

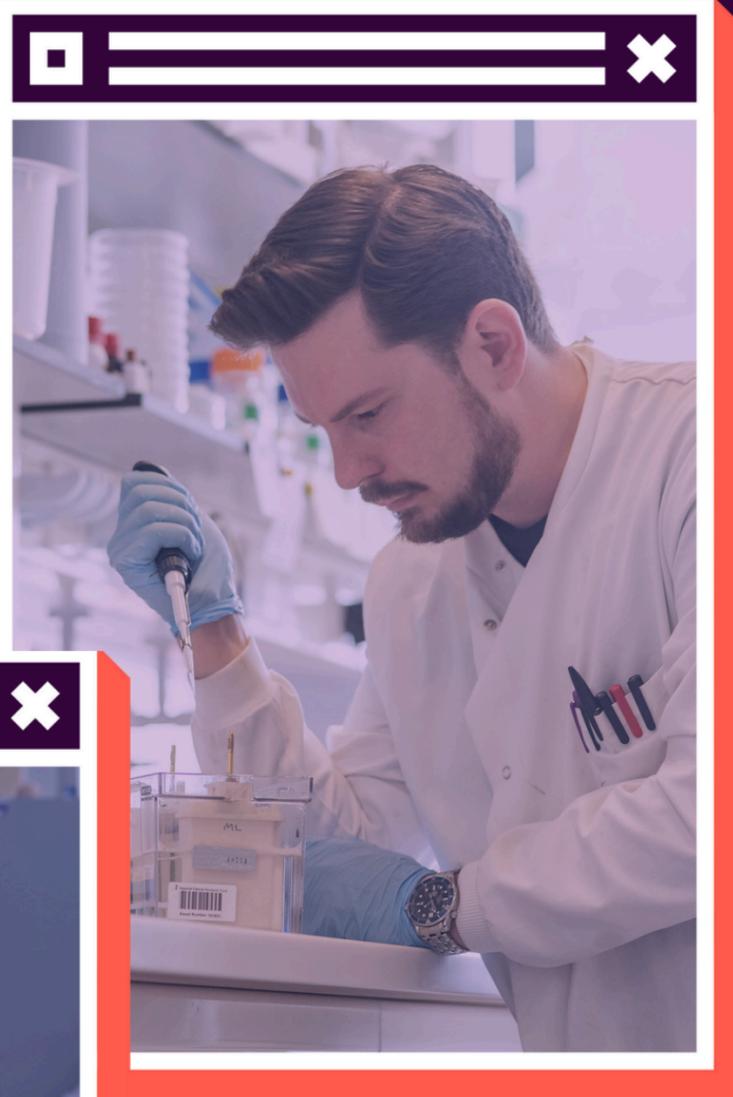


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**FACULTY OF BIOLOGY, MEDICINE AND HEALTH  
POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH**

# 'WHERE TO START WHEN CONSIDERING POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH FOR 26/27?'

**7 MAY 2025**



# TODAY'S PANEL



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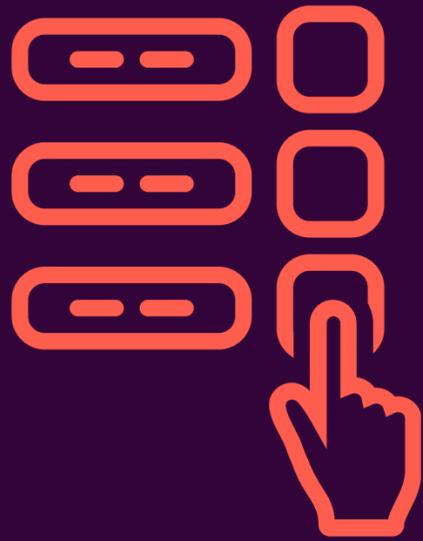
Admissions



