

# 'WHERE TO START WHEN CONSIDERING POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH?'

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# ***TODAY'S PANEL***



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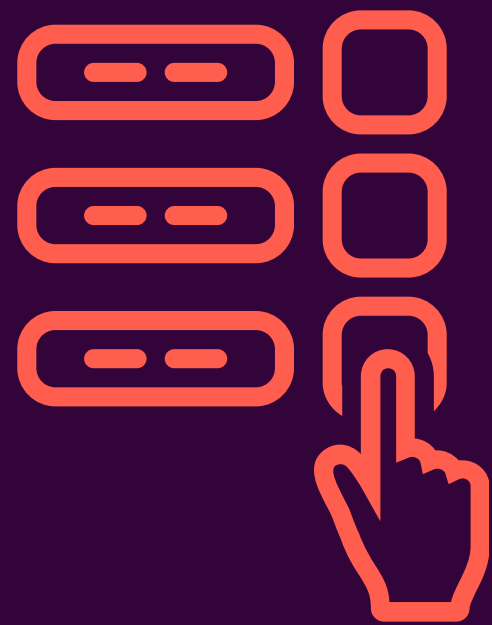
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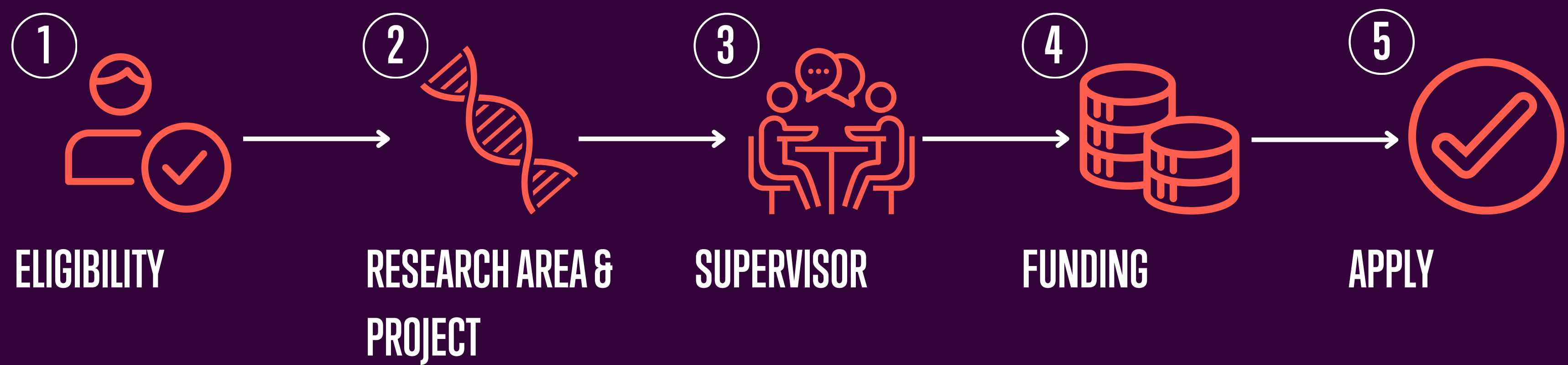


**WHAT STAGE OF THE PGR JOURNEY ARE YOU AT?**

**LET US KNOW VIA THE POLL**



# *STARTING YOUR JOURNEY TO PGR*





# CHECK YOU'RE ELIGIBLE

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## Person specification

- Curious: Constant desire to learn more
- Passionate: Strong opinions and beliefs on your area of research
- Tenacious: Determination to complete tasks, however complex or long they take
- Strong communication skills: Ability to speak, listen, observe, empathise with others effectively
- Problem solver: Love to resolve issues with critical thinking and analytical skills
- Demonstrable research potential: May have had work published, undertaken research or completed an extended project like a dissertation



## Standard entry requirements

- Upper Second class degree (or international equivalent)
- or Lower Second class degree (or international equivalent) if you have:
  - A Master's merit or distinction
  - Considerable previous research experience
- Standard entry reqs. - may vary by programme/project



## Language requirements

- Minimum IELTS score of 6.5-7.0 overall

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# DISCOVER YOUR PASSION

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## FACULTY OF BIOLOGY, MEDICINE AND HEALTH

### SCHOOL OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

- Biochemistry
- Bioinformatics
- Biotechnology
- Cell Biology
- Cell Matrix Research
- Cognitive Neuroscience
- Developmental Biology
- Environmental Biology
- Evolutionary Biology
- Genetics
- Immunology
- Infectious Diseases
- Microbiology
- Molecular Biology
- Neuroscience
- Physiology
- Plant Science
- Stem Cell Research
- Structural Biology

