



Course Information Sheet for entry in 2018-19

MSc by Research in Surgical Sciences

About the course

The MSc by Research in Surgical Sciences is a full time research programme offering research training for both clinical and non-clinical graduates in your chosen area. The MSc by Research programme is of shorter length than a doctoral programme.

Applicants are strongly advised to visit the Medical Sciences Graduate School website to help them identify the most suitable course and supervisors.

As an MSc by Research student you will focus on a specific research project.

Projects can be chosen from across all areas of research in the Nuffield Department of Surgical Sciences (NDS), for example:

- ageing and degenerative diseases
- cancer
- cardiac/cardiovascular sciences
- cell biology and genes
- clinical trials and epidemiology
- diabetes
- evidence-based medicine
- immunology
- musculoskeletal science
- neurosciences
- oncology
- stem cells
- translational medicine and medical technology.

You will work closely with an academic supervisor who oversees your studies, and you will produce a thesis that represents a significant and substantial piece of work. If you are a student in the experimental sciences you are also likely to collaborate with your supervisor on shared laboratory work as part of a research team.

There is usually no required coursework. However, the Medical Sciences Division skills training programme offers opportunities to develop your research and professional skills over the duration of your MSc by Research. It is recommended that you spend at least ten days a year on your graduate skills training.

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

2 to 3 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.