

DIVERSE-CDT

The EPSRC Centre for Doctoral Training in Diversity in Data Visualization

What do we Want Today?

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DIVERSE CDT

An EPSRC Centre for Doctoral Training in Diversity in Data Visualization

Focused on diverse approaches to data visualization and
on increasing diversity in doctoral education:

> female, BAME, socio economic deprivation

Funded as an “**innovative**” CDT (5/65)

First CDT led by **City St George's** (Warwick is 20% partner)



DIVERSE CDT - PhD

60 PhD students, over 5 cohorts, across 9 years - **48 at City**

4 year training programme

- Year 1 - foundational training
- Years 2,3,4 - connected internship projects '**engagements**'
- Cohort-building activities throughout



Where's the Innovation?

*Initiatives to
attract and support
diverse students
from communities
and with characteristics
that are
underrepresented
in PhD study*



A PhD via **structured components**

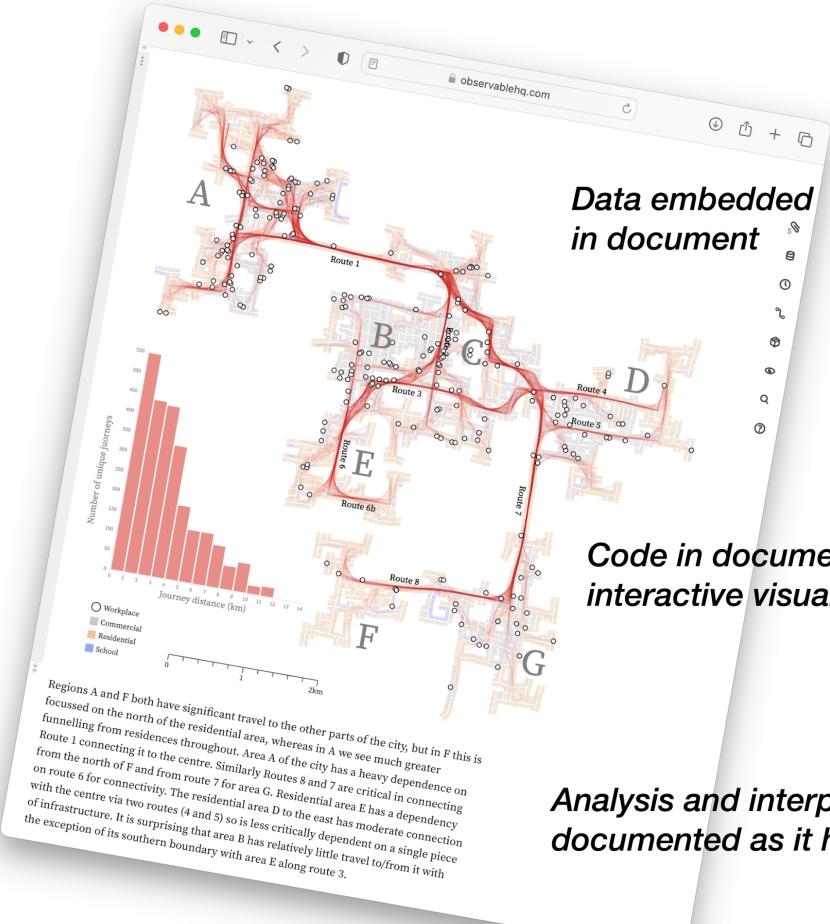
- internship projects
- research exchange

Interactive notebook and **digital thesis**

Learn, study and conduct research as a **cohort**

- shared documents & reflection
- action learning sets

Digital Thesis : Interactive Notebook



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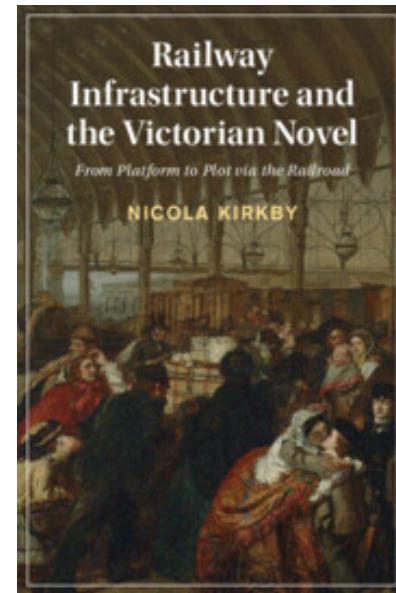
PhD in Novels!

