

A Quick Guide to Department of Genetics 2019 Graduate Admissions

This document is intended as a quick guide to graduate admissions in the Department and the University. A more detailed description of graduate life in the Department of Genetics can be found on our [Web Site](#) and details of University requirements through the links provided below.

We currently offer two postgraduate programmes:

- **MPhil by research** (thesis) (BLGEM1) 1 year.
- **PhD** (thesis) (BLGE22) minimum 3 years, maximum 4 years full-time.

Applicants interested in part-time PhD study should consult a research group leader well in advance of any application

In order for any application to be formally considered you must make an application to the University via the [Graduate Application Portal](#). There is a £60 application fee, but the Graduate School of the Life Sciences have a scheme where you can apply to up to three courses in a single application.

If you intend to apply directly to a supervisor in the Department for a self-funded degree, if you have secured an independent scholarship funding or if you wish to apply for support through the [Cambridge Graduate Funding Competition](#) you are strongly advised to make an informal approach to a supervisor you are interested in working with: our supervisors are listed on our [web site](#).

Please note – we do not consider open applications to the department, you must identify a supervisor before making an application to the University. Applications to the Department that do not include a supervisor will be automatically rejected

The Department also participates in some interdepartmental PhD programmes, including the [BBSRC DTP](#), [MRC DTP](#), [NERC DTP](#), Wellcome Trust [Developmental Mechanisms](#) or [Mathematical Genomics and Medicine](#) Programmes. To apply to these interdepartmental programmes you will need to follow the guidance provided on their websites.

You are strongly advised to consult the University [Graduate Admissions Website](#) for details on entry requirements, fees, funding and the application process before making an application. Competition for admission to the University of Cambridge graduate programme is intense, as a guide for consideration in the Genetics Department you will be expected to have:

- at least a 2.1 in an Honours degree or equivalent (eg CGPA 3.5/4.0) in a relevant subject. Details of [equivalent qualifications](#) can be found at the University Graduate Portal.
- two outstanding references from senior University staff at your most recent University.
- some research project experience
- Overseas applicants require that all applicants demonstrate competence in English speaking and writing. Please see the [University advice](#) on language requirements.

For further information specific to the Genetics Department, please email postgrad_info@gen.cam.ac.uk