Course Information Sheet for entry in 2019-20 DPhil in Infection, Immunology and Translational Medicine



About the course

The Wellcome Trust DPhil in Infection, Immunology and Translational Medicine (IITM) provides integrated training in infection and immunology, and how fundamental research can be translated into benefits for human health. The course offers outstanding opportunities for research in basic mechanisms underlying the pathogenesis of infectious diseases, immune and inflammatory responses to infection, and the development of drugs and vaccines.

The first year comprises three laboratory rotations in different disciplines, and access to extensive training courses and support. There is then a three-year period to undertake research towards your DPhil.

Students benefit by performing research with world-leading scientists in outstanding facilities, and by training in state-of-the-art techniques for studying infectious disease and immunology.

Applicants are advised to visit the course webpage for further information about the supervisors associated with this course.

The course is integrated around three themes:

- infection
- immunology
- translational medicine

In the first year you will undergo three laboratory rotations and a series of training courses relevant to your research. You will be advised on your choice of courses and laboratory rotation to help tailor an individual student package.

In the second year you will initiate your DPhil project from the large number of projects available; a list of participating supervisors is available on the course webpage. This choice will be aided by your exposure to potential DPhil supervisors and scientific areas during the first year. Programme directors will guide you through this process.

You will present your work from your three rotations to the management committee. Each rotation will be assessed in a different format including oral presentations, poster presentation and a written report. There is no formal progression towards the final three years. However, you must complete a grant proposal at the end of the first year which is submitted to the Wellcome Trust.

In your second year you will write a literature review on a selected topic. Many of these reviews have been published.

You will be required to meet standard University milestones for progress towards your DPhil and will be monitored formally via supervisor feedback forms submitted three times per year.

Changes to courses

The University will seek to deliver this course in accordance with the description 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

Costs

Annual fees for entry in 2019-20

Fee status	Annual Course fees
Home/EU (including Islands)	£7,665
Overseas	£23,950

The fees shown above are the annual course fees for this course, for entry in the stated academic year.

Course fees cover your teaching as well as other academic services and facilities provided to support your studies. Unless specified in the additional information section below, course fees do not cover your accommodation, residential costs or other living costs. They also don't cover any additional costs and charges that are outlined in the additional cost information below.

Course 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 course fees). 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.

Graduate students who have reached the end of their standard period of fee liability may be required to pay a termly University and/or a college continuation charge.

The University continuation charge, per term for entry in 2019-20 is £488, 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 for 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 course that entail additional costs beyond fees (or, after fee liability ends, continuation charges) 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 course 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 2019-20 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	£371	£2,387	£3,342	£3,183	£4,456
Accommodation	£566	£739	£5,093	£6,655	£6,790	£8,874
Personal items	£122	£271	£1,098	£2,435	£1,464	£3,246
Social activities	£42	£126	£380	£1,138	£506	£1,518
Study costs	£40	£88	£359	£788	£478	£1,051
Other	£23	£48	£208	£432	£277	£576
Total	£1,058	£1,643	£9,525	£14,790	£12,698	£19,721

When planning your finances for any future years of study at Oxford beyond 2019-20, you should allow for an estimated increase in living expenses of 3% each year.

More information about how these figures have been calculated is available at www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/livingcosts.