

# 'UNDERSTANDING POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH FUNDING IN BIOLOGY, MEDICINE AND HEALTH'

**1 OCTOBER 2025**



# *TODAY'S PANEL*



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**WHAT STAGE OF THE PGR JOURNEY ARE  
YOU AT? LET US KNOW VIA THE POLL**

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# *YOUR JOURNEY TO PGR*





# ***WHAT ARE POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH COSTS?***

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**TUITION FEES**



**RESEARCH COSTS**

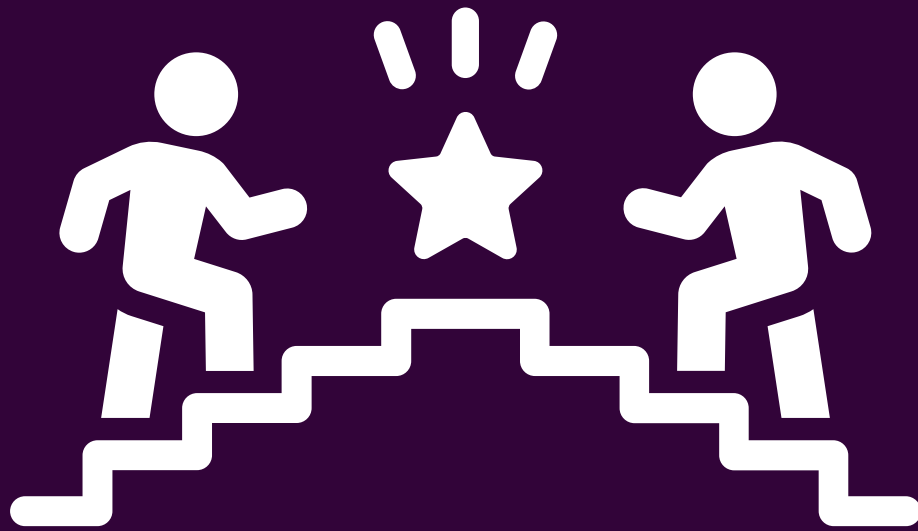


**LIVING COSTS**



**RELOCATION COSTS**

# ***TYPES OF ADVERTISED PROJECTS***



**COMPETITION FUNDED**



**DIRECTLY FUNDED**

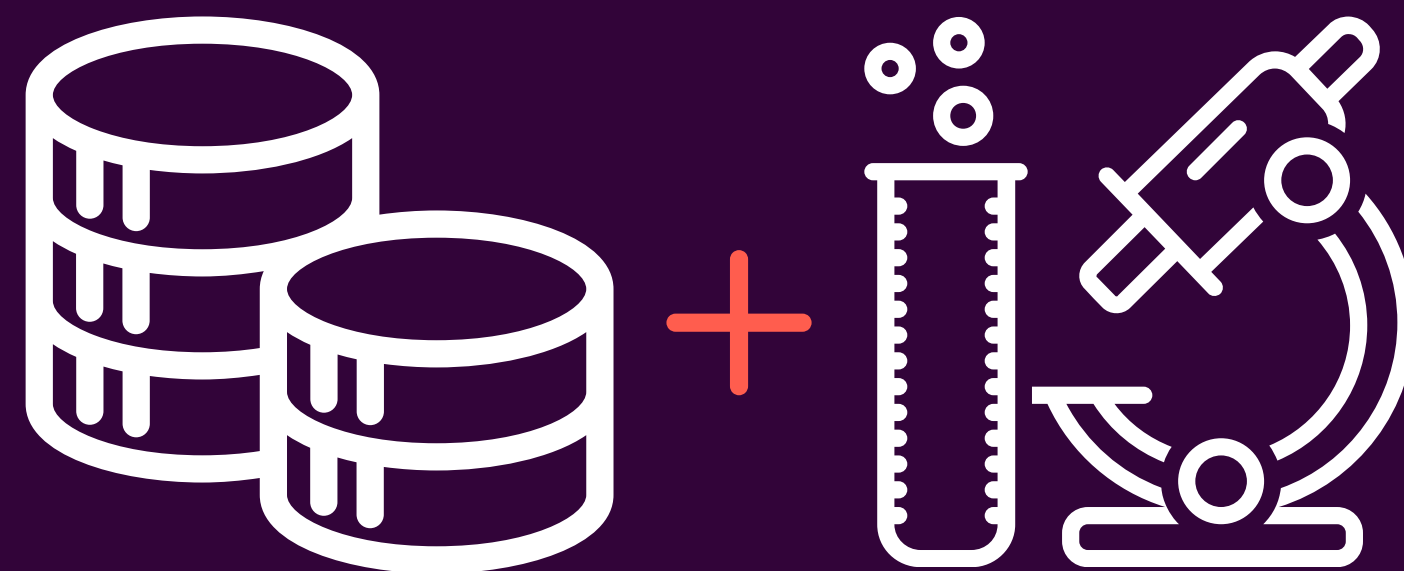


**SELF-FUNDED**

# ***FULLY-FUNDED STUDENTSHIP PROGRAMMES***

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FUNDING

PROJECT



# ***MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL DOCTORAL TRAINING PARTNERSHIP***

## **ABOUT THE PROGRAMME**

- Open to home and international candidates
- Shape the future of medical and health sciences with fully funded PhD training
- Carry out a funded PhD project addressing some of the key priorities of the MRC.
- Three pathways - supervisor led, student led and CASE projects with industry

## **WHAT'S INCLUDED**

- Tuition fees
- Annual tax-free stipend at UKRI rate
- Project costs
- Training support
- Develop interdisciplinary skills
- Bespoke training alongside PhD
- Internal funding scheme access
- Support raising awareness of research through events and digital media



Medical  
Research  
Council



APPLICATIONS  
OPEN ON  
7 OCTOBER

CHECK YOU'RE  
ELIGIBLE

FIND AN  
MRC DTP  
PROJECT

CONTACT THE  
SUPERVISOR

APPLICATIONS  
CLOSE ON  
8 NOVEMBER

INTERVIEWS  
W/C 19 JANUARY  
2026

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# **BIOTECHNOLOGY AND BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE RESEARCH COUNCIL NORTH WEST DOCTORAL PROGRAMME IN BIOSCIENCE**



Biotechnology and  
Biological Sciences  
Research Council

## **ABOUT THE PROGRAMME**

- Open to home and international candidates
