



Course Information Sheet for entry in 2019-20

MSc by Research in Experimental Psychology

About the course

Students on the MSc by Research in Experimental Psychology will carry out independent research under the supervision and guidance of principal investigators and researchers within a research group or lab. Areas of study include behavioural neuroscience, cognitive neuroscience, social psychology and psychological disorders, and developmental science.

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

Supervision and guidance may also include co-supervision from other collaborating groups or labs, both within the department or from other departments/faculties with the university or from another institution.

Full-time study

The majority of our MSc by Research students are expected to be admitted for full-time study, referred to in the timeline below as FTE (full-time equivalent) study.

Part-time study

A small number of part-time students may be admitted to the MSc by Research in Experimental Psychology. If you apply for admission to the part-time course you will be required to show that your proposed research topic is suited to part-time study and that the supervisor agrees with the part-time schedule.

Part-time study is expected to take place at 50% of the intensity of full-time study, so all timescales below referring to full-time equivalent study (FTE) are normally doubled for students pursuing the part-time MSc by Research programme. The attendance requirement will be a minimum of 30 days University-based work per year. This will be spread across the academic year to be a minimum of ten days based in the department each term. However, attendance is likely to be higher and will be determined by the demands of the individual research project and will be agreed with the applicant as part of the admissions process.

First year of full-time study (part-time equivalent: years 1 and 2)

You are initially registered with Probationary Research Student (PRS) status. During your first year of FTE study, you will be expected to attend various courses, lectures and seminars that will enable you to gain the most out of your time at Oxford and assist you with the design and analysis of your own area of research. These will typically include:

- graduate statistical workshops
- skills training courses eg in MATLAB and fMRIB methods
- analysis of research methods

The Medical Science Division also offers a large number of courses on transferable skills such as teaching and communicating scientific findings which you are encouraged to attend as a part of your MSc by Research studies.

You are expected to be fully integrated within your own chosen group or lab and attend group or lab meetings as well as attending related seminars and conferences.

Second year of full-time study (part-time equivalent: years 3 to 6)

You will be expected to transfer your status from PRS to MSc by Research before the end of your 4th Term of FTE study. For this, you will be required to submit a written report summarising your progress to date, which you will then discuss and defend in an oral examination (a transfer *viva*).

Once you have transferred your status, you will be able to conclude your studies with the submission of a 50,000-word thesis and an oral examination, your final *viva voce*.

Assessment of your progress on the course is monitored through termly progression reports and at two key stages:

- transfer of status
- thesis submission

You will need to have successfully completed both stages to be awarded an MSc by Research in Experimental Psychology from the University of Oxford.

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**Full time**

1 to 3 years

Part time

2 to 6 years

Costs

Annual fees for entry in 2019-20

Full-time study

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

Part-time study

| Fee status | Annual Course fees |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Home/EU (including Islands) | £3,835 |
| Overseas | £11,975 |

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

Full-time study

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.

Part-time study

Please note that you are required to attend in Oxford for a minimum of 30 days each year, and you may incur additional travel and accommodation expenses for this. Also, depending on your choice of research topic and the research required to complete it, you may incur further 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.

If you are studying part-time your living costs may vary depending on your personal circumstances but you must still ensure that you will have sufficient funding to meet these 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.