### SCHOOL OF MEDICAL SCIENCES

- Basic Dental Sciences
- Cancer Sciences
- Cardiovascular Sciences
- Clinical Dentistry
- Dental Health Sciences
- Dermatological Sciences
- Endocrinology and Diabetes
- Endodontics
- Gastroenterology
- Genomics
- Inflammation Sciences
- Medical Genetics
- Medical Microbiology
- Medical Mycology
- Medical Virology
- Medicine
- Musculoskeletal Sciences
- Nutrition
- Ophthalmology
- Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
- Orthodontics
- Prosthodontics
- Psychiatry
- Reproductive Sciences

### SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES

- Audiology
- Biomedical Imaging Sciences
- Biostatistics
- Clinical Psychology
- Drug Design, Development and Delivery
- Epidemiology
- Experimental Psychology
- Health Economics
- Health Informatics
- Health Psychology
- Inflammation Sciences
- Medical Microbiology
- Mental Health
- Midwifery
- Nursing
- Occupational and Environmental Health
- Optometry
- Ophthalmology
- Pharmacology
- Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences
- Pharmacy Practice
- Primary Care and Health Services Research
- Psychology
- Public Health
- Social Work

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# FIND YOUR PROJECT

Currently 214 live projects in the Faculty (as of 16/10/24)

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Department:  
Faculty of Biology, Medicine and Health (214)

Supervisor:  
All

Discipline:  
All

Research Group:  
All

Funding Status:  
All

Keywords:

214 PhDs Found [Reset Search](#)



## (MRC DTP) Development of new antibacterials and antiviral beta-sheet forming peptides-based hydrogels.

Faculty of Biology, Medicine and Health

PhD Research Project Competition Funded Students Worldwide

Prof Alberto Saiani, Prof Aline Miller

Application Deadline: 15 November 2024

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## (MRC DTP CASE) A platform for structural proteomics screening of membrane proteins

Faculty of Biology, Medicine and Health

PhD Research Project Competition Funded Students Worldwide

Dr Argyris Politis, Dr Christos Pilotas

Application Deadline: 15 November 2024

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## (MRC DTP CASE) COSMOS: Collaborative Strategic Analysis of MyoNet Registry

Faculty of Biology, Medicine and Health

PhD Research Project Competition Funded Students Worldwide

Dr J Lamb, Dr H Chinoy

Application Deadline: 15 November 2024

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## (MRC DTP CASE) Developing a cortical organoid model of genetic autism to understand development

Faculty of Biology, Medicine and Health

PhD Research Project Competition Funded Students Worldwide

Dr S Garg, Prof Sue Kimber, Dr Gareth Morris

Application Deadline: 15 November 2024

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## Sunlight exposure and cutaneous production of vitamin D in Black African/Afro-Caribbean adults

Faculty of Biology, Medicine and Health

PhD Research Project Self Funded

Dr Mark Farrar, Prof Ann Webb

Application Deadline: Applications accepted all year round

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## Development of a zebrafish model to understand non-traumatic spinal cord injuries: spinal strokes

Faculty of Biology, Medicine and Health

PhD Research Project Self Funded

Dr Ximena Soto Rodriguez, Dr P Kasher, Dr K Dorey

Application Deadline: Applications accepted all year round

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## Investigate the novel therapeutic potential for treating heart failure in diabetes.

Faculty of Biology, Medicine and Health

PhD Research Project Self Funded

Dr Vicky Liu, Prof Martin Rutter

Application Deadline: Applications accepted all year round

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# CONSIDER FUNDING



## STUDENTSHIPS

ADVERTISED AS FULLY FUNDED AND COMPETITION LISTED PROJECTS

	
MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL DTP & CASE	ENGINEERING & PHYSICAL SCIENCES RESEARCH COUNCIL DTP
	
THE KENNEDY TRUST MB-PHD	ECONOMIC & SOCIAL RESEARCH COUNCIL NWSS CASE & DTP
	
MANCHESTER CANCER RESEARCH CENTRE STUDENTSHIPS	INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIP PHD STUDENTSHIPS
	
CANCER RESEARCH UK INSTITUTE STUDENTSHIPS	OTHERS COMING SOON

## SCHOLARSHIPS

AVAILABLE FOR SELF FUNDED PROJECTS


PRESIDENT'S DOCTORAL SCHOLAR AWARD

EXCELLENCE IN DIVERSITY PHD SCHOLARSHIPS

UOM-CHINA SCHOLARSHIP COUNCIL SCHEME

## OTHER FUNDING

ADVERTISED AS SELF FUNDED PROJECTS (SOME FUNDED PROJECTS)

