

Course Information Sheet for entry in 2016-17

DPhil in Radiation Oncology (1+3)

About the course

The department offers a four-year combined MSc and DPhil programme. Subject areas for the three-year DPhil portion cover the spectrum of oncology relevant to the treatment of cancer by radiotherapy and its underlying biological mechanisms.



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

The four-year (1+3) programme in radiation oncology comprises the MSc in Radiation Biology in the first year followed by the DPhil in Oncology.

The one-year MSc is a full-time, taught course in radiation biology leading to an MSc awarded by the University of Oxford. The MSc in Radiation Biology comprises a five-month core theoretical course covering the emerging areas of fundamental biology for oncology and its treatment by radiotherapy and a six-month high-quality basic and clinically-applied research project

Upon successful completion of the MSc, students progress onto the full-time DPhil in Oncology; you will work on a research project proposed by an Oxford Institute for Radiation Biology supervisor. You will have a supervisor who is responsible for your scientific training and in identifying the appropriate external courses that you should attend. In addition, you will be assigned a second supervisor and a further mentor this will make up your thesis committee.

The University has a code of practice for supervision of research under which supervisors must advise, guide and support you in all aspects of your research project; identify a clear plan of research; draw up a timetable for research; have regular meetings; report on your progress; identify your training needs; and encourage them to participate in the wider Oxford community.

You can contact the supervisors listed against currently available research projects for more information on what each specific project will entail. The department has a broad area of research interests in the fields of oncology, including DNA damage and repair, tumour microenvironment and metastasis, angiogenesis and hypoxia, molecular determinants of radiosensitivity or resistance, experimental radiation therapeutics and cancer imaging.

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

4 years

Annual fees for entry in 2016-2017

During the first year of the course you will be charged tuition and college fees at the [MSc in Radiobiology](#) fee rate.

Annual MSc in Radiobiology fees for the 2016-17 academic year

Fee Status	Tuition fee	College fee	Total annual fees
Home/EU (including islands)	c. £4,200	£2,933	c. £7,133
Overseas	£18,770	£2,933	£21,703

In each subsequent year, you will be charged fees at the [DPhil in Oncology](#) fee rate for that year of study. For an indication of costs, the table below shows the annual DPhil in Oncology tuition and college fees for the 2016-17 academic year.

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Tuition and college fees are payable 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). Fees will usually increase annually. For details, please see our guidance on likely increases to fees and charges.

Following the period of fee liability, you may also be required to pay a University continuation charge and a college continuation charge. The University and college continuation charges are shown on the Continuation charges page.

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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