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The Cambridge Guide 2022



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Introduction

Congratulations on being accepted into the NIH OxCam Scholars Programme, this is an achievement of which you should be very proud.

By now you should have been given documents by the NIH which confirm your place. Please contact the NIH OxCam office (contacts listed on page 5) if you have not received any of the following:

- Written confirmation of award acceptance
- Welcome letter including details about dates, housing, and map for visit weeks
- A request for information necessary for Intramural Research Training Award (IRTA) processing, new class resources pages and a Bio
- Class dean assignment, contact in the UK and UK travel information
- PDF of your University Funding letter

This is a four-year PhD programme with two years (six terms) spent at an NIH lab in the USA and two years (six terms) spent in either Cambridge or Oxford. We endeavour to ensure that this is a flexible programme with regard to which terms within the four years are spent in either location. You will agree this distribution with your supervisors.

This document provides guidance on Cambridge University's PhD application process if you choose to come here.

Why Choose Cambridge?

The University of Cambridge is the UK's leading research university and is consistently ranked in the top five universities in the world. The School of Clinical Medicine is housed in multiple buildings across the Cambridge Biomedical Campus and comprises twelve Academic Departments, four Research Institutes and five Medical Research Council (MRC) units. It conducts internationally-excellent, peer-reviewed basic, clinical and translational research relating to a diverse range of medical conditions and treatments.

The Medical Research Council Laboratory of Molecular Biology (MRC LMB) is a world-class research institute dedicated to understanding important biological processes, providing the knowledge needed to solve key problems in human health. The Institute has made revolutionary contributions to science such as pioneering the sequencing of DNA and the development of monoclonal antibodies. Eleven Nobel Prizes have been awarded for work carried out by LMB scientists. Since 2013 the Institute has occupied a purpose-built, £212 million facility on the Campus with state-of-the-art facilities and a unique scientific culture.

In partnership with associated hospitals, the University is one of only five UK 'Academic Health Science Centres'. This prized status is awarded by an international panel in recognition of the University of Cambridge as an internationally-leading university medical centre, with groups that are globally competitive in translating excellence in biomedical science into more effective healthcare.

Nobel Prizes

Affiliates of the University of Cambridge have won more Nobel Prizes than those of any other institution. As of October 2020 Cambridge has 121 Nobel laureates, including 18 since 2002. In 2020, Professor Sir Roger Penrose (St John's College alumnus and honorary fellow), was awarded the Nobel

Prize in Physics for the discovery that black hole formation is a robust prediction of the general theory of relativity.

In 2019, Professor Didier Queloz (Trinity College) was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics with Michel Mayor from the University of Geneva for the first discovery of an exoplanet orbiting a solar-type star (the other half of this prize was awarded to James Peebles, Princeton University, for his work on the evolution of the Universe). And Sir Peter Ratcliffe (Gonville & Caius, 1972) Jointly awarded the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for discoveries of how cells sense and adapt to oxygen availability.

Affiliates have received Nobel Prizes in every category: 35 in Physics, 31 in Medicine, 31 in Chemistry, 15 in Economics, 6 in Literature and three in Peace. Trinity College has 34 Nobel Prize winners, the most of any college at Cambridge. Dorothy Hodgkin is the first woman from Cambridge to win a Nobel Prize, for her work on the structure of compounds used in fighting anaemia. Frederick Sanger, from St John's and fellow of King's, is one of only four individuals to win a Nobel Prize twice. He won the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 1958 and 1980.

The Cambridge Biomedical Campus

Located on the southern edge of Cambridge, the Cambridge Biomedical Campus contains (i) the [University School of Clinical Medicine](#) with its 12 Departments and associated Institutes, (ii) [Addenbrooke's Hospital](#), a major University Teaching Hospital with 1100 beds and regional services for the whole of the East of England, (iii) [Royal Papworth Hospital](#) (in its new building), a major cardiothoracic hospital and transplant centre, and (iv) a directly funded Research Institute – the [MRC Laboratory for Molecular Biology \(LMB\)](#). In addition to the LMB there are 5 MRC Units in Cambridge, of which 4 are located on the campus as well as [the MRC Mitochondrial Biology Unit](#). [AstraZeneca](#) has very recently opened its new flagship headquarters building on the Campus which will also house one of its three global research and development centres.