- Highly regarded training programme for future bioscience leaders
- Partnership between BBSRC, The University of Manchester and University of Liverpool
- Aims to prepare future bioscientists to address critical challenges in 21st-century bioscience and begin successful research careers

## **WHAT'S INCLUDED**

- Tuition fees
- Annual tax-free stipend at UKRI rate
- Comprehensive training
- Community and networking opportunities
- Event and training opportunities
- Three month industry placement opportunities
- Career development with PhD PROSPER and BIOBRIDGE

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7 NOVEMBER

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PROJECT

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7 DECEMBER

INTERVIEWS  
W/C 23 FEBRUARY  
2026

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# ***BICENTENARY*** ***PHD STUDENTSHIPS***

## **ABOUT THE PROGRAMME**

- Open to home and international candidates.
- Pursue solutions to the most pressing global challenges.
- Celebrate our bicentenary with our prestigious PhD studentships.

## **WHAT'S INCLUDED**

- Tuition fees
- Annual tax-free stipend at UKRI rate
- World-class research facilities
- Address global challenges in key research themes in the Faculty
- Comprehensive training and support

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OPEN ON  
13 OCTOBER

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BICENTENARY  
PROJECT

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APPLICATIONS  
CLOSE ON  
15 NOVEMBER

INTERVIEWS  
W/C 26 JANUARY  
2026

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# ***PRESIDENT'S DOCTORAL SCHOLAR AWARD***

## **ABOUT THE PROGRAMME**

- Open to international candidates
- The University's flagship funding initiative
- For the most outstanding international candidates across all nationalities/research areas
- New structure to be launched soon.

## **WHAT'S INCLUDED**

- Tuition fees
- Annual tax-free stipend at UKRI rate
- Research leadership from distinguished scholars
- Extensive transferable skills training
- Exclusive university events for PDS Award Scholars with our President and Vice Chancellor

