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POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH

‘PHD LIFE IN THE FACULTY OF BIOLOGY, MEDICINE AND HEALTH AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER’



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TODAY'S PANEL



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Host; Marketing and Recruitment



ARGYRO
Postgraduate Researcher



CHHAVI
Postgraduate Researcher



GEORGIA
Postgraduate Researcher



REBECCA
Postgraduate Researcher



SANYUKTA
Postgraduate Researcher



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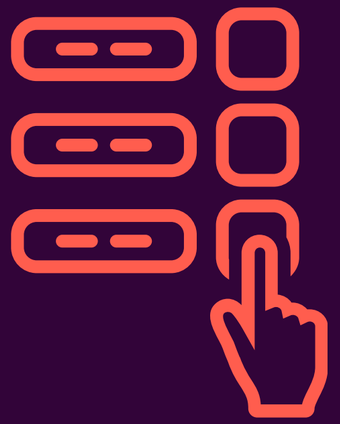

WHAT STAGE OF THE PGR JOURNEY ARE YOU AT?

LET US KNOW VIA THE POLL

YOUR JOURNEY TO PGR

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ELIGIBILITY

RESEARCH AREA & PROJECT

SUPERVISOR

FUNDING

APPLY

MEET OUR POSTGRADUATE RESEARCHERS



ARGYRO: MY JOURNEY TO POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH

- Currently researching immune-matrix interactions in glioblastoma
- I loved immunology and pathology lectures in my undergrad and I wanted to delve into it more!
- Originally began training as a vet at the University of Liverpool, then moved to Manchester to do a BSc in Immunology and worked in a lab after graduating
- Manchester has a world-renowned immunology institute, and I love the city
- Hoping to do a post-doc, but I am also exploring Sci Comms
- Don't sell yourself short!



CHHAVI: MY JOURNEY TO POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH

- Completed an MRes in Cancer Biology at Imperial College London and a BSc (Hons) in Biotechnology with 1 year Industrial Experience (Qiagen), UoM
- Applied to several programmes focusing on translational cancer research, many unsuccessful attempts/interviews and finally found a BRC Core Funded Project at UoM, connected with supervisors, and the rest is history!
- My research is on Cancer in Idiopathic Inflammatory Myopathies: Uncovering Risk, Diagnosing it Early, and Understanding Patient Experience
- Manchester has a very strong student support network and an environment conducive to research
- After my PhD, I'm planning on applying for a Scientific Training Programme (STP) in the NHS to have more clinical laboratory experience.



GEORGIA: MY JOURNEY TO POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH

- Completed an undergrad and honours degree in Neuroscience at the University of Otago, New Zealand
- ‘Cold contacted’ supervisors in NZ, Aussie, and the UK. Found a supervisor and applied for a PhD at UoM
- Discovering the molecular basis of Frontotemporal dementia by measuring the metals, proteins, and metabolites in FTD vs healthy brains
- Lots of research, opportunities, and collaboration. Also thrilled to study overseas
- Open to many things, but would like to do post-doc position in London and eventually become a lecturer



REBECCA: MY JOURNEY TO POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH

- Completed an undergraduate BSc Hons Biotechnology with a year in computer science. Master in Multidisciplinary Research in Barcelona at Universitat Pompeu Fabra.
- Accumulated research experience during my undergraduate; asking my professors, Excel in Science internship and Harry Smith summer internship.
- Cystic Fibrosis lung microbiome exploring pathogen dynamics. Work both in the wet- and dry-lab.
- Manchester is big on impact, entrepreneurship opportunities, PGR experience and collaboration (e.g. MERMan).
- Keeping an open mind, but keen to stay in research taking on a postdoctoral role.



SANYUKTA: MY JOURNEY TO POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH

- I began my journey with a Bachelor's and Master's in Biotechnology and Bioinformatics, where I explored both biological and computational approaches to research.
- I chose Pharmaceutical Sciences because I wanted to take biological discoveries a step further and explore how they can become effective therapies.
- My PhD focuses on developing nanoparticle-based delivery systems to improve the stability and antimicrobial efficacy of antimicrobial peptides.
- I chose the University of Manchester for its strong interdisciplinary research environment and expertise in pharmaceutical sciences.
- I hope to contribute to innovative drug development while continuing to bridge research, healthcare and science communication.