The University's main Biological Science campus is on the Downing site in the centre of Cambridge and houses the [School of the Biological Sciences](#), which has particular strengths in developmental, cellular and molecular research, in integrative and comparative physiology and systems biology, and in neuroscience. Research within the School of the Biological Sciences pursues a number of cross-cutting themes which intersect with the research themes in the School of Clinical Medicine in cardiovascular biology, neurosciences, cancer, infection, and immunology. There are two Institutes within the School of Biological Sciences with outstanding strengths in key areas of biomedical research: the [Wellcome CR-UK Gurdon Institute](#) noted for its major strengths in developmental biology, and the [Wellcome MRC Institute for Stem Cell Biology](#) which pursues research in basic stem cell biology, and is closely linked with translational stem cell medicine on the Cambridge Biomedical Campus. To the south of Cambridge are the [Babraham Institute](#) (funded by the BBSRC) and the [Hinxton Genome Campus](#) with the [Wellcome Sanger Institute](#) and the [European Bioinformatics Institute](#).

The co-location in Cambridge of a major regional University Hospital, University Medical School and Research Institutes on a single campus, together with these surrounding strengths in Biological Science in a 5 mile radius, is unusual within the UK and offers an exceptional, if not unique, environment for the highest quality collaborative biomedical research, and its translation.

Contact Information

Cambridge

- Cambridge Programme Director: **Professor Menna Clatworthy**, mrc38@medschl.cam.ac.uk
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- Director of Operations: **Dr Racquel Collins**, racquel.collinsmilinkovich@nih.gov
- Director of Student Affairs: TBA
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Programme Websites

<http://oxcam.gpp.nih.gov> (OxCam)

[Postgraduate study – School of Clinical Medicine \(cam.ac.uk\)](http://cam.ac.uk)

Section 1: When and how to apply

The [application portal](#) is fully automated and opens on 1st September each year. The majority of courses close on **16th May 2022** for 2022 entry. If your course has a different deadline, please note that from that date acceptance of applications will cease and **there will be no exceptions**.

Alternative Funding Opportunities – early application

There are opportunities for funding that many prospective OxCam scholars can apply for **during October to December** such as [Gates](#), [Cambridge Trust](#) (CT), Vice-Chair and college awards. We recommend all prospective applicants to the NIH OxCam Scholars Programme take this opportunity to apply. Awards from Gates, CT and others are accommodated within the funding arrangements for the NIH OxCam Programme. The application is different in that you will apply to the Cambridge department of your choice – not the NIH OxCam programme code- and your application progresses from there.

The benefit of applying at the earlier time is that your application to the University will have progressed through the Cambridge application system by the time the NIH OxCam decisions are made following the February interviews. Most award announcements will have been made by then as well.

Application following acceptance by the NIH OxCam Programme – later application

For those who have not applied and have waited until the NIH OxCam award announcements in Feb/Mar, it is important you commence your application to the University as soon as you accept your award.

If you are on the MD PhD track you are encouraged to apply in the year before you take up your award, even if you plan to commence your PhD course at the NIH.

To apply to Cambridge please read the information here:

<https://www.postgraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/application-process/how-do-i-apply>

Follow the instructions on how to apply carefully and provide all the information and documentation required. If you already know the Cambridge supervisor with whom you wish to work, please include his or her name and the relevant programme/department code in your application. **There are NIH-specific codes for the OxCam PhD in Cambridge**. See the table on page 6.

Course	Code	Course	Code
Probationary in Biochemistry	BLBINH224	Probationary in Biological Science at Sanger Institute	NUSCNH224
Probationary in Biological Science at MRC MBU	NUDNNH224	CPGS in Chemistry	CHCNH1
Probationary in Biotechnology	EGCBNH224	Probationary in Clinical Neurosciences	MDNSNH224
Probationary in Clinical Biochemistry	MDCBNH224	Probationary in Oncology	MDORNH224
Probationary in Medical Genetics	MDMGNH224	Probationary in Surgery	MDSUNH224
Probationary in Pathology	BLPANH224	Probationary in Physiology, Development & Neurosciences (PDN)	BLPNNH224
Probationary in Psychiatry	MDPSNH224	Probationary in Medicine	MDMDNH224
Probationary in Veterinary Medicine	VTVTNH224	Probationary in Engineering	EGEGNH224
Probationary in Zoology	BLZONH224	Probationary in Obstetrics & Gynaecology	MDOGNH224
Probationary in Biological Science at Babraham Institute	NUANNH224	Probationary in Clinical Biochemistry at CIMR	MDCBMRNH24
Probationary in Public Health & Primary Care	MDPUNH224	Probationary in Medicine	MDMDNH224
Probationary in Medical Science at CIMR (NIH)	MDMRNH224	Probationary in Stem Cell Biology	BLSTNH224