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ON DATE **TBC**

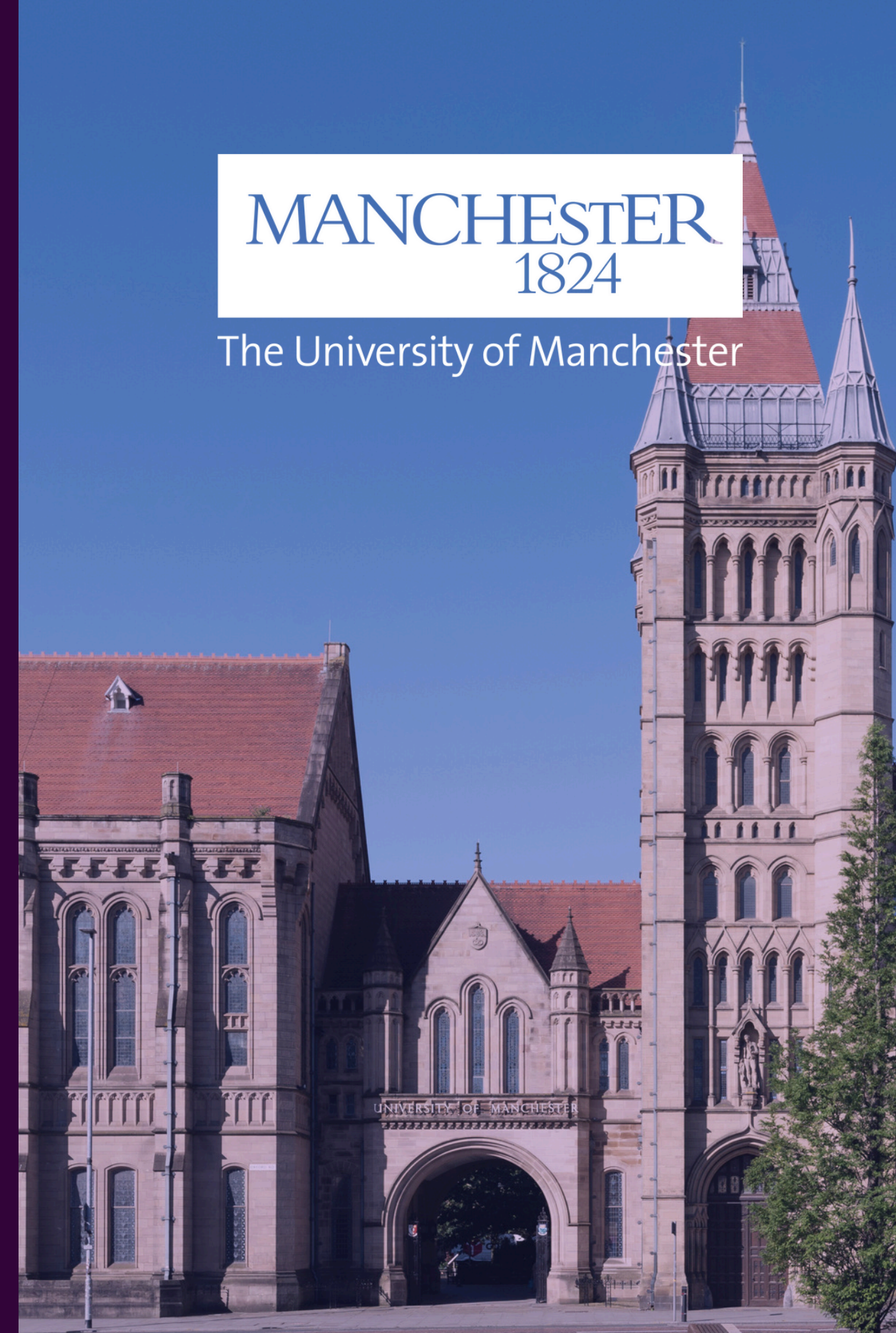
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# INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIP PHD STUDENTSHIPS

## ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

- Expand your horizons and embark on a global research journey in collaboration with international partner institutes.
- Undertake a PhD at Manchester and spend time at one of our partners universities
  - University of Bordeaux
  - Heidelberg University
  - Karolinska Institute
  - Plus other institutes across Europe

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Tuition fees
- Annual tax-free stipend at UKRI rate
- £5,000 p/a Research Training Grant (RTSG)
- £1,000 contribution towards PGR travel costs

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OPEN ON  
24 OCTOBER

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APPLICATIONS  
CLOSE ON  
22 NOVEMBER

INTERVIEWS  
W/C 16 FEBRUARY  
2026

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# ***DUAL AWARD WITH*** ***THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE***

## **ABOUT THE PROGRAMME**

- Open to UK and international candidates
- Start your PhD in Manchester and spend at least 12 months in Melbourne
- Broaden your horizons and gain a global perspective on your field of research
- Benefit from leading academics, research expertise and world-class facilities at both institutions.

