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FACULTY OF BIOLOGY, MEDICINE AND HEALTH
POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH

'PREPARING FOR A POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH INTERVIEW'

8 JANUARY 2025



TODAY'S PANEL



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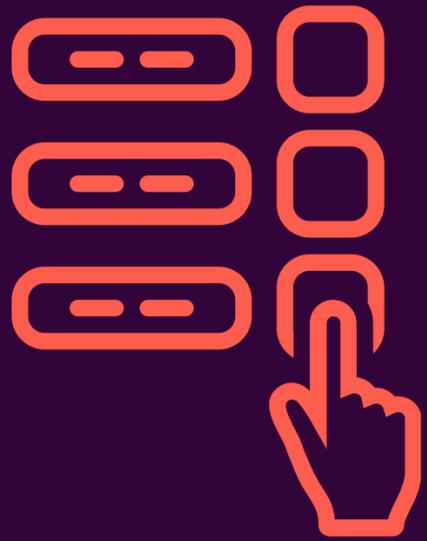
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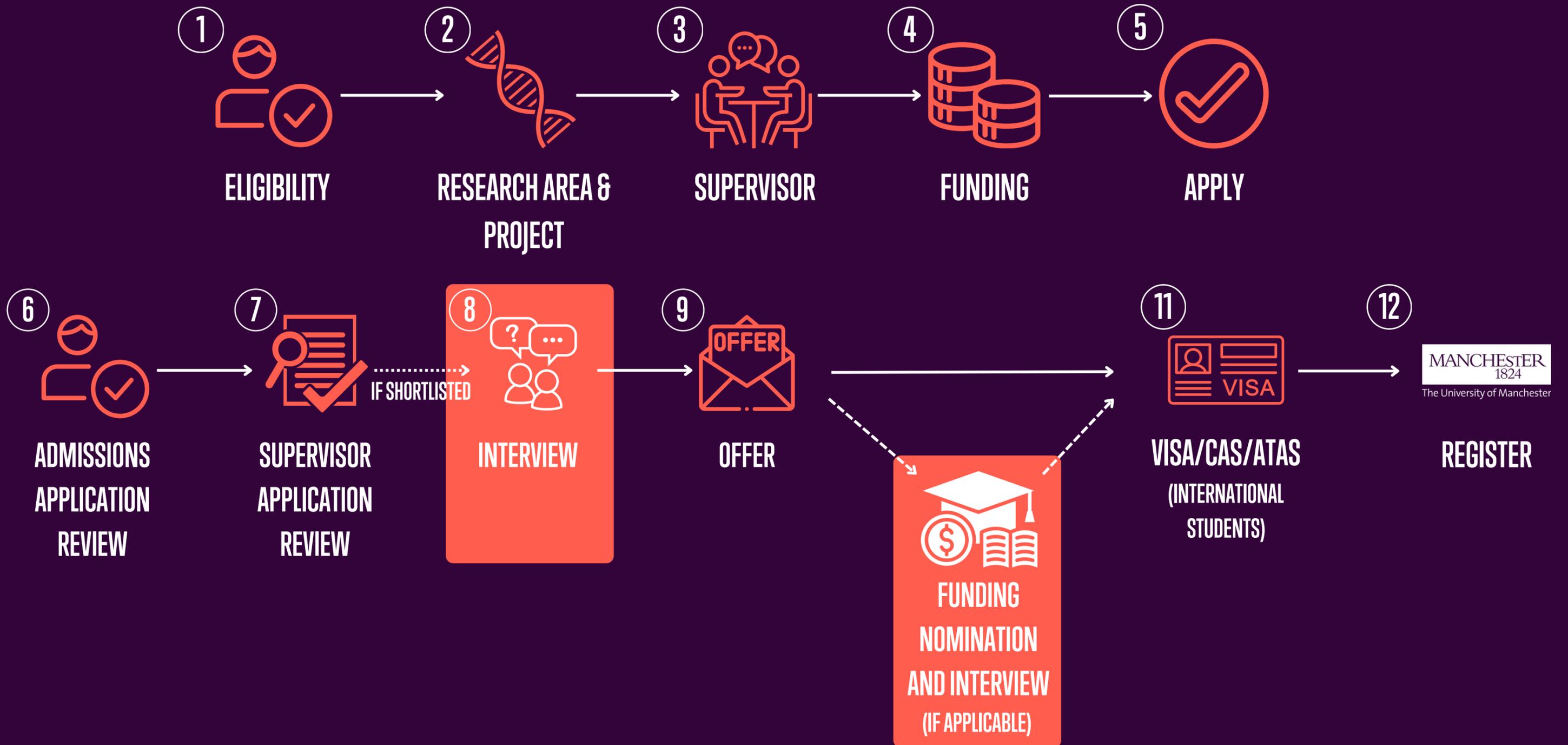


WHAT STAGE OF THE PGR JOURNEY ARE YOU AT?

