

The AEngD is a community of Engineering Doctorate providers, researchers, sponsors, EngD alumni and other stakeholders in the EngD 'brand'.

Summary of Key EngD Features

(Please refer to the supporting pages that follow for a detailed rationale)

- EngD programmes provide a challenging, multi-disciplinary and academically rigorous research education and training experience, leading to a recognised post-graduate research qualification that is intellectually at least equivalent to a PhD, with the additional requirement to demonstrate a contribution to industry / practice.
- The research project is developed with input from industrial partners. The Research Engineer will be expected to work towards the resolution of a significant engineering issue within an industrial context.
- A key aim of an EngD is its wider impact on industry and not just for the sponsoring company. Co-funding arrangements typically exist
- There is a requirement for study of taught modules to enhance and strengthen the academic rigour of the work
- There is provision for a cohort-based approach - to provide Research Engineers with a cohort experience to foster greater opportunity for collaboration, knowledge transfer, and skills development

The AEngD seeks to maintain these high minimum standards for what constitutes and EngD and will only consider for membership institutions that meet these Key Features within its EngD.

The AEngD does not support EngDs provided by members of the AEngD community being classed as a professional doctorate.