

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

Who is eligible to apply?

All students currently registered on PhD programmes at a UK university, irrespective of funding source or nationality.

I am about to submit my thesis or have a viva. Can I still apply?

Yes, you are eligible to apply until you formally graduate, so, you can still apply after submitting your thesis or having a viva. However, you must be able to extend your PhD registration (if necessary) to cover the period of the sKTP project. It is a condition of the programme that students must remain as registered PhD students throughout the project.

I am an overseas student and have a student visa to study in the UK. Can I still apply?

Yes, during the sKTP you will be classed as a student and an sKTP project is not classed as an employment. Therefore, you do not need a work permit and can undertake the project on a student visa.

I am registered on a PhD programme in another European country. Surely I can apply too?

Unfortunately not. It is a condition of the funding that students be registered at a UK university.

How do I apply for an sKTP project?

Please send your CV and the cover letter, which explains how your experience is relevant to the project to the IM KTP Administrator, Judy Reynolds, at jr@industrialmaths.net. Please also specify what project you are applying for in the subject line of the email.

Will I have to terminate my student status if I apply for a sKTP?

No, you will remain in your student status during an sKTP and it will be classed as a part of your PhD training. However, you will be unable to spend time doing your PhD research as you will be involved in the training opportunity provided by the sKTP project.

Project X looks interesting, but I am not sure. Am I what the company is looking for? Is this the position for me? I would really like to have a more detailed discussion about the project before making my mind up!

Unfortunately, we are not in a position to give specific advice as to any particular candidate's suitability for any particular position we have open. Instead, we encourage all interested students to carefully consider the project description and then apply if they feel the project is suitable for them. If the company takes the application forward, further detailed questions about the position can be resolved as part of the matching process. Please note that projects are filled on a first come first served basis, so we encourage students to apply to projects they are interested in as soon as they can.

Will I receive an extension to my PhD studies if I take time out for an sKTP project?

Yes, if you take time out for an sKTP, you will be given an extension at the end of your studies.

Do I need my PhD supervisor's support to apply?

Yes, you will need to discuss this with your PhD supervisor before you apply for a project. Your supervisor will also need to help you fill the paperwork if you are offered the position. You may choose your sKTP supervisor to be different from your PhD supervisor but you still need the support of your PhD supervisor to undertake the sKTP.

When is the deadline for the application?

Projects are filled when the right candidate found, so please apply as soon as possible to maximise your chances of success.

What is a starting date for the project?

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

What stipend do I receive during an sKTP?

If your PhD is funded, you will receive £1,500 per month during the project. If you are a self-funded student, you may have to wait until the end of the project to receive the money. However, we will try to come to an agreement with your university for you to be paid during the project.

How will my university fees be covered during the sKTP?

The university will be paid £300 per month university fees and you will remain in a student status and retain the access to the university facilities.

Where will I be based during the project? How will my travel and relocation expenses be covered?

The majority of the time, you will be based at the company premises. If this requires extensive travel and relocation, the company will reimburse your expenses. Different companies have different offers and mechanisms in place, so this is something to discuss with the company.

Can I register for updates about new opportunities?

Yes, please send an email to the Programme Administrator, Judy Reynolds at jr@industrialmaths.net and put REGISTER FOR sKTP in the subject line.