

## FAQs

### Question: What is the timeline of the MSc/MRes/MSci project?

The preliminary project allocations will be announced on the end of October 2025.

MSc: As in previous years, the student should be introduced to the project during the first semester (reading papers, meeting the group, etc) and start laboratory work mid-January 2026. The student will initially (until Easter) be expected to work 4 days a week in your lab, thereafter full-time. The student will submit his/her dissertation mid-August 2026, which you (the supervisor) will have to assess using a short marking sheet. In addition, we will ask you to second mark a further project.

MRes: Same as above, but the student continues labwork (full time) until early December 2026 (i.e. 9 months in total).

MSci: The student will start in November 2025 (5 days a week) and submit their dissertation in May 2026.

### Question: How much will I be able to claim for the project?

The following "base-rates" will be applied for 2025/26. Note: For the MSc/MRes we are considering increasing the amounts from our local budget by a further £200 for MSc and £100 for MRes projects. This will be confirmed once projects are allocated (November 2025).

- Supervisors of MSci Biochemistry/Molecular Genetics projects will receive £1500
- Supervisors of the BMSR MSc projects will receive £1600 (possibly £1800, tbc)
- Supervisors of the BMSR MRes projects will receive £2400 (possibly £2500, tbc)

Supervisors receive the funds up- front as soon as allocations are confirmed and finance process the transfers.

### Question: How many hours of teaching credit will I be able to claim?

The Education database is constantly being reviewed. Currently the following "rates" are applied: MSc and MSci: 60 hours; MRes 80 hours. This will include the effort involved in "first" marking the dissertation but extra hours (4h) are allocated for "second" marking another dissertation.

### Question: Can I submit more than one project?

You can (in fact are encouraged to) submit multiple (unique) projects, but the allocation will aim to distribute students to as many different labs as possible however with the student preferences in mind.

### Question: How about joint supervision?

Projects can have more than just one supervisor, but please indicate who will be the lead supervisor. The budget and teaching credits can now be split.

### Question: Who can supervise a student?

The lead supervisor should be the head of a research lab (this can also be a senior research Fellow), Senior Postdocs and Junior Fellows are allowed to act as co- supervisors.

**Question: How about the "added-value" Matt Wilson Scholarships?** Thanks to a very generous donation, we are in a position to offer the Matt Wilson Scholarship which provide an additional supplement towards the consumables cost for up to seven projects per year (5x £2500 and 2x £5000). The Scholarship is open to students from all 4 Programmes (the MSc, MRes and the two MSci's). The prize money from the awards may be spent to conduct costly experiments that would not be possible otherwise or perhaps could allow a student to use a specialist piece of equipment at a collaborator's laboratory. To secure one of

the scholarships, the student will have to provide convincing evidence that the award will provide added value to them and the project. The winners will be selected by a panel of scientists and the assessment will be based on the overall added value and the student's written statement. Important: the project must be deliverable with or without the award. Therefore, we have decided to allocate the projects first, thereafter the student and supervisor will have an opportunity to discuss if there is scope to apply for one of the scholarships. More info will follow.

**Any other questions?**

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