Course Information Sheet for entry in 2018-19 PGDip in Health Research



About the course

The Postgraduate Diploma (PGDip) in Health Research is designed for medical and dental trainees with the potential to be the independent researchers of the future, and to be taken part-time alongside work commitments, normally over one to three years.

The Postgraduate Diploma (PGDip) in Health Research will help you to:

- develop skills of research, design and data analysis in both qualitative and quantitative research;
- critically evaluate health research;
- identify, critically appraise and incorporate the results of medical and social science research into the day-to-day decision making of clinical, scientific and administrative practice;
- apply the principles of evidence-based practice in health care settings;
- plan how to implement the findings of research to improve health care; and
- use theories and principles underpinning clinical research to inform their own research practice.

The programme is delivered through the Department for Continuing Education, with the expertise in curriculum design and teaching drawn from the Nuffield Department of Primary Care Health Sciences, the Centre for Evidence-Based Medicine and the Clinical Academic Graduate School.

You will take two compulsory modules and four option modules; further information on all course modules is available on the Department for Continuing Education webpage. Assessment for each module will be based on a written assignment of not more than 4,000 words.

In addition to the skills acquired during the PGCert in Health Research, graduates of the PGDip will be able to demonstrate an ability to apply health research techniques appropriately for the solution of research questions, and apply health research solutions in a novel manner when analysing health research problems.

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

1 to 3 years

Costs

Modular course fees

The fees for this course are charged on a modular basis. You will pay an annual course fee and an additional fee for each module studied. A minimum of two annual course fees are payable for this course. If this course includes a dissertation, three module fees will be charged for the dissertation.

Fees for the 2018-19 academic year

Fee status	Annual course fee	Fee per module	Total estimated fees
Home/EU (including Islands)	£6,085	£1,850	Please see the department's website for further details
Overseas	£6,085	£1,850	

For courses lasting longer than one year, please be aware that fees will usually increase annually. For details, please see our guidance on likely increases to fees and charges.

Additional cost information

This course has residential sessions in Oxford so you will need to meet any travel and accommodation costs you may incur in attending these sessions.

Living costs

In addition to your 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.