Research Projects and Supervisors

A number of Cambridge supervisors offer 'ready-made' research projects with an NIH collaborator. Projects that are available for 2022 are listed on the NIH OxCam website [here](#). If you find one that interests you, please contact the PIs straight away!

Alternatively, you may prefer to find a PI to work with on your own project and therefore you will need to identify someone working in your field of interest. A good starting point is to visit the websites of the relevant Schools: The [School of Clinical Medicine](#), the [School of Biological Sciences](#), the [School of Technology](#) and the [School of Physical Sciences](#)

PI Ambassadors

In Cambridge, we also have four PI ambassadors who you can contact for guidance in choosing a suitable supervisor and department. Our current ambassadors are:

Professor Menna Clatworthy (MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology) mrc38@medschl.cam.ac.uk

Professor Paul Pharoah (Dept. of Public Health & Primary Care) pp10001@medschl.cam.ac.uk

Professor Folma Buss (Cambridge Institute of Medical Research) fb207@cam.ac.uk

Professor Clare Bryant (School of Veterinary Medicine) ceb27@cam.ac.uk

No specific supervisor yet...

If you have not yet chosen your supervisor (don't worry!), you simply need to apply to Cambridge under the generic NIH OxCam Scholars Programme, which has the course code **MDNH224**. On the Cambridge Postgraduate Admissions webpage, select Course Directory, Doctoral and NIH. (**If you do know which subject, search on that rather than NIH.**)

Filter Courses	Course Level	Taught/Research	Course Length
<input type="text" value="NIH"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Hide closed courses	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Doctoral <input type="checkbox"/> Master's <input type="checkbox"/> Diploma <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate/Award	<input checked="" type="radio"/> All <input type="radio"/> Research <input type="radio"/> Taught	<input checked="" type="radio"/> All <input type="radio"/> Full-time <input type="radio"/> Part-time
National Institutes of Health Oxford/Cambridge Programme NIH Ox/Cam PhD	Doctoral	Entirely Research	3-4 years full-time

If you use the general NIH programme in your application to ensure that it is received by the deadline, this will give you some more time to confirm a supervisor. Your application, once it's in the system, can be transferred to the relevant department when the supervisor, and their department, have agreed to accept you. Your record will then be updated with this information.

Choosing a college

Every student becomes a member of a Cambridge College on admission. Your College will provide you with the opportunity to meet academics and other students from a huge range of disciplines, participate in a wide variety of cultural, sporting and social activities, and it can provide your accommodation and meals. www.graduate.study.cam.ac.uk/colleges/key-facts-and-figures

The collegiate system of Cambridge and Oxford may be unfamiliar to you and making a decision can be very daunting. The best advice we (Cambridge) can give you is the following:

- Talk with current OxCam Scholars
- Look at the websites of the Colleges see: [College Key Facts and Figures | Postgraduate Admissions \(cam.ac.uk\)](#).
- Look at alternative prospectuses such as [Cambridge University Alternative Prospectus - Apply to Cambridge](#)
- Contact the middle common room (MCR) of the College – this is the postgraduate student group in each college, and they can discuss all aspects of college life with you and the kind of activities in which you could become involved
- Visit this website <http://www.graduate.study.cam.ac.uk/colleges/choosing-college>

- Think about the following things when choosing a college:
- Do I want a large formal College?
- Do I want a small home-like environment?
- Do I want a sporty College?
- Do I want to be in town or slightly out of town?
- Do I want historic or modern?

Colleges provide accommodation, and they play a large role in your pastoral care and social activities. Choosing a College is very personal, so think about it carefully. Please bear in mind that the later you apply the more difficult it is to get into some of the larger more famous Colleges, but this does not mean any of the others are less desirable. All Colleges have their own attractions and it is almost inevitable that people develop affectionate attachments for their College whichever it happens to end up being.

