

Admissions Process 2024

Funding Competition

<p>July/August 2023</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PIs invited to submit project descriptions for RDM and WIMM Website • PIs advertising will be required to sign the Supervisor Declaration form (Annex B) • PIs will be reminded if they need to complete or renew the <u>DPhil Supervision at Oxford (Sciences) course</u>. Projects will only be advertised if the course has been completed by the PI within the last three years. • PIs asked to inform GSM of any potential funding for studentships
<p>1 September</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Admissions cycle opens for entry in October 2024 • Project descriptions available on RDM and WIMM websites
<p>1 September – 1 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. • PI to engage with prospective applicants and let them know whether they can support the application. • PIs can support as many applications as they wish at this stage. • Template email provided to PI for use with applicants they cannot support either after reviewing the application form or after further discussion with the prospective applicant.
<p>1 December, 12 noon</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deadline for RDM applications for funded scholarships including the <u>RDM Scholars Programme</u> and the <u>WIMM Prize Studentship</u>. • Applications received by this deadline are automatically considered in the competition for WIMM/RDM funding.
<p>1 – 6 December Deadline 5pm</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications sent to named PIs for feedback via OneDrive; although applicants are advised to contact potential supervisor, if they do not, they can still apply and will be forwarded to you at this point. You will want to contact them so you consider them for your nominations for shortlisting. • The rationale for not being able to support an applicant must be provided in case of freedom of information requests (options will be given in feedback sheet). • PIs nominate three applicants to go forward to shortlisting. • Identify clinicians and other candidates with funding in place (e.g. foreign government funding) 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 in February interviews). These will also be included in the scoring and shortlisting process.
<p>4–10 December</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduate Studies Manager (GSM) and team to process applications of nominated applicants.

7 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GSM to assign applications to shortlisters for scoring • Applications and score sheets will be shared via OneDrive • Deadline for scores - 9am Thursday 14 December
19 – 20 December	<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 • PIs asked for feedback on interview candidates by 11 January, 12 noon
8 – 11 January 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interviews
12-18 January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offers begin to be made • further feedback is sought from supervisors before any offer is made
17 – 31 January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation for GSSC nominations <p>NOTE: this requires help 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 1 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 UKRI plus £2,500 is not usually sufficient for more senior clinicians.</p>

Open Field applications – applications between 2 December 2023 - 21 June 2024:

- Applications are still welcome after the funding competition closes and until 21 June 2024.
- Offers made in the Open Field are unfunded unless a late funded scholarship becomes available.
- 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 1 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 rdmgraduate.studies@rdm.ox.ac.uk