

Dear Professor Tawn

Further to our email below, please find both specific and more general feedback about your CDT from the mid-term review process:

The CDT has a range of excellent features such as recruitment of students from a range of scientific backgrounds, good international links and a high number of industrial partners. The allocation of a role for every student creates a strong association of students with the centre and provides ownership of its success.

It is evident how the CDT has evolved from the first centre to the renewal bid and how the plans have been implemented. The strong links with the industrial partners have enhanced the student experience and have contributed to a well-rounded training programme for students that includes academic, administrative and peer support. Making the training courses available to a wider audience through the National Associates schemes is a notable broadening of the student cohort to other (industrially-) funded students in the thematic areas.

The RO is fully invested in the success of the CDT and is providing further resources to support its running.

EPSRC believes by further building and leveraging industrial partner support, the CDT is on track to perform at a high level.

Note to all CDTs: EPSRC thanks CDTs for their hard work in compiling their Equality and Diversity (E&D) data and comparing this with wider data available. However, the Oversight Panel observed the lack of analysis beyond the raw data represented a missed opportunity, whilst relatively few CDTs discussed developing an Action Plan on E&D issues. Going forward EPSRC therefore encourages all CDTs to develop an Action Plan on E&D, in line with EPSRC policy in this area (<https://www.epsrc.ac.uk/funding/equalitydiversity/>) and should reflect the policy of the host institution(s).

If you have any questions, etc, please get in touch with your EPSRC contact.

Please acknowledge receipt of this message.

Kind regards

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From: EPSRC CDT2013 [L:SEP] **Sent:** 07 March 2017 09:58 [L:SEP] **To:** EPSRC CDT2013 [L:SEP] **Subject:** CDT Mid-Term Review [L:SEP] **Importance:** High

Dear CDT Director,

Many thanks for your hard work preparing your CDT mid-term review report. The CDT Mid Term Review Oversight Panel has met. Their recommendation to EPSRC is that you do not need to come to the interview stage and that your CDT can continue with recruitment of the final two cohorts as planned. The Panel assessed your CDT (relative to others) as:

Good (with Assessment categories of Good; Good/Satisfactory; Satisfactory; Interview)

The review process has identified areas where CDTs are making good progress and also opportunities to develop further. We plan to send you both specific and more general feedback within the next three weeks. Information on the assessments of all CDTs will be shared with the Universities involved in the next few days and we are asking CDTs NOT to share their Assessment outside of their Universities or Advisory Groups.

Please acknowledge receipt of this message,

Regards,

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