Colleges receive a full copy of your application and usually meet weekly to assess applicants. Your first and second choices may not be successful. If this happens your papers will be sent out into a general pool for consideration, please take this into account when you choose a popular College, like King's or Trinity, as these will fill up quickly.

Application documents

Please upload **all** the requested **original** documents onto the application portal. It is very important that you understand that we will not accept the paperwork you submitted to the NIH and will require originals of all the documents requested including new references. Please remember to include your funding letter (supplied by the NIH OxCam Office).

Your application can take a month or more to complete. The faster we receive your supporting papers, the sooner it will be processed, and you can then move onto your student visa application. **NB: It is important to check your CamSIS self-service account frequently, as changes and requests may appear here without email notification.**

Section 2: Student Visa

Applying for a student visa

- The following information provides an overview of applying for a student visa in the US:
- Once all offer conditions are fulfilled, the University will issue a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) to support your visa application. This is sent by email. The earliest you should expect to receive your CAS is in June if you are starting in Michaelmas Term.

- Complete the online visa application, pay the immigration health surcharge and visa application fee, and book your biometrics appointment: www.gov.uk/student-visa
- Attend your biometric appointment at the Application Support Centre (ASC) you selected in the visa application. You can find your nearest ASC at <http://alturl.com/wriep>
- Once you have attended your biometric appointment, you have 5 days to post your passport and biometric confirmation receipt to UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) in New York. Instructions will be provided in the online application.
- US nationals qualify for differentiation arrangements under the student visa. This means that you do not need to include evidence of finances with your visa application although you are expected to hold this documentation in the required format and it is possible you could be contacted to provide it during the application process.
- When your visa has been granted, you will be issued a 90-day entry vignette in your passport. You cannot enter on your student visa before the 'valid from' date of your entry vignette. The earliest your student visa can be valid is one month prior to the official start date of your course as stated in the CAS issued to you. Please note that it is not possible to enter as a visitor (tourist) and switch inside the UK to your student visa. If you enter the UK as a visitor, you would need to leave the Common Travel Area (UK and Ireland) and re-enter to activate your immigration permission as a student prior to commencing studies. You will need to collect your visa, in the form of a Biometric Residence Permit (BRP), after arrival in the UK. Instructions will be provided when you receive your visa decision.

Further information:

Guidance from the International Student Office on applying for a student visa:

www.internationalstudents.cam.ac.uk/student-visa-entry-clearance

International Student Office email: international.students@admin.cam.ac.uk

Notes:

- **You will need to:**
 - Provide a copy of their passport, visa/BRP to your College.
 - Provide up-to-date UK contact details.
- **Students have certain restrictions on a student visa.**
 - Ensure you read the information in the University's guide 'Your responsibilities on a student visa': www.internationalstudents.cam.ac.uk/student-visa-responsibilities
- **Students may not:**
 - Arrive in Cambridge without the correct visa (you cannot start your studies if you enter the UK as a visitor).
 - Come using a visa not issued for study at the University of Cambridge.

For information on dependant visas: www.internationalstudents.cam.ac.uk/dependant-visas

Section 3: Cambridge Orientation week and the Annual Workshop

The 2022 Orientation Week and the annual Workshop take place from **Sunday 24th July to Friday 29th July**. The host for the Workshop is Oxford this year, but Cambridge-bound students will come directly to Cambridge first for a two-day orientation on the 24th and leave for Oxford on Tuesday 26th July for the main Workshop. (Oxford-bound students will go directly there first of all too.)

These first few days in Cambridge provide a great opportunity for you to meet with your supervisor, visit your laboratory and discuss your research project. You can also visit the Department and your chosen College. On the Monday afternoon, there will be a lunch with the Cambridge Team followed

by a 'visa clinic' provided by the International Office and a workshop session on practical Cambridge matters provided by the Cambridge NIH OxCam administration.

We strongly advise you to 'meet' with your supervisors via Zoom/Skype during your application process. And remember that you will have to fill in a lot of paperwork before you can start your studies in the UK, so if you are planning to be here in the first term, decisions may need to be made earlier in the year.

For Orientation Week you will be provided with bed and breakfast in Cambridge (this year in Pembroke College). Monday's lunch and workshop afternoon will be at King's College.

PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU WILL BE COMING TO THE UK UNDER A VISITOR'S VISA AND MUST RETURN TO THE USA TO APPLY FOR, AND/OR RETURN UNDER YOUR STUDENT VISA. YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO REMAIN IN THE UK UNTIL THE START OF MICHAELMAS TERM IN OCTOBER.

Section 4: MD PhD candidates

All the information above also applies to you except that you should be looking to start your application process in September/October of the year BEFORE you enter Cambridge.

- Apply to the University
- Apply for your VISA

Cambridge MBPhD opportunities for MD/PhD Students

Whilst you are based in Cambridge you will have the opportunity to gain some clinical teaching experience through small group bedside teaching sessions (Clinical Supervisions) - if you would like to and are willing to make the commitment to do so and your PhD Supervisor is supportive in releasing you to attend.

Key contacts:

Dr Mark Lillicrap (Clinical Sub Dean for Curriculum) Email: msl29@medschl.cam.ac.uk

MB/PhD Administrator Email: Year4admin@medschl.cam.ac.uk
<http://www.medschl.cam.ac.uk/education/courses/mbphd/>

The Clinical Supervision teaching programme supplements the University's clinical teaching programme in Cambridge and is led by Dr Mark Lillicrap. Clinical Supervisors are trainee doctors, working in Cambridge, who provide weekly (1 hour) bedside teaching sessions to clinical medical students, and small college-based supervision groups, throughout the three years of the clinical course (six years of the MB/PhD programme). The sessions focus on clinical assessment (history and examination skills), diagnostic reasoning and management planning. They are generally arranged in an evening and the timing is flexible to fit with the needs of the group and the Clinical Supervisor.

Further information can be provided by the MB/PhD Administrator.

Section 5: 'Leave To Work Away' (LTWA) and residency

This is very important and has serious implications on your visa status if you fail to report your absences from Cambridge.

All absences from Cambridge including research at your NIH lab needs to be recorded and permission sought. This is referred to as 'Leave to Work Away'.

Application for LTWA is completed through your CamSIS self-service. You can apply for 'leave to work away' for up to three terms at a time and you must provide your start and end dates of the LTWA period. Through this process your supervisor, college, department and degree committee are made aware of, and may consider, your application. Any application for LTWA should be commenced after a discussion with both your Cambridge and NIH supervisors and be in line with your research plan. You may only apply for LTWA once you have commenced your course in the first year- from 1 October of your first year.

The maximum terms of residence in both institutions (Cambridge/NIH) is 6 terms in each – as agreed between Cambridge and NIH. Any change to this arrangement will be considered in exceptional circumstances and must be with full agreement of the programme directors, supervisors, department, college, and degree committee. Forms to apply for consideration can be obtained from Jane Muir. Submitting an application does not automatically guarantee approval.

As part of your Tier 4 sponsorship you must register your attendance/residency with your college every term or as often as they advise. You are either registered at college or LTWA. You must contact your college termly by email during your period of LTWA to ensure your Tier 4 visa status remains unaffected.

New Students - LTWA

Students just starting their PhD and who plan to start at the NIH (i.e. not in Cambridge for the first term of the PhD) will need to apply for LTWA through CamSIS self-service.

The registration for new students does not start until after 18 August at which point Student Registry will term-activate new students and send an invitation to register. Once registered the @cam email address and (limited) access to CamSIS self-service will be activated.

As you will be a new student your record (and your principal supervisor) is not active until the first day of term (1st October). As such, you will be unable to apply for LTWA until this date as this is when your CamSIS self-service record is fully active.

<http://www.cambridgestudents.cam.ac.uk/your-course/graduate-study/your-studentstatus/work-away-cambridge>

Section 6: Arriving in Cambridge

Induction / Orientation

Inductions are managed by your host department and the [Postgraduate School of Life Sciences](#) (PSLS), or School of Technology or School of Physical Sciences. Your college will also have a matriculation event to welcome you to Cambridge. Information on department inductions is available directly from your department of research.

Pre-arrival advice and tips from the International Office:

<http://www.internationalstudents.cam.ac.uk/arriving> <https://help.uis.cam.ac.uk/new-starters/it-for-students>

Section 7: NIH Cambridge Buddy System

The NIH-Cambridge buddy system is student-led and in place to help new scholars become accustomed to Cambridge. First years are paired together with older scholars before arriving in Cambridge so they can get to know each other and get acquainted with how Cambridge works. Tasks like opening a bank account, figuring out how to find out about events, and navigating the city may seem daunting at first but become easy with the support of the NIH-Cambridge Scholars community.

