

Admissions Process 2023

Funding Competition

<p>July/August 2022</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PIs invited to submit project descriptions for RDM and WIMM Website • Opportunity for PIs to complete the <i>DPhil Supervision at Oxford (Sciences) course</i>. Projects will only be advertised if the PI has (re-)taken the course within the last three years. This is an MSD Graduate School requirement for active supervisors.
<p>1 September</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Admissions cycle opens for entry in October 2023 • Project descriptions available on RDM and WIMM websites
<p>1 September – 9 December</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prospective applicants to email preferred supervisors using a downloadable form including a CV and rationale for choosing the PI and project. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Either, PI sends template email (will be provided) stating that they cannot support an application having reviewed the application. • Or, PI arranges a follow-up meeting to discuss project and to ascertain whether prospective applicant’s interests are a good match for the lab: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Either, PI sends template email (will be provided) to say that they cannot support the application further ○ Or, PI supports application. • PIs can support as many applications as they wish at this stage.
<p>9 December, 12 noon</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deadline for RDM applications for funded scholarships including the RDM Scholars Programme and the WIMM Prize Studentship . • Applications received by this deadline are automatically considered in the competition for the WIMM/RDM funding.
<p>9 –14 December Deadline 5pm</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications sent to named PIs for feedback via OneDrive. This list may contain applicants that have not contacted you before submitting their application: although applicants are strongly advised to contact potential supervisor, not all may do so. It is up to you if you want to contact them and consider them for your project. • PIs nominate a maximum of three applicants from their list to go forward for scoring and shortlisting for the RDM/WIMM funding competition. • For those applicants not nominated, the rationale for not being able to support an applicant must be provided in the feedback sheet in case of freedom of information requests (options will be given in feedback sheet). • Additional funded projects (e.g., iCase) can have a further three nominations. • Identify clinicians and other candidates with funding in place (e.g., foreign government funding, Rhodes Scholars) who can be interviewed for unfunded places in February to avoid them taking up slots in the interviews feeding into the

	funding competition (see note below on February interviews). These will also be included in the scoring and shortlisting process.
14–18 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduate Studies Manager (GSM) and team to process applications of nominated applicants.
19 December – 5 January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GSM to assign applications to scoring panel for scoring according to the MSD Graduate School criteria for PhD applicants • Applications and score sheets will be shared with the panel via OneDrive • Deadline 9am Thursday 5 January
9 – 11 January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invitations to interview sent (PIs copied in) • PIs and candidates to make contact to discuss projects and meet lab members prior to their interview
16 – 19 January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interviews • Further feedback on the applicants is sought from supervisors
20 January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offers begin to be made
25 January – 3 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation for GSSC nominations <p>NOTE: this requires input from PIs of nominated candidates</p>
Early February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further interviews for unfunded places <p>NOTE: this is the most suitable route for clinicians making an early application before 9 December who have secured CRTF or other funding or who have funding applications in process. Clinicians can be considered for the competition funding if they wish but the stipend of £18,000 is not usually sufficient for more senior clinicians.</p>

Open Field applications – applications received between 10 December 2022 - 30 June 2023:

- Applications are still welcome after the funding competition closes and until 30 June 2023.
- Offers made in the Open Field are unfunded.
- Interviews held in March, April, June, and July.
- A similar process is followed – supervisor feedback, scoring, shortlisting, interview, further supervisor feedback, offer/reject.
- Clinicians with actual/potential funding for a CRTF and other candidates with funding in place should be encouraged to apply in the Open Field rather than in competition for scholarship funding which only provides fees and a stipend.
- Applicants applying after 9 December for an unfunded place should be encouraged to apply as soon as possible to secure a college place. College places are very difficult to find after May.

If you have any queries about the process or need advice about when a candidate should apply please contact Jill Walker at graduate.enquiries@rdm.ox.ac.uk