**POPPY DUNN**

Postgraduate Researcher;  
Division of Cancer  
Sciences

*POLL*

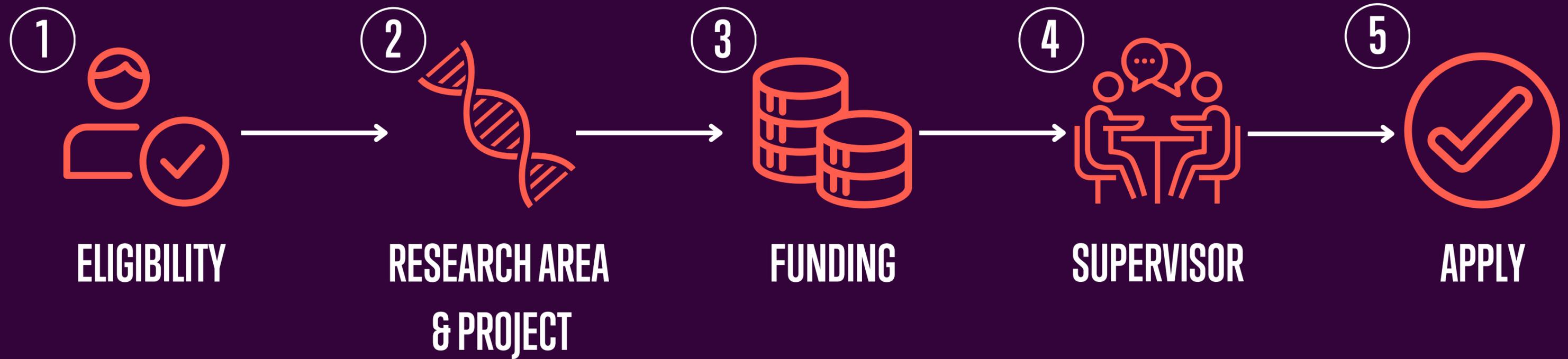


**WHAT STAGE OF THE PGR JOURNEY ARE YOU AT?**

**LET US KNOW VIA THE POLL**



# *THE POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH APPLICATION PROCESS*



# IS PGR FOR YOU?



## POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH IS FOR YOU IF:

- You're fascinated by an area of your field
- You have research experience
- You're prepared to spend several years researching that one specific area
- You're driven and determined to push boundaries,
- You possess the resilience to persevere through challenges
- You're interested in a career in research, academia or industry related to your subject

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## POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH ISN'T FOR YOU IF:

- You have limited research experience
- You're not certain that academia or research is for you
- You don't have a passion for research or a specific area
- You're putting off choosing a career direction
- You just want to get another qualification
- You're keen to begin your career and earn a full-time salary as soon as possible

# STANDARD ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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## Academic 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



# *SKILLS AND CHARACTERISTICS*

- **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



# RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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**INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE**