Section 8: Core Skills Training Programme and training opportunities

There are many opportunities for skills training at Cambridge, but you must complete the modules on the core skills training programme (CSTP) as part of your first year of your PhD.

CSTP - <https://www.vle.cam.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=122461>

Researcher Development - <https://www.gradschl.lifesci.cam.ac.uk/GSLSRD>

Graduate School of Life Sciences student site -

<https://www.vle.cam.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=144821>

Section 9: Going back to the USA

Advice from an OxCam Scholar

The transition is different depending on which part of the country the person is from, how close their friends and relatives are to DC, and whether they established any presence/social groups at NIH or in DC during their previous stay at the NIH campus.

I would advise you to start looking for housing as soon as you know you intend to return and to join the NIH post-bacc listserv <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/clubpcr/> . The postbacc community is larger and more active than the grad student community, and they use the listserv to post offers and requests for housing, furniture, events, volunteering opportunities, etc.

Once you determine where you're living and whether you'll be driving or Metro/busing to work you can go get your parking pass (http://parking.nih.gov/parking_permits.htm) for campus or join the Transhare Program (<http://dtts.ors.od.nih.gov/transhare.htm>) which pays for your Metro and Bus card every month. The current parking situation is that, depending on your building, it takes 5-10 minutes to park and the same to get back to your building as long as you arrive before 10:30 AM. There is a free valet/double-parking service in the garages so it is possible to find parking somewhere if you arrive before noon. In general, Metroing is the preferred method of transport but you can't have both a Transhare pass and a parking pass so if you ever want to be able to drive onto campus, or control your commute time (bad weather, track problems, or if you can't stand the cold like me...) you'll want to go with the parking pass. *Austin Swafford Year of 2009*

Subsidised housing: The NIH also has on- and off-campus subsidised housing, subject to availability. Please contact the NIH OxCam offices in Bethesda for more information.

Section 10: University Code of Practice

A revised version of the **Code of Practice for Graduate Research Degrees** for students beginning their research degrees has been posted on the web at:

<http://www.cambridgestudents.cam.ac.uk/new-students/manage-your-studentinformation/graduate-students/code>

Section 11: Other useful information

Loan Renewal

For students who require **loan renewal certification or authorisation**, send forms to: Jane Armitage (Student Registry): jane.armitage@admin.cam.ac.uk

Data Protection – How we use your personal information (for applicants)

<https://www.information-compliance.admin.cam.ac.uk/data-protection/applicant-data>

Data Protection – How we use your personal information (current students)

<https://www.information-compliance.admin.cam.ac.uk/data-protection/student-data>

Term dates <http://www.cam.ac.uk/univ/termdates.html>

PECAT OxCam website <https://gcat.medschl.cam.ac.uk/courses-and-programmes/nih-oxford-cambridge-scholars-program/>

NIH OxCam <http://oxcam.gpp.nih.gov>

MD/PhD <https://oxcam.gpp.nih.gov/about/mdphd-partnership-program>

IT Matters @ Cambridge <https://help.uis.cam.ac.uk/new-starters/it-for-students/student-it-services>

FAQs

What degree will I be awarded?

The Certificate will simply state ‘Doctor of Philosophy’ – nothing else.

Will a transcript be available?

Yes. You will have access to your transcript via CamSIS. The Transcript will show ‘Doctor of Philosophy’ and describe your course plan. See [here](#) for further information.

Is there a minimum number of terms I have to be resident in Cambridge?

Yes – to qualify for a Cambridge PhD you **MUST** have been resident in Cambridge for at least 3 full terms. Your terms of residency and terms of research are tracked in your CamSIS record.

Can I be in Cambridge for more than 6 terms?

Yes – with the agreement of both your NIH and Cambridge supervisors and the approval of the NIH OxCam Programme Office. This will involve additional costs and therefore the Programme Directors must approve the request. You will have to complete application forms for both Cambridge and the NIH.

Can I be in Cambridge for fewer than 6 terms?

Yes – but you *must* be here for at least 3 terms. You will have to justify why you want to change the balance of your programme and there is a request form to complete.

For more postgraduate information see [Postgraduate student information | Cambridge students](#)