Leverhulme Fellow

Researcher Development background

Change what we can see.

See what we can change.



Timeline

- Mar 2024: Funding announced
- July 2024: CDT started with preliminary set-up phase
- Nov 2024: CDT Manager arrives
- Jan 2025: Opened for student applications
- WebSite! Initial Branding, diverse-cdt.ac.uk
- Apr 2025: Full funding commenced
- May 2025: Student Recruitment



Timeline

May 2025: Student Recruitment

129 applicants

29 interviews

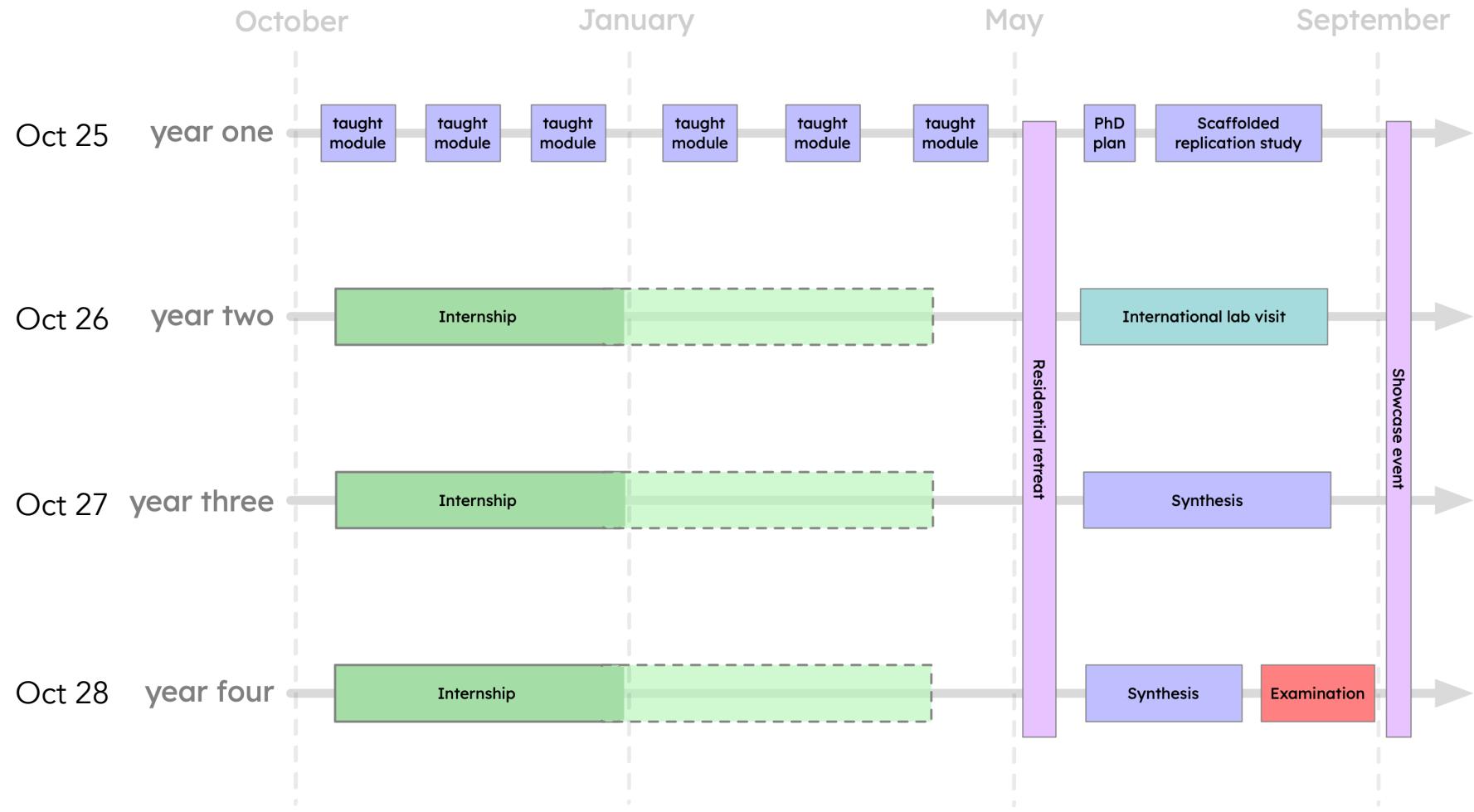
10 offers

Support Staff Recruitment

Aug 2025: Data Vis Lab (furniture & tech) -> A306

Oct 2025: First cohort of students arrive!