INDIVIDUAL FULLY FUNDED PROJECTS
EXTERNAL FUNDING - CHARITIES, TRUSTS, FOUNDATIONS
POSTGRADUATE LOAN
SELF-FUNDING

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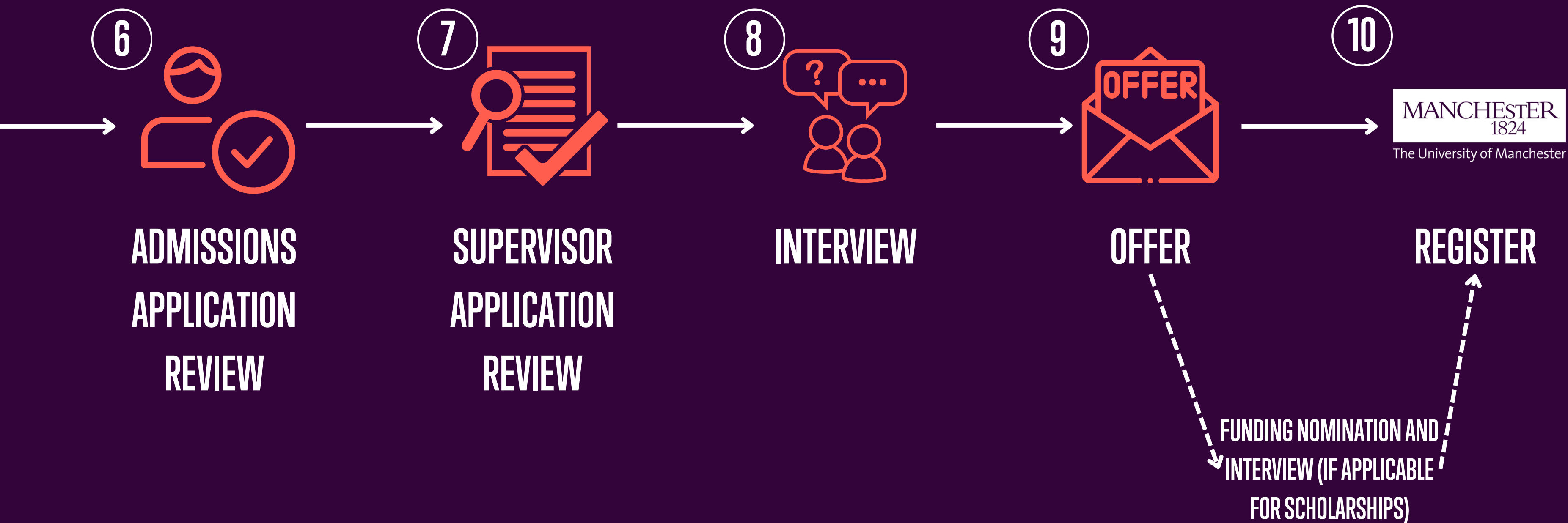
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# *PANEL Q&A*

**GOT A QUESTION?**  
**ADD IT TO THE Q&A CHAT**





# ***MEET OUR POSTGRADUATE RESEARCHERS***



**POPPY DUNN**

Medicine



**TAQYA ARSLAN**

Nursing

# *POPPY: MY JOURNEY TO POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH*

- Originally wanted to be a medical doctor but work experience in that area made me realise it wasn't for me
- Biomedical Science (BA) as an undergrad degree at the University of Oxford
- Didn't consider a PhD at first as didn't realise it was an option until I talked to my tutor
- Completed a Wellcome Trust summer internship and really enjoyed it
- Looked further into research and decided to apply to PhDs with projects in immunology in cancer
- Applied to a few projects in Manchester, only got 1 interview but got the place!





# *TAQYA: MY JOURNEY TO POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH*

- Always dreamt of becoming a Dr. and an Engineer
- B.Engg Electronic Engineering (NED University of Engineering and Technology, Karachi, Pakistan - 2021)
- Married, had a baby, then decided to pursue master's
- Chose UK because of a 1 year MSc in Data Science (London South Bank University - 2023)
- Dissertation: Developing a human Centred cognitive system for elderly, was offered a PhD, declined.
- Started applying in and around MCR, found a greatly relevant project, applied, got it!



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# NEXT STEPS

## BROWSE AVAILABLE PROJECTS

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## FUNDED STUDENTSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Open for 2025/26 applications:



Medical Research Council  
Doctoral Training Partnership

Excellence in Diversity PhD Scholarships

President's Doctoral Scholar Award

Kennedy Trust MB-PhD

Cancer Research UK Manchester Centre  
Studentships and MB-PhD

Cancer Research UK Manchester Institute  
Studentships

**Plus more to be launched in October and November**

# UPCOMING EVENTS

'UNDERSTANDING PGR FUNDING IN BIOLOGY, MEDICINE AND HEALTH'

30 OCT 24

1PM - 2PM  
(GMT)

'THE IMPORTANCE OF CONTACTING A SUPERVISOR'

27 NOV 24

1PM - 2PM  
(GMT)

'PREPARING FOR A PGR INTERVIEW'

8 JAN 25

1PM - 2PM  
(GMT)

FACULTY OF BIOLOGY, MEDICINE AND HEALTH PGR OPEN DAY 2024

13 NOV 24

1PM - 5PM  
ON CAMPUS

'THE PGR APPLICANT JOURNEY FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS'

11 DEC 24

1PM - 2PM  
(GMT)

'PHD LIFE IN THE FACULTY OF BIOLOGY, MEDICINE AND HEALTH'

22 JAN 25

1PM - 2PM  
(GMT)

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