

## Course Information Sheet for entry in 2016-17

### Systems Biology (EPSRC Centre for Doctoral Training)

#### About the course

The EPSRC-funded Systems Biology Centre for Doctoral Training focusses on developing a systems approach to bridging the gap between theoretical and experimental knowledge, from the level of the individual protein to the level of the whole cell or organism.

This four-year programme of research is highly multidisciplinary, enabling students from a wide range of scientific backgrounds to focus on areas of research which include detailed pathway modelling, larger scale network modelling, cellular modelling and physiome modelling.

A major advantage of the programme is that you are not required to choose the substantive DPhil project until after the initial taught training phase, allowing a more informed choice of research project to be made.

The first seven months of the course are devoted to acquiring advanced theoretical and technical skills that form the backbone of systems biology, drawing on world leading expertise from all areas of the physical and life sciences through a combination of intensive lecture courses and project work. Each taught module lasts for either one, two or three weeks and is assessed using a method appropriate to the course, for example, presentations, group assignments or assessed written work. This will be complemented with relevant research and communication skills training throughout the four-years of the programme.

After completion of the taught training phase, two exploratory research projects of ten weeks duration each are undertaken within departments across the University, followed by the substantive DPhil project.

#### 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

| Fee Status                     | Tuition fee | College fee | Total annual fees |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Home/EU<br>(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 |
| <b>Food</b>              | £265                            | £298        | £2,384                           | £2,673      | £3,177                            | £3,565      |
| <b>Accommodation</b>     | £469                            | £667        | £4,221                           | £6,002      | £5,627                            | £8,006      |
| <b>Personal items</b>    | £119                            | £244        | £1,073                           | £2,187      | £1,429                            | £2,915      |
| <b>Social activities</b> | £60                             | £107        | £539                             | £960        | £718                              | £1,280      |
| <b>Study costs</b>       | £36                             | £73         | £314                             | £661        | £418                              | £880        |
| <b>Other</b>             | £19                             | £44         | £197                             | £410        | £265                              | £547        |
| <b>Total</b>             | £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](http://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/graduate/fees-and-funding/living-costs).

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