



Course Information Sheet for entry in 2018-19

DPhil in Structural Biology

About the course

This graduate course provides training in structural biology and related biochemical, genetic and cell biological approaches to understand molecular and cellular function. You will spend the first year learning a range of structural biology techniques, usually undertaking two five-month projects in different laboratories and following taught courses.

Applicants are advised to visit the course webpage for further information about supervisors associated with this course.

The short research projects and training expose you to possible supervisors for your DPhil project and prepare you for your doctoral work. You can then make an informed choice of thesis research project and submit a research proposal for years two to four of the programme. Projects that develop collaborations between research groups are strongly encouraged.

The first year of the programme would typically include at least two research projects.

Training in key research techniques should include:

- X-ray crystallography
- NMR
- electron microscopy
- synchrotron radiation and integrative structural biology
- high-resolution microscopy
- computational biochemistry
- bioinformatics and molecular simulations

You are required to write a report at the end of each rotation project. You will have the opportunity to discuss the report and your research project with one of the PIs associated with the programme.

You will be required to meet standard University milestones for progress and will be monitored formally via supervisor feedback forms submitted three times per year.

Changes to courses

The University will seek to deliver this course in accordance with the description set out above. However, there may be situations in which it is desirable or necessary for the University to make changes in course provision, either before or after registration. For further information, please see the University's Terms and Conditions.

Expected length of course

4 years

Costs

Annual fees for entry in 2018-19

| Fee status | Tuition fee | College fee | Total annual fees |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Home/EU (including Islands) | £4,260 | £3,112 | £7,372 |
| Overseas | £19,915 | £3,112 | £23,027 |

The fees shown above are the annual tuition and college fees for this course for entry in the stated academic year; for courses lasting longer than one year, please be aware that fees will usually increase annually. Information about how much fees and other costs may increase is set out in the University's Terms and Conditions.

Tuition and college fees are payable each year for the duration of your fee liability (your fee liability is the length of time for which you are required to pay tuition and college fees).

Graduate students who have reached the end of their standard period of fee liability may be required to pay a termly University and/or a college continuation charge.

The University continuation charge, per term for entry in 2018-19 is £468, please be aware that this will increase annually. For part-time students, the termly charge will be half of the termly rate payable by full-time students.

If a college continuation charge applies (not applicable for non-matriculated courses) it is likely to be in the region of £100 to £400 per term. Please contact your college for more details.

Additional cost information

There are no compulsory elements of this course that entail additional costs beyond fees (or, after fee liability ends, continuation charges) and living costs. However, please note that, depending on your choice of research topic and the research required to complete it, you may incur additional expenses, such as travel expenses, research expenses, and field trips. You will need to meet these additional costs, although you may be able to apply for small grants from your department and/or college to help you cover some of these expenses.

Living costs

In addition to your tuition and college fees, you will need to ensure that you have adequate funds to support your living costs for the duration of your course.

The likely living costs for 2018-19 are published below. These costs are based on a single, full-time graduate student, with no dependants, living in Oxford. We provide the cost per month so you can multiply up by the number of months you expect to live in Oxford.

| | Likely living costs for 1 month | | Likely living costs for 9 months | | Likely living costs for 12 months | |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| | Lower range | Upper range | Lower range | Upper range | Lower range | Upper range |
| Food | £258 | £361 | £2,318 | £3,245 | £3,090 | £4,326 |
| Accommodation | £536 | £677 | £4,824 | £6,093 | £6,432 | £8,124 |
| Personal items | £118 | £263 | £1,066 | £2,364 | £1,421 | £3,152 |
| Social activities | £41 | £123 | £369 | £1,105 | £492 | £1,474 |
| Study costs | £39 | £85 | £348 | £765 | £464 | £1,020 |
| Other | £22 | £47 | £202 | £419 | £269 | £559 |
| Total | £1,014 | £1,556 | £9,127 | £13,991 | £12,168 | £18,655 |

When planning your finances for any future years of study at Oxford beyond 2018-19, you should allow for an estimated increase in living expenses of 3% each year.

More information about how these figures have been calculated is available at www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/livingcosts.