Industrial Partners : £1.3M / £2.3M

BT plc

Bradford Metropolitan District Council

British Red Cross

Centre for Applied Educational Research

Coventry City Council

Digital MR

Genetec UK Ltd

Greater London Authority (GLA)

Natural History Museum

Nuclear Decommissioning Authority

Observable

Ordnance Survey

Royal Voluntary Service

Sense about Science

Stroke Association

UK Centre for Ecology and Hydrology

West Midlands Combined Authority

Work Psychology Group



Academic Partners

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Setting it Up!

Collaboration agreement

PhD programme approval

Staff recruitment

Student recruitment

Partnership agreements (x20)

Finance processes

Advisory board

Branding and website

Data visualization lab spaces

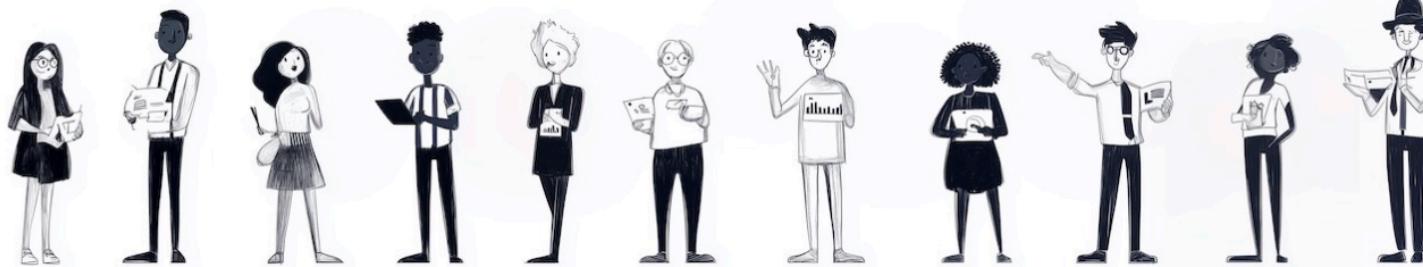
IT infrastructure

Diversity and inclusion initiatives

Foundation year training

Supervision arrangements

Monitoring & evaluation processes

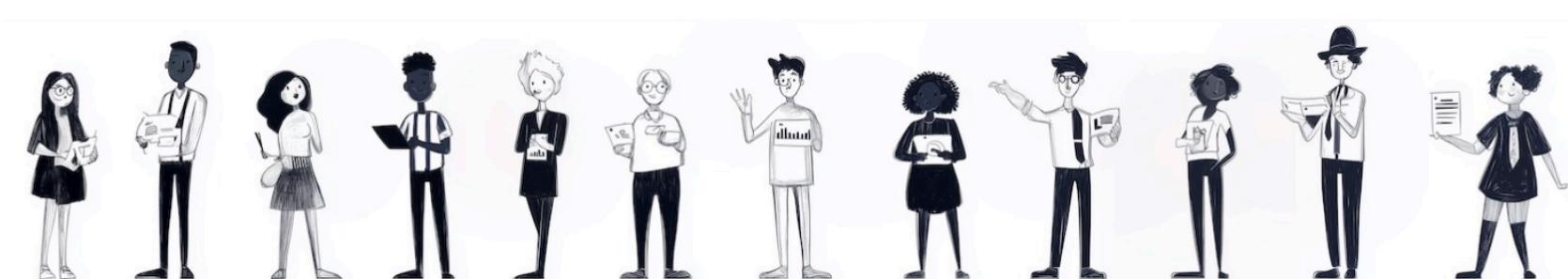


To Follow ...

- > How can we contribute?
- > What is a supervisor?
- > What is Visualization Research?
- > How does the PhD Work?

... Stay in Touch!

- future staff meetings
- workshops
- occasional bulletins
- find us and chat!



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