

Fully funded PhD studentships at the EPSRC CDT in Statistics and Operational Research in Partnership with Industry (STOR-i)

If you would like to solve real-life problems using statistics and operational research to have positive impact on business, the economy or society, then consider applying to the STOR-i Centre for Doctoral Training to start in October 2025.

Joining STOR-i will enable you to:

Make significant scientific and industrial impact with your research

STOR-i has an internationally leading reputation, training skilled graduates through research projects that use industrial challenges as the catalyst for methodological advance.

Work directly with leading industry partners

Many of our PhD projects are developed and involve collaboration with our industrial partners. Projects provide a unique research and training experience and an exciting opportunity for you to develop mathematical innovation inspired by contemporary real-world challenges. We work with an extensive network of industrial partners including BT, DataSparq and Tesco.

Engage with our network of charitable partners

Students have the opportunity to engage with our charitable partners: British Red Cross, Cancer Research UK, Fareshare, Home Start UK and Nesta. Mechanisms include extended data dives, charity-focussed career talks and collaborative research opportunities.

Be mentored by internationally recognised research leaders

Our cohort-based, 4-year scheme offers a distinctive PhD training experience. During this structured PhD programme, you will complete several modules to develop your research skills and will be mentored by internationally recognised academics. We also have successful collaborative partnerships with leading international universities.

Be part of an exciting community of like-minded peers

The programme builds on our experience of training over 100 PhD students in partnership with industry since 2010. Graduates from STOR-i have embarked on exciting careers in academia and industry, working with numerous partner companies and other organisations including British Airways, EDF Energy and the Williams Formula 1 Team.

Applications open for October 2025

We have fully funded studentships available for UK (including Republic of Ireland) and non-UK applicants to start in October 2025. Studentships include a generous tax-free stipend (£21,237 in year 1), fees and an allowance to support research related activities. Stipends increase up to £24,237 per year on successful progression to PhD at the end of the first year of the programme for students undertaking industry-funded PhD projects.

Early applications are encouraged, as candidates will be invited for interview on an ongoing basis.

To find out more visit <https://www.lancaster.ac.uk/stor-i/apply/> or email stor-i@lancaster.ac.uk