

Course Information Sheet for entry in 2019-20

MSc in Radiation Biology



About the course

This one-year, full-time, taught course leads to an MSc in Radiation Biology awarded by the University of Oxford. It comprises a five-month core theoretical course covering the emerging areas of fundamental radiation biology for oncology and its treatment by radiotherapy and a six-month high-quality laboratory research project.

Applicants are recommended to visit the Department of Oncology website to review the range of radiation research undertaken within the department before they apply.

This MSc is designed for individuals who are interested in a career in academic research in radiation biology, radiation oncology or a career in professions that require knowledge of radiation biology (eg academic personnel associated with radiation protection issues). The MSc can provide the first year of training for students interested in studying academic research at DPhil level.

Fundamental radiation biological science is taught in the first term (Michaelmas), and the first half of the second term (Hilary), over a series of twelve modules. Each module is delivered over a period of one or two weeks and together the twelve modules comprise the core content of the course. Lectures will be led by local, national and international experts supported by additional tutorials, practical sessions and demonstrations given by local staff to provide a wide knowledge and understanding of radiation biology.

The remaining six months focus on a high-quality laboratory project in basic or clinically applied research, where specific training and guidance is provided to enable students to complete the research project.

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

12 months

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.

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, as part of your course requirements, you may need to choose a dissertation, a project or a thesis topic. Please note that, depending on your choice of 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.