## **WHAT'S INCLUDED**

- Tuition fees
- Annual tax-free stipend at UKRI rate
- Research and training funding
- Return travel to Melbourne
- Health insurance



THE UNIVERSITY OF  
**MELBOURNE**



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OPEN ON  
1 DECEMBER

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UOM-MELBOURNE  
PROJECT

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SUPERVISOR

APPLICATIONS  
CLOSE ON  
DATE TBC

INTERVIEWS  
ON DATE TBC

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# ***MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL***

## ***CENTRE OF RESEARCH EXCELLENCE IN EXPOSOME IMMUNOLOGY***



Medical  
Research  
Council

### **ABOUT THE PROGRAMME**

- Open to home and international candidates
- Explore how environmental exposures cause chronic inflammatory diseases.
- Partnership between MRC, The University of Manchester and University of Oxford
- Shape your project; choose your research topic and supervisors then co-develop your project.

### **WHAT'S INCLUDED**

- Tuition fees
- Annual tax-free stipend at UKRI rate
- Project costs
- Training support
- Travel for conferences and training



APPLICATIONS  
OPEN ON  
9 SEPTEMBER

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PROJECT

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APPLICATIONS  
CLOSE ON  
2 DECEMBER

INTERVIEWS  
JANUARY 2026

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# THE KENNEDY TRUST IMPACT INFLAMMATION MB-PHD

## ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

- Combine medical training with research training in the area of inflammation sciences.
- Drive new innovations in clinical care and research while working towards your MBChB and PhD
- For MBChB students who wish to intercalate to train as clinician-scientists and must be:
  - studying in Year 3
  - studying in Year 2 & hold at least an upper second class BA/BSc in relevant area
  - intercalating after Year 2 or Year 3 of the MBChB
- Open to all but priority given to students at The University of Manchester and The University of St Andrews (Manchester pathway)

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Tuition fees
- Annual tax-free stipend at UKRI rate
- Bespoke training
- Mentorship programme

THE KENNEDY TRUST  
for Rheumatology Research



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DATE TBC

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MB-PHD PROJECT

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CLOSE ON  
DATE TBC

INTERVIEWS  
DATE TBC

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# ***THE ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY*** ***DOCTORAL TRAINING CENTRE***

## **ABOUT THE PROGRAMME**

- Open to home and international candidates.
- Become part of the next generation of dementia researchers
- Join multi-institutional partnership including The University of Manchester funded by the Alzheimer's Society.
- Vascular and Immune Contributors to Dementia (VIDA)

## **WHAT'S INCLUDED**

- Tuition fees
- Enhanced annual tax-free stipend at Alzheimer's Society rate
- Public engagement activities with the Alzheimer's Society
- Industry partner placement
- Develop teaching and leadership skills by supervising placement student.



**APPLICATIONS  
OPEN ON  
21 NOVEMBER**

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PROJECT**

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SUPERVISOR**

**APPLICATIONS  
CLOSE ON  
20 DECEMBER**

**INTERVIEWS  
W/C 9 MARCH  
2026**

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



CANCER  
RESEARCH  
UK

Manchester  
Centre

## ABOUT PHD OPPORTUNITIES

- Manchester Cancer Research Centre opportunities funded by CRUK
- Clinical and non-clinical PhD opportunities available across cancer research areas

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Tuition fees
- Annual tax-free stipend at UKRI rate
- State-of-the art facilities
- Collaborate with other areas of research
- Diverse and in-depth training
- Black Leaders in Cancer Research Programme

## ABOUT THE MB-PHD

- Fully funded three-year programme open to MBChB students at The University of Manchester, the University of Leeds and University of St Andrews
- Combine medical training with research training in cancer research

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Tuition fees
- Annual tax-free stipend at UKRI rate
- Bespoke training and mentorship



APPLICATIONS  
OPEN ON  
6 OCT (PHD)  
13 OCT (MB-PHD)

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CRUK MC  
PROJECT

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SUPERVISOR

APPLICATIONS  
CLOSE ON  
17 NOVEMBER (PHD)  
9 MARCH (MB-PHD)

INTERVIEWS  
W/C 12 JANUARY 2026 (PHD)  
W/C 27 APRIL 2026 (MB-PHD)

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# *CANCER RESEARCH UK MANCHESTER* *INSTITUTE PHD STUDENTSHIPS*

## ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

- CRUK Manchester Institute is at the heart of the Manchester Cancer Research Centre
- Brings together the University, The Christie NHS Foundation Trust and CRUK
- Non-clinical cancer research PhD projects available in a whole range of areas
- Seeking talented biological science, mathematics, computer science or chemistry related graduates

