

Course Information Sheet for entry in 2017-18

DPhil in Molecular and Cellular Medicine

About the course

As a DPhil in Molecular and Cellular Medicine student you will spend up to four years in one of the department's many research groups, working on a project supervised by the group's principal investigator. You will take part in the extensive training programme specifically organised for graduate students within the department.

Applicants are strongly advised to visit the departmental webpages to help them identify the most suitable research topic and related supervisors. Projects are available in both basic and translational science covering a variety of areas related to musculoskeletal and chronic inflammatory conditions.

Your progress will be monitored and assessed regularly via:

- completion of a termly report by you and your supervisor(s);
- submission of a 3,000-word transfer report within the first four terms;
- confirmation of your ability to submit your thesis within the required maximum of 4 years; and
- submission of your DPhil thesis (the final stage), which will be assessed by viva.

All stages will be assessed by independent senior academics.

You will develop your research skills through a range of research training in your first year, including compulsory attendance at our fundamentals in biomedical research lectures in your first week and a selection of 4 specialist modules throughout year 1 (one half-day module available every month). During the first term you will develop, in consultation with your supervisor, a clear study design for your project.

You will be required to attend and present at termly post-graduate seminars, not only to develop your presentation skills but also to benefit from the feedback, support and interaction from your University peers and senior academics. In addition the department runs weekly seminars by internal and external speakers on various topics related to chronic inflammatory conditions, which will provide further opportunity for you to broaden your knowledge in the field. Attendance at a weekly journal club is also expected.

You are also strongly encouraged to attend skills training courses run by the Medical Sciences Division.

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 2017-2018

Fee Status	Tuition fee	College fee	Total annual fees
Home/EU (including islands)	£4,195	£3,021	£7,216
Overseas	£19,335	£3,021	£22,356

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 2017/18, is currently £455, 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 2017-18 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	£250	£350	£2,250	£3,150	£3,000	£4,000
Accommodation	£538	£619	£4,844	£5,569	£6,459	£7,425
Personal items	£115	£255	£1,035	£2,295	£1,380	£3,060
Social activities	£40	£119	£358	£1,073	£477	£1,431
Study costs	£38	£83	£338	£743	£451	£991
Other	£22	£45	£196	£407	£261	£543
Total	£1,002	£1,471	£9,021	£13,237	£12,028	£17,649

When planning your finances for any future years of study in Oxford beyond 2017-18, 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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