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Welcome to CDT-PV!

Dear Tom,

Congratulations on your acceptance for a studentship within the Centre for Doctoral Training (CDT) in New and Sustainable Photovoltaics. Together, Ken Durose, the CDT Director, myself as Academic Director and the supervisors belonging to partner institutions (Liverpool, Bath, Loughborough, Oxford, Cambridge, Sheffield and Southampton), we welcome you to our second cohort.

You will be part of the EPSRC funded national network of CDTs that covers a wide range of engineering and materials challenges. This CDT is unusual in that it involves 7 universities, whereas most CDTs are either based at a single university or involve just 2 or 3 other sites. By undertaking 2 week modules at each partner university, you will receive a training programme delivered by some of the most active groups in PV in the UK that covers all the PV technologies. You will also have the opportunity to interact with industry experts and disseminate your research to the wider PV community both in the UK and abroad. On the research side, we believe it is important to be based at a single institution and have the same supervisory team from the start of your PhD, with research projects determined by your main supervisor. On behalf of the CDT, I will oversee your training and monitor your progress. You can approach me at any stage about the CDT.

The module timetable along with details of the module can be downloaded from the CDT website www.cdt-pv.org. We look forward to your arrival in October and to meeting you at the first module in Liverpool in November.

Best Regards,



Prof. Alison Walker
Academic Director



Prof. Ken Durose
CDT-PV Director