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Tuition fees
- Annual tax-free stipend at UKRI rate
- World-class cancer research facilities
- Project costs
- Extensive training, career development and networking opportunities



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RESEARCH  
UK

Manchester  
Institute



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INTERVIEWS  
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# ***ESRC NWSS*** ***DOCTORAL TRAINING PARTNERSHIP & CASE***

## **ABOUT THE PROGRAMME**

- Choose a project in one of following pathways: psychology, health and wellbeing, and social studies of science, technology and medicine.
- Projects funded by ESRC available in partnership with our Faculty of Humanities

## **WHAT'S INCLUDED**

- Tuition fees
- Annual tax-free stipend at UKRI rate
- Financial support towards training costs (equipment, surveys, conference attendance, etc)



Economic  
and Social  
Research Council



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PROJECT

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CLOSE ON  
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INTERVIEWS  
DATE

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**UOM.LINK/BMH-PGR-FUNDED**



# *EPSRC* **DOCTORAL TRAINING PARTNERSHIP**

## ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

- Tackle scientific and technological healthcare challenges
- Projects funded by EPSRC available in partnership with our Faculty of Science and Engineering

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Tuition fees
- Annual tax-free stipend at UKRI rate
- Research Training Support Grant (RTSG) towards project running costs or consumables, conference and workshop attendance and external career development opportunities (maximum of £5,000 per year).



Engineering and  
Physical Sciences  
Research Council



APPLICATIONS  
OPEN ON  
DATE

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EPSRC DTP  
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SUPERVISOR

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CLOSE ON  
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# ***FULLY-FUNDED PROJECTS***

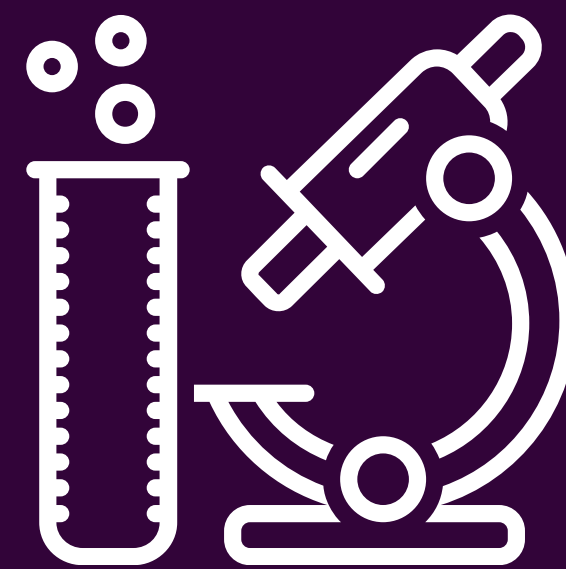
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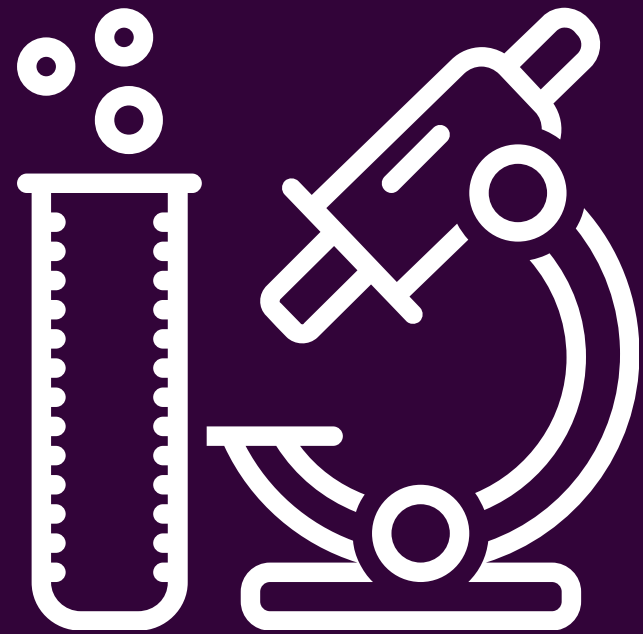
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**PROJECT**



# ***FULLY-FUNDED** SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMMES*



**SELF-FUNDED/PROPOSED  
PROJECT**



**FUNDING**

# EXCELLENCE IN DIVERISTY PHD SCHOLARSHIP

## ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

- Fully funded PhD scholarships for home, UK candidates from groups under-represented in postgraduate research which includes the following backgrounds:

