

Course Information Sheet for entry in 2017-18

MSc in Experimental Therapeutics



About the course

The Department of Oncology and the Department for Continuing Education offer the part-time MSc in Experimental Therapeutics, bringing together some of Oxford's leading clinicians and scientists to deliver an advanced modular programme designed for those in full-time employment.

Oxford has made a major contribution to modern molecular medicine and Oxford's senior scientists have provided significant insights to our understanding of cancer, diabetes, and cardiac, haematological and infectious diseases. There is an opportunity to harness these advances and translate them into therapeutic benefits for patients.

The MSc in Experimental Therapeutics draws on the world-class research and teaching in experimental therapeutics at the University of Oxford and aims to provide you with the necessary training and practical experience to enable you to understand the principles that underpin clinical research, and to translate that understanding into good clinical and research practice.

The programme will appeal to health professionals from a variety of backgrounds, including:

- qualified doctors
- specialist registrars in clinical pharmacology or in training for other medical sub-specialities
- clinical research fellows
- pharmacists
- nurses
- graduates working in the pharmaceutical industry or in academic clinical trials

The MSc is a part-time course consisting of six modules and a research project and dissertation. The programme is normally completed in two to three years, but up to a maximum of four years may be taken. You will be a full member of the University of Oxford and matriculated as a member of a college.

To complete the MSc, you need to attend the six modules and complete an assessed written assignment for each module, and complete a dissertation on a topic chosen in consultation with a supervisor and the Course Director. The six modules are:

- The Structure of Clinical Trials and Experimental Therapeutics
- Drug Development, Pharmacokinetics and Imaging
- Pharmacodynamics, Biomarkers and Personalised Therapy
- Adverse Drug Reactions, Drug Interactions, and Pharmacovigilance
- How to do Research on Therapeutic Interventions: Protocol Preparation
- Biological Therapeutics

The class-based taught modules consist of five days of intensive face-to-face lectures and tutorials, and are followed by a period for assignment work. Attendance at modules is a requirement for study. Some non-classroom activities are provided at laboratory facilities elsewhere in the University. A virtual learning environment (VLE) provides between-module support, and assignments are submitted online.

The modules include group work, discussions, guest lectures, and interaction and feedback with tutors and lecturers, as well as practical work that develops your knowledge and understanding of the subject.

The dissertation is founded on a research project that builds on material studied in the taught modules. The dissertation should not exceed 15,000 words. The project is normally supervised by an academic supervisor from the University of Oxford, and an employer-based mentor.

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

2 to 4 years

Fees for the 2017-18 academic year

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.

Fee Status	Annual course fee	Fee per module	Total estimated fees
Home/EU (including Islands)	£1,435	£1,795	Please see the department's website for further details (https://www.conted.ox.ac.uk/about/msc-in-experimental-therapeutics)
Overseas	£5,910	£1,795	

The fees shown above include college fees. 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.

Additional cost information

This course has residential sessions in Oxford. You will need to meet your travel and accommodation costs in attending these sessions. Further, as part of your course requirements, you may need to choose a dissertation, a project or a thesis topic. Depending on your choice of 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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