

MRC DTP Studentship

Information for offer holders (2019 entry)

As an MRC DTP student, there are some unique features in the way your PhD programme operates. To help clarify things (it can be confusing to begin with!) we have provided you with some specific information below to outline some of these features:

Registration: The DTP is a cross-faculty programme, meaning that there are DTP students registered in both of the science faculties within the university; Faculty of Biology, Medicine and Health and Faculty of Science and Engineering. The faculty and school that you will register in is dependent on where your main supervisor is located. You may, however, have co-supervisors who are based within other schools and faculties. Although the DTP programme is officially administered through the Doctoral Academy, general PhD issues (unrelated specifically to the DTP) will be managed via your registering school/faculty.

The schools where DTP students are registered are listed here:

Faculty	Science and Engineering	Biology, Medicine and Health
School/ Institute	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Natural Sciences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biological Sciences Medical Sciences Health Sciences

DTP Cohort Leads: As a DTP student, you will have a DTP Cohort Lead who is responsible for your pastoral care. Your Cohort Lead is always available for you if you have any problems – small or large – that you need help with, or even just for an informal chat.

The lead for your cohort is [Dr Kevin Couper](#).

Student Committee: The DTP has a student committee which organises the Keynote Lecture Series, internal seminar series, socials and the annual conference. If you are interested in joining the student committee, please contact the Doctoral Academy doctoral.academy@manchester.ac.uk

The MRC DTP student rep chairs the committee. The student rep sits on the management board and is your voice within the MRC DTP.

This year's student rep is [Jason Chu](#).

Induction/Welcome Week: In addition to attending all Welcome Week activities put on by your registering faculty, you will also be attending a DTP induction event on Friday 20th September from 12:30pm - 3pm in Simon Building 4.38. This will be followed by a networking event with all new and

old DTP students, supervisors, board members and administrators present, an excellent opportunity for you to meet the people you will be working alongside over these next few years.

DTP Buddy Scheme: A buddy scheme is available to MRC DTP students. Buddies can help you find your feet when you start, and provide support beyond this. If you have not been paired up with a buddy, please contact the Doctoral Academy doctoralacademy@manchester.ac.uk.

Handbook: A copy of the MRC DTP Handbook will be sent to you before you start.

You should use this in conjunction with your School handbook which will be provided to you by your registering School.

Social Media

If you use Facebook, make sure you join the dedicated MRC DTP Group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1608715009444845/>

You can also follow our twitter account @uom_mrc_dtp

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: When will I get my stipend?

A: For MRC-funded DTP students, the stipend rate is set by Research Councils UK, and is expected to increase annually in-line with inflation. The value of the award for the academic year 2019-20 will be £15,009.

In order to receive your stipend, you must first enter your bank account details into the student system (Campus Solutions) as part of the registration process. Payments will normally be made by bank transfer (BACS). We will provide full instructions on how to do so closer to registration.

Stipends will be paid monthly. Payments will be made on or around the first day of each month or each quarter. Please contact the Doctoral Academy doctoralacademy@manchester.ac.uk if you are unsure of how and when you will receive payments.

Q: What is a 'supervisory team'?

All PhD projects on the MRC DTP are interdisciplinary. This means that you will have a number of different supervisors specialising in different areas. You will generally have one main or 'principle' supervisor, and up to 3 co-supervisors. The 'percentage split' of supervisory responsibility that each of your supervisors take on will depend on your individual project.

The Supervisors All students have a main supervisor and additional co-supervisors that bring particular expertise to a project.

The Advisor

In addition to your supervisor and co-supervisors, you will be assigned an advisor. Students are assigned an advisor for the duration of their research programme. The advisor should be

independent of the student's immediate lab grouping and they are primarily responsible for dealing with any academic concerns arising from formal eProg meetings with the student. Students are advised to contact them in the first instance if they have any concerns that cannot be managed by approaching their supervisor.

DTP Cohort Leads

The DTP Cohort Lead is responsible for overseeing cohort activities and providing pastoral support to their cohort of DTP students. Any concerns that are either academic or personal can be discussed in confidence with the DTP Cohort Lead; they will do their best to support you, whatever the problem is. You will meet your cohort tutor during DTP Induction.

Q: Who to contact if I have any questions?

At present recruitment is underway to appoint a dedicated DTP programmes officer, so if you have any questions at all, please contact the Doctoral Academy – doctoralacademy@manchester.ac.uk