means certain. It is important that you discuss these matters with the student's supervisor before committing. The University gets £1,000 for the time of the academic supervisor and you should expect that they would attend three meetings (perhaps by teleconference). The most successful engagements are where the supervisor is interested enough to maintain contact over and above this requirement, even if only by email/phone. Further note that the student's academic supervisor for the project can be different from his/her regular PhD supervisor, though not from a different institution.