**RESEARCH PLACEMENT**



**MASTER'S**



**RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE**



**UNDERGRADUATE PROJECT PLACEMENT**



**YEAR IN INDUSTRY**

# 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

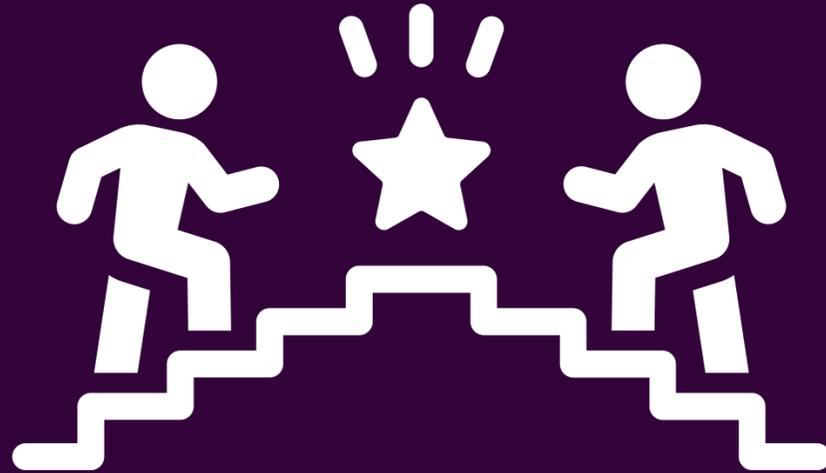
### SCHOOL OF MEDICAL SCIENCES

- 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

# FIND YOUR PROJECT



COMPETITION FUNDED



DIRECTLY FUNDED



SELF-FUNDED

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

Supervisor:  
All

Discipline:  
All

Research Group:  
All

Funding Status:  
All

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**(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](#)  
[Dr 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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**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  
[View Details](#)

**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



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## STUDENTSHIPS

PROJECTS ADVERTISED AS 'COMPETITION FUNDED' AND 'FULLY FUNDED'



