



## BHF Centre of Research Excellence

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### **Oxford BHF CRE Graduate Studentship awards for students commencing in October 2023**

The Oxford British Heart Foundation Centre of Research Excellence (Oxford BHF CRE) is pleased to offer a number of non-clinical three-year graduate studentships, for students who will start their course in October 2023.

Aim of scheme: to support graduate student projects across the Oxford BHF CRE Themes, with a priority for early to mid-career cardiovascular researchers as the graduate student main supervisor.

#### 1. Eligibility

Projects: cardiovascular research projects with a fit to the current Oxford BHF CRE3 Themes, with priority given for new collaborations and interdisciplinary projects.

Supervisors: The scheme would like to encourage projects with early to mid-career researchers as the main student supervisor, while ensuring adherence to all divisional Codes of Practice for supervisors. The main supervisors will be Principal Investigators of the Oxford BHF CRE.

The “early to mid-career researchers” should hold a fellowship from an external funder (or an equivalent departmental fellowship or research position) which covers their own salary at either Intermediate or Senior level.

Students: Applicants should have obtained an honours degree (at least equivalent to a UK 2.1) or a Master’s degree in a scientific discipline that is relevant to the project.

Applicants must satisfy the University of Oxford graduate student entrance requirements.

#### 2. Budget for 3-year studentships

Total: approximately £115k for a 3-year studentship.

- Stipend £19k / year fixed for 3 years
- Research Training and support grant (consumables / training / travel) £30k
- Fees – Home/EU (not including continuation charges if these become applicable)

The studentships may be requested to match fund another part award or where there is an established funding commitment from an industry partner.

#### 3. Graduate recruitment process

Students will be recruited by individual departments within existing DPhil intake targets, through the standard graduate recruitment process. The applicants will have developed their proposed project in discussion with a supervisor who has listed a cardiovascular research project or topic area.

The recruitment process differs across the Oxford BHF CRE departments in both the Medical Sciences Division and the Maths, Physical and Life Sciences Division, and liaison with all relevant DGS and recruitment administration will be essential.

Prospective supervisors will be advised to submit their projects / topic areas to their host department graduate recruitment process. The projects / topics / supervisors will therefore be included in promotions to prospective students via the departments.

#### 4. Selecting student/supervisor/projects for the Oxford BHF CRE studentships

The BHF CRE Steering Committee will review eligible student/supervisor/projects nominated by all departments and will make awards with the aim of funding students across the Oxford BHF CRE Themes and departments.

#### Main selection criteria

- The proposed research project fits with the [Oxford BHF CRE research Themes](#), or an emerging theme. (essential)
- New collaborations and interdisciplinary projects with co-supervisors across departments are encouraged. (desirable)
- The main supervisor is a research fellowship holder at Intermediate or Senior level, or holds an equivalent departmentally funded position. (desirable)

**Nominations for funding to be received by Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2023 (12 noon)**

**BHF CRE Steering Committee selection meeting: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

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