

Joint Vision For Collaborative Training

Objectives:

Research Council Collaborative Training will provide doctoral students with a first-rate, challenging research training experience, within the context of a mutually beneficial research collaboration between academic and partner organisations in the private, public and civil society sectors.

Benefits to the student – Collaborative Training provides outstanding students with access to training, facilities and expertise not available in an academic setting alone. Students benefit from a diversity of approaches with an applied/translational dimension. Students have an opportunity to develop a range of valuable skills and significantly enhance their future employability; the expectation is that many will become research leaders of the future.

Benefits to the academic / partner organisations – Collaborative Training studentships encourage productive engagement between partners who benefit from a motivated, high-quality doctoral student undertaking cutting-edge research relevant to the organisation's priorities and objectives. Collaborative Training provide opportunities to explore novel research collaborations and strengthen current partnerships.

Defining an excellent Collaborative Training Studentship:

High-quality project – A challenging, feasible and realistically achievable doctoral project which stimulates excellent research. Through a truly collaborative approach, it provides tangible benefits to all partners.

High-quality training environment – Through access to distinctive but complementary environments, partners provide a stimulating framework for research training in the proposed field. Joint supervision gives a unique and broadening perspective on the impact of collaborative research.

High-quality student experience – An enriched integrated training experience allows the student to acquire novel skills and expertise. The student gains a wider understanding of how their research may have an impact in wider context that will enhance their future career prospects.