

## A Quick Guide to Department of Genetics

### 2021 Postgraduate Admissions

This document is intended as a quick guide to postgraduate admissions in the Department and the University. A more detailed description of postgraduate 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 [Postgraduate Application Portal](#). There is a £60 application fee, but the [Postgraduate 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 Postgraduate 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 are likely to be automatically rejected.*

The Department also participates in some interdepartmental PhD programmes, including the SBS-DTP and MRC-DTP. 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 Postgraduate 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 Postgraduate 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 Postgraduate 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.admin@gen.cam.ac.uk](mailto:postgrad.admin@gen.cam.ac.uk) .