**BICENTENARY  
PHD STUDENTSHIPS**



**BIOTECHNOLOGY AND BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES  
RESEARCH NWDP IN BIOSCIENCE**



**MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL  
DTP & CASE**



**ENGINEERING & PHYSICAL SCIENCES  
RESEARCH COUNCIL DTP**



**ECONOMIC & SOCIAL RESEARCH COUNCIL  
NWSS CASE & DTP**



**INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIP  
PHD STUDENTSHIPS**



**CANCER RESEARCH UK MANCHESTER  
CENTRE STUDENTSHIPS & MB-PHD**



**CANCER RESEARCH UK MANCHESTER  
INSTITUTE STUDENTSHIPS**



**THE KENNEDY TRUST  
MB-PHD**



**BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION  
CRE PROGRAMME & PHD STUDENTSHIPS**



**ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY  
DOCTORAL TRAINING CENTRE**



**DUAL-AWARD BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY  
OF MANCHESTER AND MELBOURNE**

## SCHOLARSHIPS

AVAILABLE TO FUND 'SELF-FUNDED' PROJECTS



**PRESIDENT'S DOCTORAL  
SCHOLAR AWARD**



**EXCELLENCE IN DIVERSITY  
PHD SCHOLARSHIPS**



**UOM-CHINA SCHOLARSHIP COUNCIL  
SCHEME**



**GLOBAL SOUTH  
SCHOLARSHIP**

# CONSIDER FUNDING

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## FUNDED PROJECTS

ADVERTISED AS DIRECTLED FUNDED PROJECTS

INDIVIDUAL FULLY FUNDED PROJECTS

## OTHER WAYS TO FUND YOUR POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH

TO FUND SELF FUNDED PROJECTS

EXTERNAL FUNDING - CHARITIES, TRUSTS, FOUNDATIONS

POSTGRADUATE LOAN/SELF-FUNDING

# CONTACTING THE SUPERVISOR

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# APPLYING

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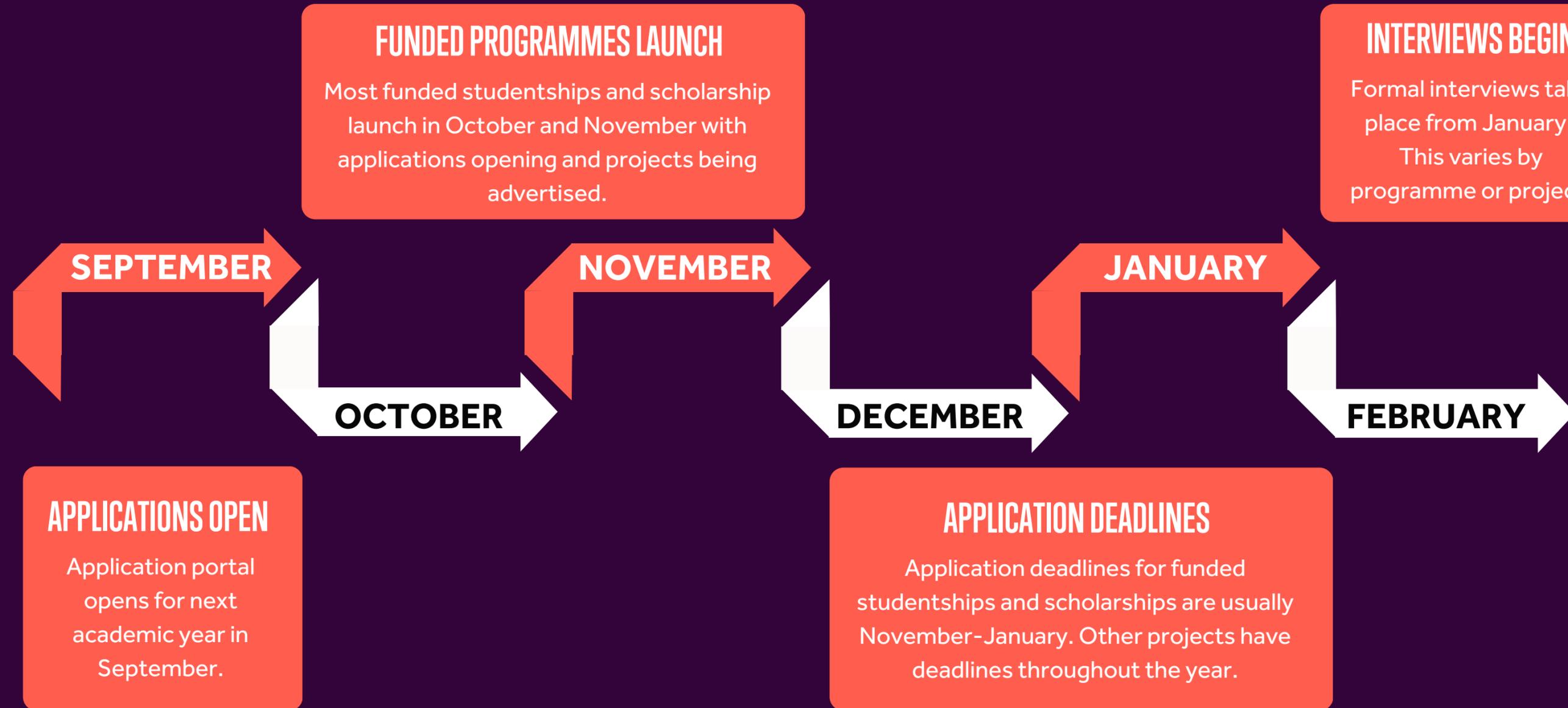


