

Course Information Sheet for entry in 2016-17

DPhil in Medical Sciences

About the course

Based in the Radcliffe Department of Medicine, this research-based DPhil programme is aimed at basic scientists and clinicians with an interest in pursuing research in a scientific field related to medicine, particularly in cardiovascular medicine, diabetes, endocrinology and metabolism, epidemiology and clinical trials, haematology and pathology, immunology, regenerative medicine and stem cells, and acute stroke.

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

The DPhil programme typically lasts from three to four years and is entirely based around a research project conducted in a single laboratory. The programme accepts applications from both basic scientists and clinicians. If you are a clinician you will normally be expected to complete your project within three years; if you are a basic scientist you will normally be expected to complete your project within four years.

You will be assigned a supervisor who will be a departmental Principal Investigator (PI) with experience of supervising graduate students. You will in most cases be allocated a formal co-supervisor and you will have a named source of support in addition to your supervisor.

Within RDM you will be assigned to one of four academic divisions of the department: the Division of Cardiovascular Medicine, Nuffield Division of Clinical Laboratory Sciences, Investigative Medicine Division or the Oxford Centre for Diabetes, Endocrinology, and Metabolism. In addition, many PIs are based within the Weatherall Institute of Molecule Medicine (WIMM). Each of the divisions and the WIMM has a graduate advisor who oversees graduate studies and provides additional support and advice.

Training is actively supported over the duration of the course, with opportunities available within RDM and also provided by the Medical Sciences Division. These include both subject-specific scientific skills and generic research and transferable skills. There are a wide-range of visiting speakers and seminars in all areas of the department and across the Medical Sciences Division. Students working on projects related to cardiovascular medicine will benefit from the unrivalled research training programme offered through the British Heart Foundation Centre for Research Excellence, which organises regular seminars and specialist courses for cardiovascular researchers.

Changes to courses

The University will seek to deliver each course in accordance with the descriptions 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



3 to 4 years

Annual fees for entry in 2016-2017

Fee Status	Tuition fee	College fee	Total annual fees
Home/EU (including islands)	£4,121	£2,933	£7,054
Overseas	£18,770	£2,933	£21,703

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. For details, please see our guidance on likely increases to fees and charges.

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 college continuation charge.

The University continuation charge, per term for entry in 2016/17, is currently £440, 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 to 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 programme that entail additional costs beyond fees 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 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 2016-17 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	£265	£298	£2,384	£2,673	£3,177	£3,565
Accommodation	£469	£667	£4,221	£6,002	£5,627	£8,006
Personal items	£119	£244	£1,073	£2,187	£1,429	£2,915
Social activities	£60	£107	£539	£960	£718	£1,280
Study costs	£36	£73	£314	£661	£418	£880
Other	£19	£44	£197	£410	£265	£547
Total	£970	£1,433	£8,727	£12,894	£11,636	£17,191

When planning your finances for any future years of study in Oxford beyond 2016-17, you should allow for an estimated increase in living expenses of 2% each year.

More information about how these figures have been calculated is available at www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/graduate/fees-and-funding/living-costs.

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