Q1: MY JOURNEY TO POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH

- MSc in Clinical Pharmacy, Peking University; hands-on clinical pharmacist experience through rotations in clinical pharmacy services and hospital wards; evidence-based research, systematic reviews and clinical guideline development
- Applied for a China Scholarship Council (CSC) scholarship under the Programme for Innovative Talents in International Cooperation to support a 3-year PhD
- Pharmacoepidemiology; analysing UK population-based data to examine psychotropic prescribing among people with intellectual disability
- Prospective supervisor's recognised expertise in pharmacoepidemiology; a large, inclusive city with a relatively affordable cost of living and convenient transport links by bus, tram, train and air
- Continue research as a research fellow to help improve care for people with intellectual disability, or pursue an industry role as a Data Scientist or Real-World Evidence (RWE) Scientist



PANEL Q&A

GOT A QUESTION?

ADD IT TO THE Q&A CHAT



NEXT STEPS

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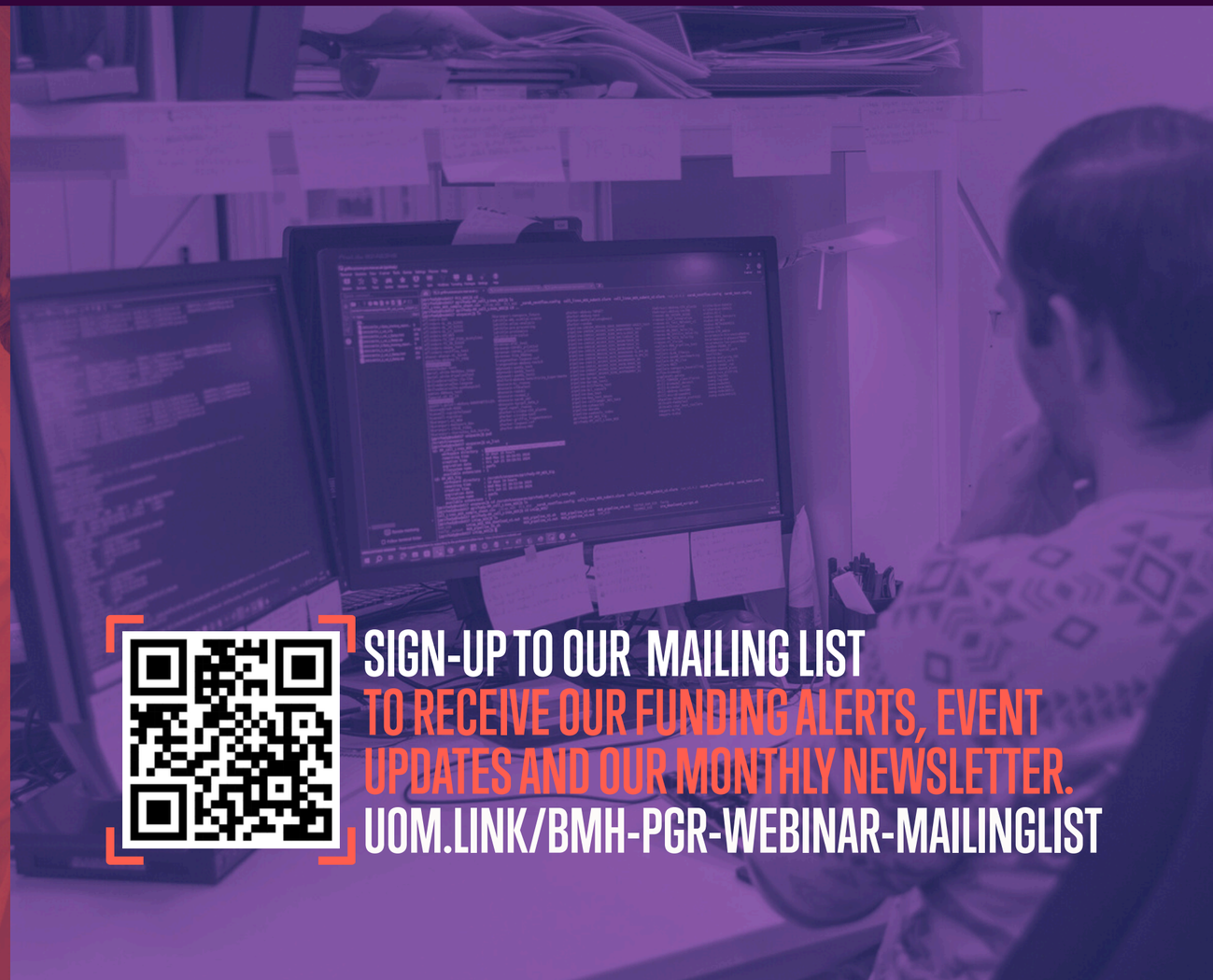

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9 DEC 26

‘PREPARING FOR A
POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH INTERVIEW’

1PM - 2PM
(GMT)

MAY 2027

‘WHERE TO START
WHEN CONSIDERING A PHD FOR 2028/29?’

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