TRANSCRIPTS/  
CERTIFICATES

# TIMELINE FOR 2026/27

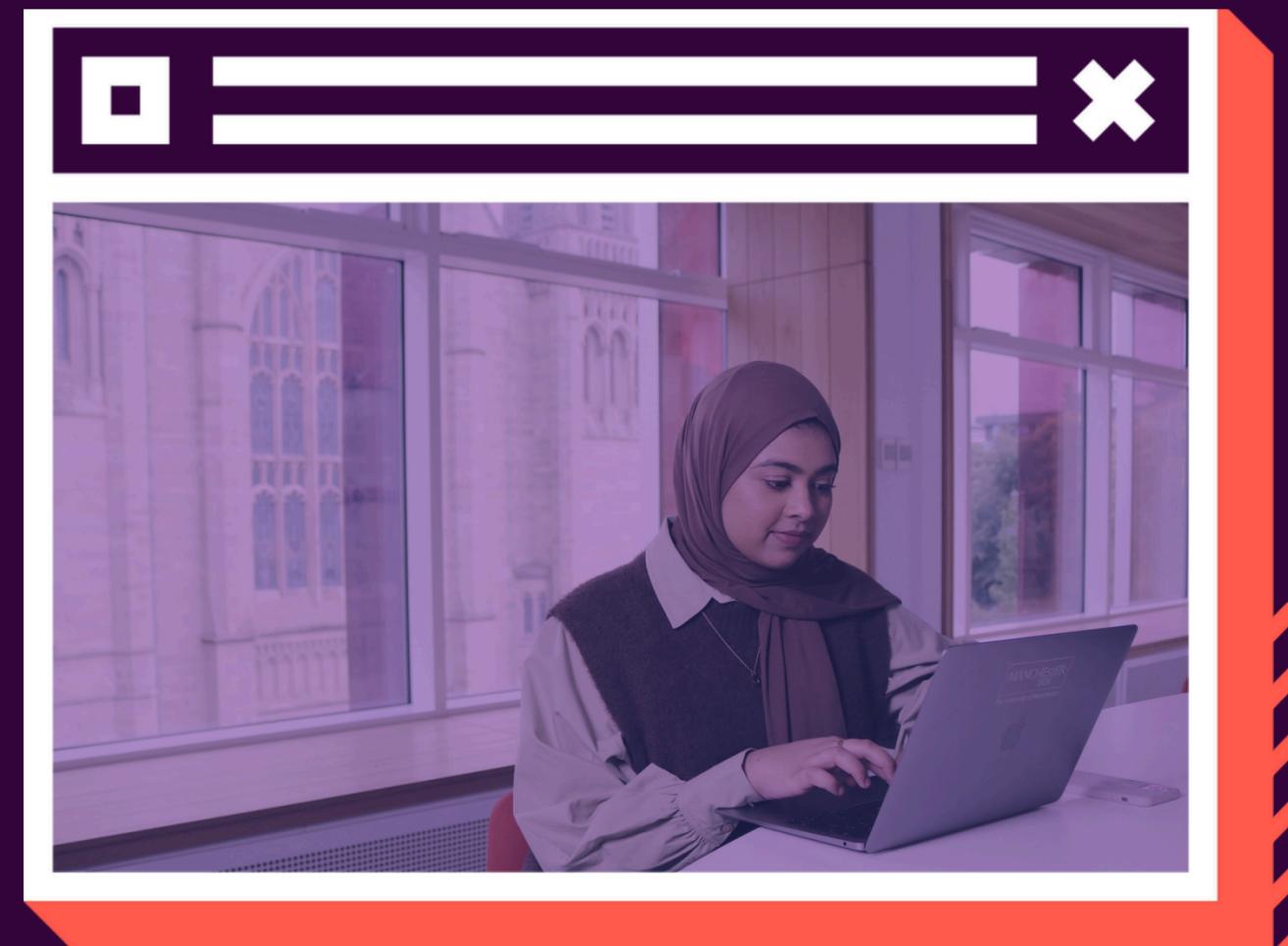
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# *PANEL Q&A*