Asian/Asian British - Bangladeshi | Asian/Asian British - Indian |  
Asian/Asian British - Pakistani | Asian/Asian British background - Mixed |  
Black/Black British - African | Black/Black British - Caribbean | Black/Black British - Other |  
Black/Black British background - Mixed

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Tuition fees
- Annual tax-free stipend at UKRI rate
- Dedicated support and guidance
- Support in finding a project
- Community and peer engagement opportunities
- Skills and career development programme

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APPLICATIONS  
OPEN ON  
3 OCTOBER

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OPTION 1:  
APPLY DIRECT FOR  
A PROJECT

OPTION 2:  
APPROACH A  
SUPERVISOR

OPTION 3: APPLY  
DIRECT AND  
RECEIVE SUPPORT  
BEING MATCHED

APPLICATIONS  
CLOSE ON  
9 NOVEMBER

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# *THE UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER-CHINA SCHOLARSHIP COUNCIL JOINT SCHOLARSHIP*

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## ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

- Scholarship for Chinese candidates in partnership with China Scholarship Council
- Provides financial support to Chinese citizens who must return to China upon completion of your studies and/or research
- Candidates must satisfy CSC's selection criteria as well as the standard entry requirements

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Tuition fees
- Living allowances prescribed by the Chinese government
- Visa and passport application fees
- Round trip airfare for students from China to the UK

APPLICATIONS  
OPEN ON  
1 SEPTEMBER

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ELIGIBLE

FIND A PROJECT  
OR SUPERVISOR &  
CONTACT  
SUPERVISOR

APPLICATIONS  
CLOSE ON  
12 JANUARY

RECEIVE AN  
UNCONDITIONAL  
OFFER

NOMINATED  
CANDIDATES  
APPLY TO CSC  
9 MARCH 2026

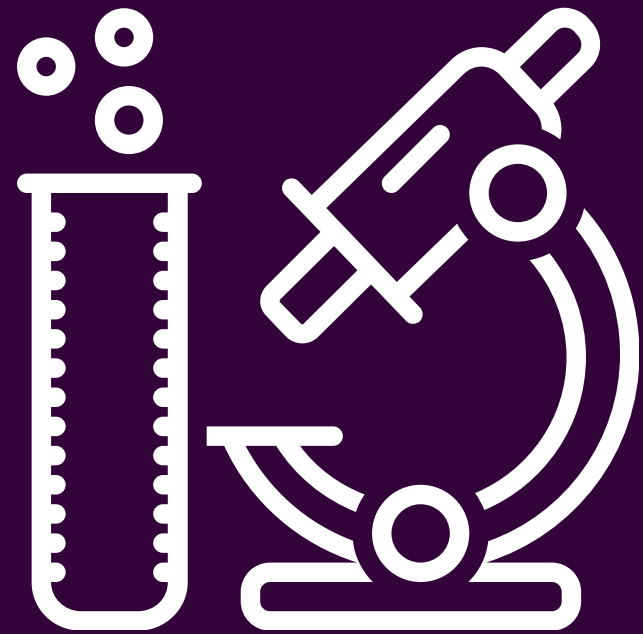
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# ***SELF-FUNDING***



**SELF-FUNDED/PROPOSED  
PROJECT**



**EXTERNAL FUNDING**



# *PANEL Q&A*

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**ADD IT TO THE Q&A CHAT**



# *MEET OUR POSTGRADUATE RESEARCHERS*

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**HOLLY SEDGWICK**

Postgraduate Researcher  
Wellcome Trust  
Immunomatrix in  
Complex Disease



**SURAIYA MOHAMMED**

Postgraduate Researcher  
Self-funded



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Postgraduate Researcher  
MRC DTP



# NEXT STEPS

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NEXT WEBINAR:  
'THE IMPORTANCE OF CONTACTING A SUPERVISOR'

8 OCT 25

1PM - 2PM  
(GMT)

'THE PGR APPLICANT JOURNEY FOR  
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS'

29 OCT 25

1PM - 2PM  
(GMT)

POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH  
OPEN DAY

5 NOV 25

1PM - 5PM  
ON CAMPUS

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

19 NOV 25

1PM - 2PM  
(GMT)

'PREPARING FOR A  
PGR INTERVIEW'

8 DEC 25

1PM - 2PM  
(GMT)

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