LET US KNOW VIA THE POLL

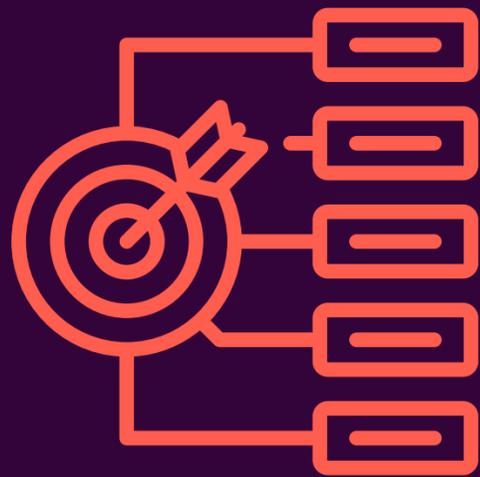


STARTING YOUR JOURNEY TO PGR



FORMAL INTERVIEW EXPECTATIONS

VARIES BY PROJECT/PROGRAMME



PURPOSE

- Assess motivation for pursuing a PhD
- Evaluate understanding of research area/project
- Determine suitability for the research environment



QUESTIONS

- Your academic background
- Your research experience
- Why this project, supervisor and institution?
- How do you plan to approach the project?
- Problem-solving/scenario-based questions



STRUCTURE/FORMAT

- Typically 30 minutes
- Online/virtual
- Panel of 3-5 academics; may/may not include the proposed supervisor
- Presentation, interview questions, and opportunity for you to ask questions

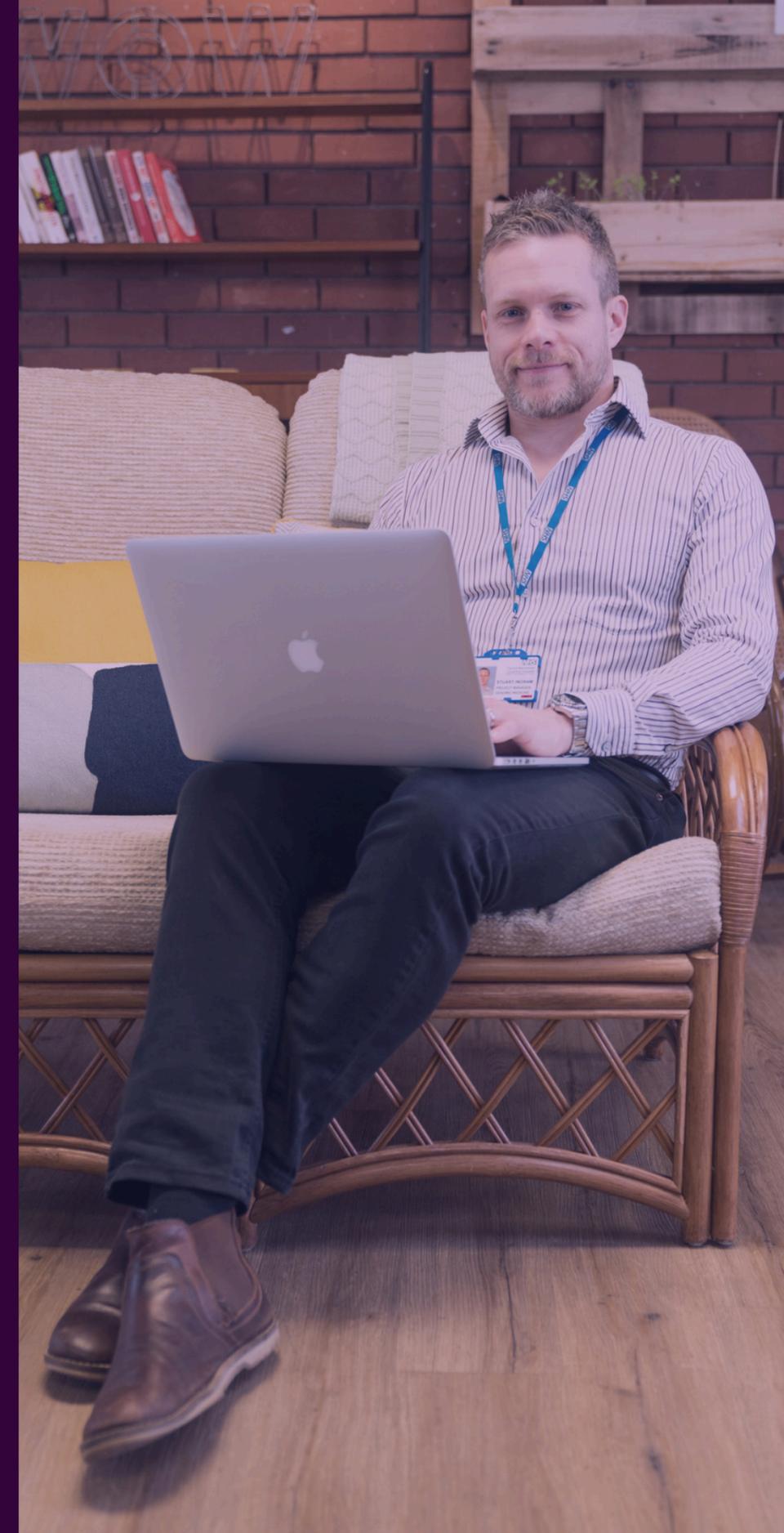


PRESENTATION

- Short presentation, typically 5-10 minutes
- Powerpoint or verbal presentation
- Outlining:
 - research experience
 - your suitability and motivation
 - the project you are interested in
- Always follow what you have been asked to present