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



# *MEET OUR POSTGRADUATE RESEARCHER*



**POPPY DUNN**

Division of  
Cancer Sciences

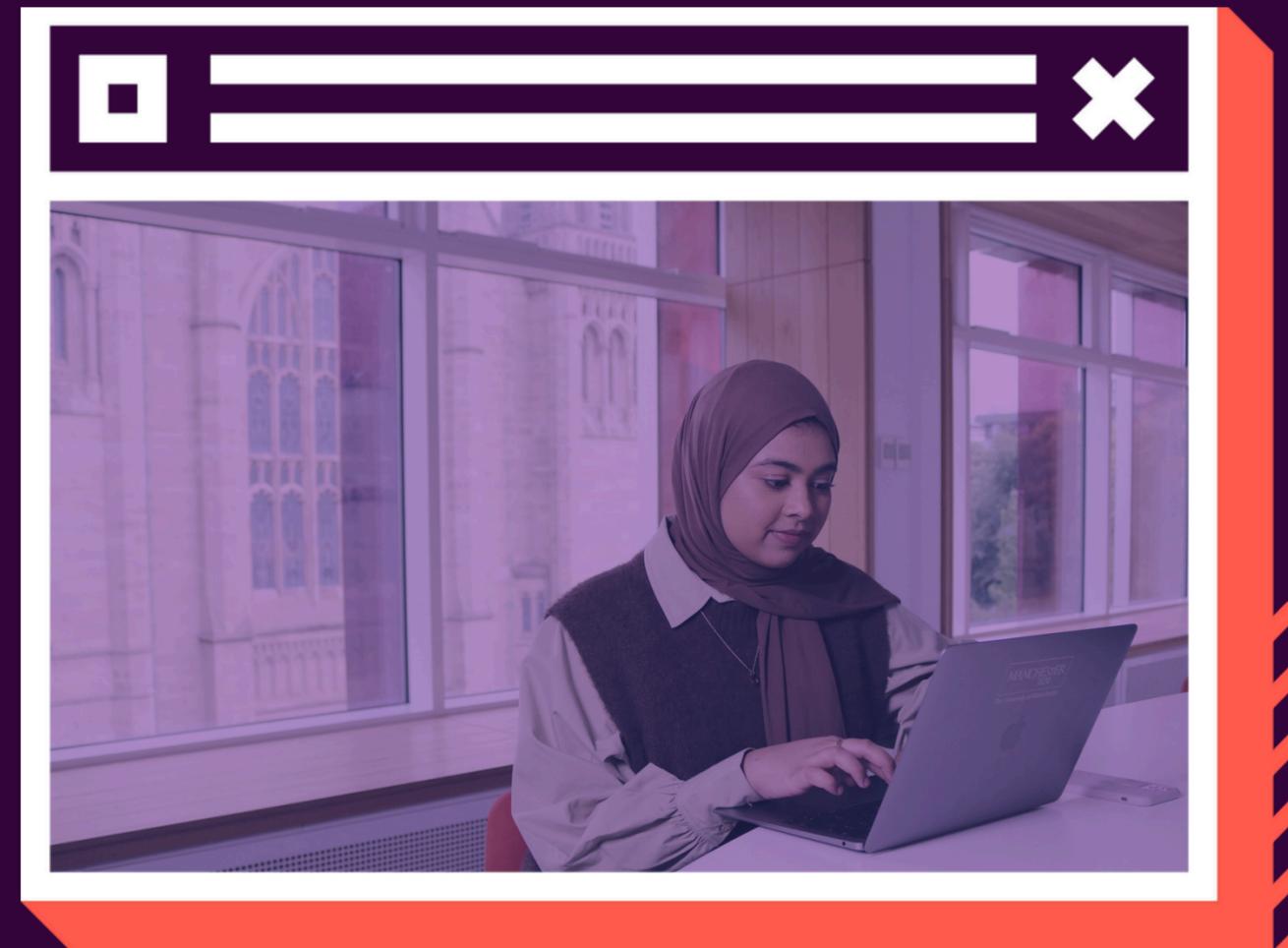
# POPPY: MY JOURNEY TO POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH

- 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!



# *PANEL Q&A*

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



# ***NEXT STEPS***



**DISCOVER MORE ABOUT POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH  
INCLUDING HOW TO APPLY, AVAILABLE PROJECTS, FUNDING AND MORE.**



**CHAT TO CURRENT POSTGRADUATE RESEARCHERS  
ABOUT PHD LIFE AT MANCHESTER.**



**SIGN-UP TO OUR POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH MAILING LIST  
FOR FUNDING ALERTS, APPLICATION TIPS AND MORE.**

**[BMH.MANCHESTER.AC.UK/STUDY/RESEARCH](https://bmh.manchester.ac.uk/study/research)**



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**THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!**

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OUR POST-EVENT SURVEY**

**[UOM.LINK/BMH-PGR-SURVEY](https://uom.link/bmh-pgr-survey)**

