

# EPSRC Centre for Doctoral Training in Agri-Food Robotics: AgriFoRwArdS

Are you the next future technology leader, aspiring to change the world through robotics?

Applications are invited for **fully-funded four-year PhD studentships** in the world's first Centre for Doctoral Training (CDT) in Agri-Food Robotics. This prestigious centre is a collaboration between the Universities of Lincoln, Cambridge and East Anglia, supported by industry leaders such as:

John Deere | Syngenta
G's Growers | Beeswax Dyson
ABB Robotics | Saga Robotics



#### Year 1

Based in a vibrant and research-intensive environment, all students will study for an MSc in Robotics and Autonomous Systems at the University of Lincoln, gaining foundational knowledge and skills. Successful students will also benefit from guest lectures, seminars and workshops from University of Cambridge and University of East Anglia supervisors.

#### Years 2-4

Students will continue to study for a PhD at their chosen host institution (either the University of Lincoln, University of Cambridge or the University of East Anglia), investigating a research area that links both an identified industry need and individual academic interests, helping to develop a new generation of robotics systems across the food supply chain.

### Associated Training

An integrated research training programme will take place throughout both the MSc and PhD phases, enabling students to specialise between possible career routes including 'engineer', 'executive', 'entrepreneur' and 'academic researcher', with training courses tailored to each of these directions. Students will also benefit from participation in the CDT's annual summer schools and conferences.









## Why AgriFoRwArdS?



The AgriFoRwArdS CDT provides a unique blend of technical expertise, outstanding research environments and integral industry collaboration in Agri-Food Robotics. Our fully-funded studentship package includes:

- All MSc and PhD tuition fees paid
- A tax-free stipend at EPSRC rates to cover living costs
- A Research Training Support Grant (RTSG) of £1,500 each year to support travel costs (£6,000 in total)
- Additional funding to support outreach and dissemination, attendance at summer schools, research events, and development projects.

### **Funding**

An AgriFoRwArdS studentship provides 4 years of tuition fees at UK/EU student rates, a tax-free stipend at EPSRC rates, and a generous research training support grant enabling international travel and participation in the leading RAS conferences and symposia. Additional funds are available within the CDT to support students in outreach, dissemination and public engagement activities, plus a student-run seminar series.



For more information regarding this opportunity, and to apply, please visit agriforwards-cdt.ac.uk