PREPARATION TIPS

- 1 RESEARCH THE PROJECT AND RESEARCH GROUP**
- 2 REFLECT ON YOUR APPLICATION, EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS**
- 3 PRACTICE YOUR PRESENTATION**
- 4 PREPARE FOR COMMON QUESTIONS AND YOUR QUESTIONS FOR THE PANEL**



MRC DTP & CASE INTERVIEWS

NEXT STEPS IF YOU'VE BEEN SHORTLISTED

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WHEN YOU NEED TO REPLY BY

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PANEL Q&A

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ADD IT TO THE Q&A CHAT



MEET OUR POSTGRADUATE RESEARCHERS



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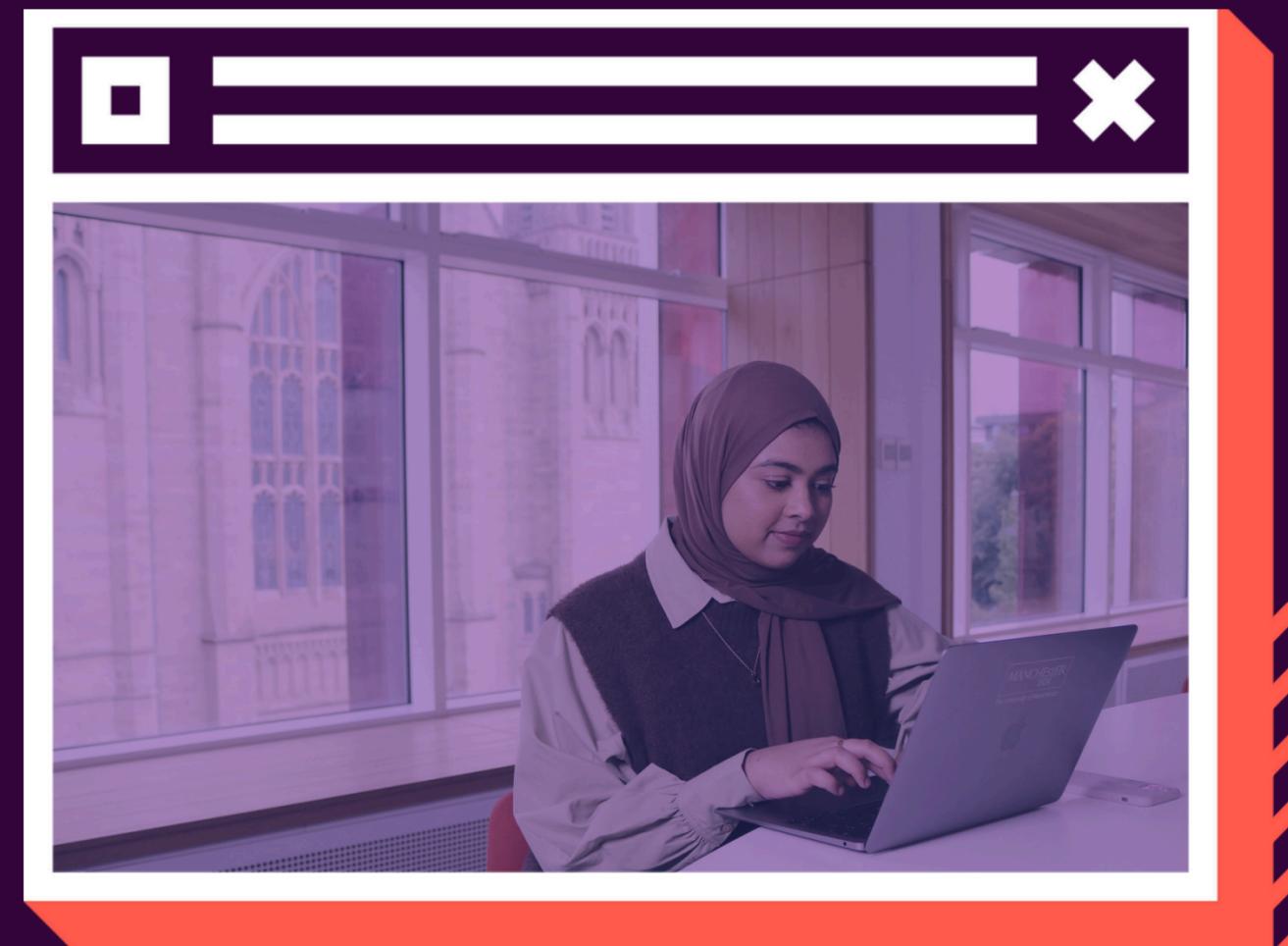


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NEXT STEPS

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22 JAN 25

**1PM - 2PM
(GMT)**

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