Course Information Sheet for entry in 2019-20 Inorganic Chemistry for Future Manufacturing (EPSRC CDT)



About the course

The Centre for Doctoral Training in Inorganic Chemistry for Future Manufacturing (OxICFM) aims to train the next generation of doctoral scientists in the synthesis of inorganic materials relevant to the future prosperity of the manufacturing sector. The course has been designed in collaboration with ten industrial partners representing a range of business sizes and technological expertise, in order to provide a holistic understanding of all aspects of the chemical manufacturing process.

OxICFM uses a cohort model (12+ students per year), allied to training incorporating faculty-, industry- and peer-led components, to deliver scientists with (i) a broad spectrum training across the interface between inorganic synthesis and manufacturing, and (ii) in-depth expertise in one specific stream (molecular, nano-scale or extended materials).

Students are trained in a single cohort initially (in the first six months) through a series of taught courses, covering a wide range of topics in synthetic inorganic chemistry. Details of the modules are provided on the centre's website. From the second half of year one students will focus primarily on their substantive research project, which they will have chosen prior to the start of their course. During all four years of the programme students also receive a tailored programme designed to broaden their research and professional skills.

All modules during the taught course component involve some aspect of formal assessment, including written reports, problem solving, and group and individual presentations. Throughout the project component of the course, a termly report on the student's progress is submitted by their supervisor. At an appropriate stage students must pass Transfer of Status, to ensure they have the potential to gain a doctorate. This will normally be after six terms. This assessment will be made on the basis of overall performance in the taught course component, together with a project report and oral examination.

At the beginning of their fourth year students must pass Confirmation of Status, to ensure that they are on track to complete the thesis within a reasonable time. The degree is examined by thesis and oral examination by two examiners, one of whom is normally from Oxford and one from elsewhere.

This is a new programme and there are no alumni yet. The department runs a number of activities in close cooperation with the Careers Service, including an annual careers conference, CV workshops and visits from many prospective employers. The programme also has strong engagement with industry, with regular visits and several interactions with industrial partners.

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.