**Faculty of Biology, Medicine and Health**

**International Partnership PhD Studentships**

**Call for European partnership PhD Projects to commence in 2025/26**

The Doctoral Academy is supporting six 4-year PhD studentships to support collaboration between FBMH and European Institutions. Postgraduate Researchers (PGR) will commence in October 2025 and be registered for their PhD at the University of Manchester.

Applications will be considered that include collaborations or visits to any European university or research institution. The project proposal must include a named supervisor from the collaborating institution, and it is expected that PGRs will undertake a proportion of their research overseas. We particularly encourage collaboration with our formal partner institutes (listed below), and in the event of two or more candidates being ranked equally, preference may be given to projects involving these institutions:

* University of Bordeaux
* Heidelberg University
* Karolinska Institute
* KTH Royal Institute of Technology (Stockholm)

Proposed project submissions must demonstrate how the award of a studentship will facilitate future international research funding applications (e.g. [European Research Council](https://erc.europa.eu/homepage), Wellcome Trust).

**Approval process**

Following submission, all projects will be reviewed by the Divisional Senior PGR Tutor/HoD. Review and selection of projects for advert and final allocation of studentships following candidate interviews will be overseen by the Director of International PGR Recruitment.

**Supervisor eligibility**

See the Faculty information on [Supervisor eligibility and expectations](https://www.staffnet.manchester.ac.uk/bmh/research/doctoral-academy/pgr-policies/faculty-pgr-policies-and-guidance/).

**Funding**

The 4 year studentship will cover:

* Tuition fees
* £5,000pa Research Training Support Grant (RTSG)
* £1,000 contribution towards PGR travel costs
* Stipend at the UKRI rate

Costs not covered, and which must be agreed to be covered/waived by the host European partner during the time spent there:

* Costs (i.e. consumables) associated with research activities undertaken during visits to the partner institution.
* Any administrative costs (e.g. visiting student fees) levied by the by the collaborating institution associated with PGR research visits.

Supervisors interested in submitting a project can seek advice on liaising with collaborative supervisors/institutions in relation to local costs and fee arrangements by contacting Helen Hawthorn (Internationalisation team) in the first instance.

The scheme is open to both home and overseas candidates. However, funding does not cover relocation or associated costs (e.g. visa, health surcharge), and supervisors must confirm with overseas candidates that they are able to cover these costs prior to an offer being issued.

**Candidate interviews & offers**

Further information will be provided regarding adverts and applications for shortlisted projects. International applicants are eligible (up to 30% of studentships awarded). Supervisors will be required to nominate a candidate for a formal panel interview.

Panel interviews will include the Director for International PGR Recruitment and School Directors for Internationalisation.

**Timeline**

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| Call for projects circulated | July 2024 |
| Deadline for submission of projects | 23 September 2024 |
| Deadline for project triage to be completed | 7 October 2024 |
| Advertising of shortlisted projects | 11 October 2024 |
| Closing date for applications | 29 November 2024 |
| Deadline for Primary Supervisor to nominate candidate | 13 January 2025 |
| Formal panel interviews held | w/c 27 January 2025 |
| Offers confirmed | w/c 3 February 2025 |

Projects should be submitted to fbmh.doctoralacademy.admissions@manchester.ac.uk

Queries regarding collaborative partner contributions/expectations should be directed to Helen Hawthorn (Internationalisation team) in the first instance.