



Course Information Sheet for entry in 2020-21

MSc by Research in Physical and Theoretical Chemistry

About the course

This is a research degree leading to the award of an MSc by Research in Physical and Theoretical Chemistry. Many training opportunities are available throughout the course, but the focus of the course is the research project.

You will be admitted as a Probationary Research Student and will join a research group supervised by one or more members of the department, sometimes in collaboration with other departments. During the first year, in addition to starting work on your research, you will be encouraged to follow training courses chosen from the vast number offered by the Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences (MPLS) Division Graduate School, and it is recommended that you attend at least three of these. A quarterly report on your progress is submitted by your supervisor throughout the course.

At the end of the first year you will undergo a Transfer of Status assessment, which is to ensure that you have the potential to gain the degree. This assessment will be made on the basis of a report and oral examination.

Research proceeds with quarterly reporting until the project is complete. The degree is examined by thesis and oral examination by two examiners, one of whom is normally from Oxford and one from elsewhere. Most MSc by Research students submit their thesis within two years.

Supervision

The allocation of graduate supervision for this course is the responsibility of the Department of Chemistry and it is not always possible to accommodate the preferences of incoming graduate students to work with a particular member of staff. Under exceptional circumstances a supervisor may be found outside the Department of Chemistry.

In the case of students who require specific help to adjust to an academic programme or to a new range of skills, the supervisor will work with them to ensure that they have additional support.

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

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|------------------------|----------------|
| Mode of study | Full Time Only |
| Expected length | 2 to 3 years |

Costs

Annual fees for entry in 2020-21

| Fee status | Annual Course fees |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Home/EU (including Islands) | £7,970 |
| Overseas | £26,405 |

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. Information about how much fees and other costs may increase is set out in the University's Terms and Conditions.

Course fees cover your teaching as well as other academic services and facilities provided to support your studies. Unless specified in the additional cost information (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.

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 2020-21 is £508, 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 2020-21 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 | £270 | £385 | £2,430 | £3,465 | £3,240 | £4,620 |
| Accommodation | £630 | £760 | £5,670 | £6,840 | £7,560 | £9,120 |
| Personal items | £130 | £245 | £1,170 | £2,205 | £1,560 | £2,940 |
| Social activities | £45 | £110 | £405 | £990 | £540 | £1,320 |
| Study costs | £40 | £95 | £360 | £855 | £480 | £1,140 |
| Other | £20 | £55 | £180 | £495 | £240 | £660 |
| Total | £1,135 | £1,650 | £10,215 | £14,850 | £13,620 | £19,800 |

When planning your finances for any future years of study at Oxford beyond 2020-21, 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.