

PhD Studentship

Condition monitoring of aerospace structures

University of Nottingham - Faculty of Engineering

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Description of the post

Failure of aerospace structures can be life threatening for passengers and financially catastrophic for the operator and the manufacturer. This is the main reason for which a large part of an aircraft's lifecycle and operating cost is spent for inspecting its structural integrity on the ground. On-line detection and characterization of minor failures within composite aerospace structures can lead to a radical reduction of this cost.

Applications are invited for a fully funded PhD studentship (3 years) within the Division of Materials, Mechanics & Structures of the University of Nottingham. The studentship includes fees and a tax-free stipend of £13,726 per annum.

The PhD candidate will be expected to make significant contributions to the development of robust damage identification and classification tools for complex composites. The successful applicant should:

- i) be in possession of (or be expecting to obtain) a first-class or a 2:1 degree in mechanical engineering or a relevant discipline and
- ii) have a sound background in dynamics of solids and/or composite structures numerical modelling.

Informal enquiries prior to making an application may be addressed to: Dr. Dimitrios Chronopoulos, email: Dimitrios.Chronopoulos@nottingham.ac.uk. If you are interested in making an application, please contact Dr. Chronopoulos with a detailed CV, a motivation letter and the names and addresses of two academic referees. **Please note that due to funding restrictions, current funding is available to UK/EU nationals only.**

The position will remain open until filled.