

# Progression Opportunities in The School of Pharmacy

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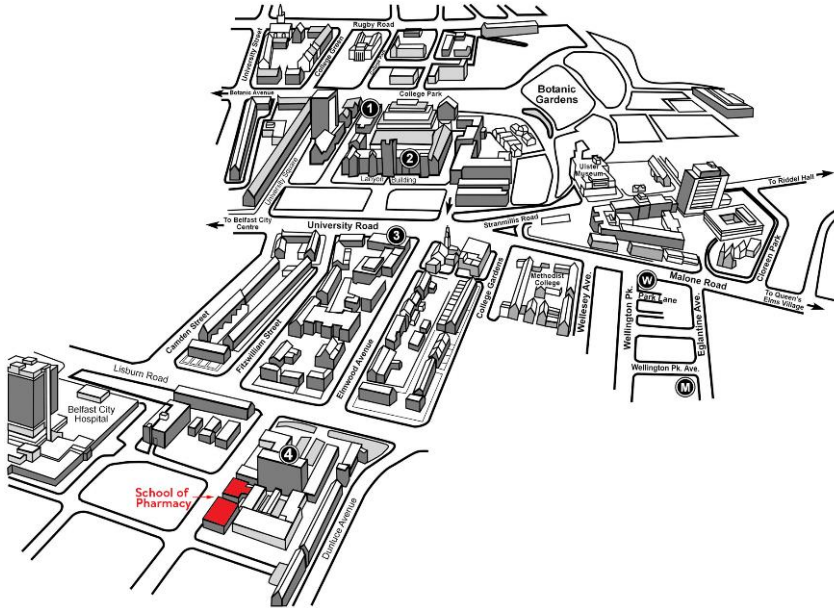




## SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

- Consistently ranked as one of the top UK Schools of Pharmacy
- In the global QS rankings top 100

# WHERE TO FIND US



# KEY CONTACTS FOR POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS



**Carmel Hughes**  
Head of School



**Maurice Hall**  
Director of Education



**Helen McCarthy**  
Director of  
Internationalisation & PGR



**Dimitrios Lamprou**  
MSc Industrial  
Pharmaceutics Lead



**Lee-Anne Howell**  
Postgraduate  
Administrator



# SCHOOL PROFILE

405 MPharm students

59 BSc students (QUB campus)

259 BSc students (China campus)

129 PhD students

45 MPhil students

56 Research fellows

49 Academic staff

6 Clinical teacher practitioners

1 Boots teacher practitioner



# OUR RESEARCH ETHOS

**Our goal: To improve the lives of patients**

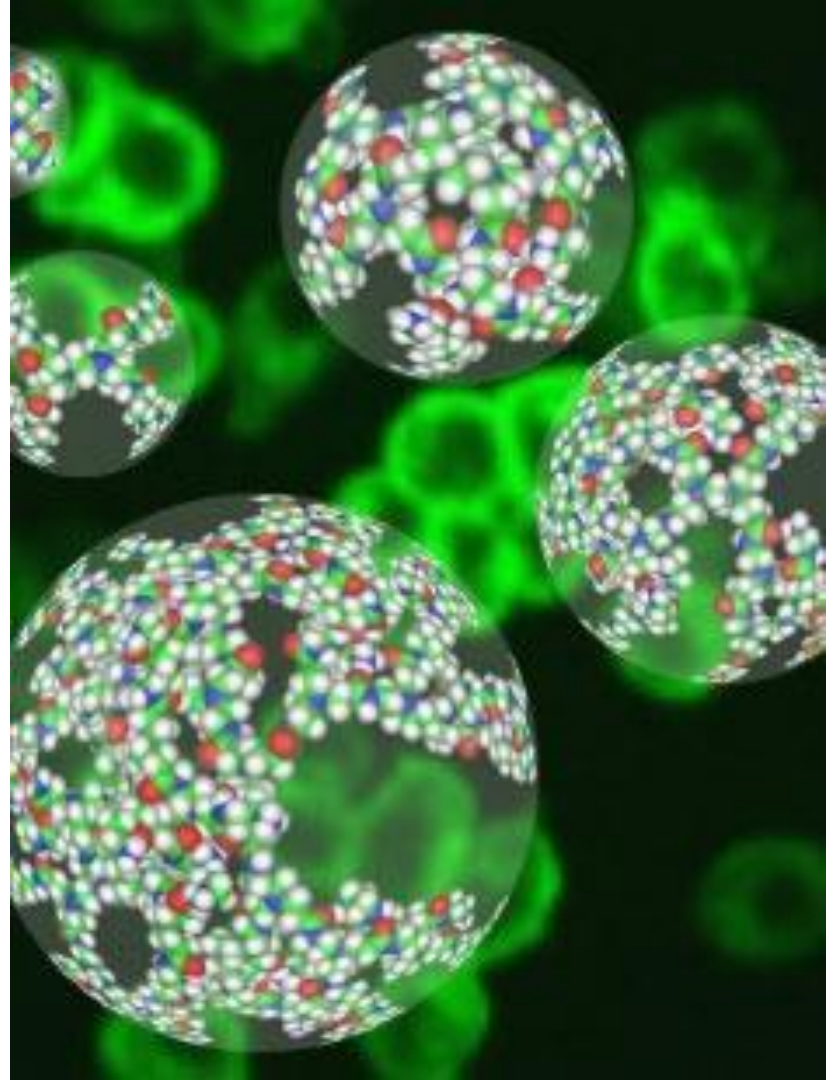
Social Sciences, Clinical Sciences, Physiochemical Sciences,  
Molecular Sciences and Engineering

We focus on drugs to prevent, alleviate or cure diseases.  
Our research programmes range from drug design and  
discovery, to formulation and delivery, and on to action  
and implications of use

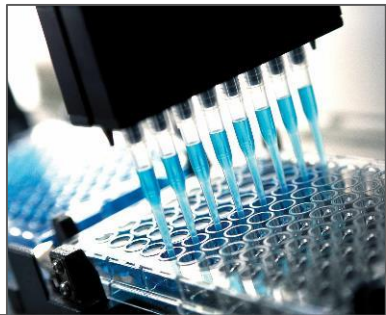


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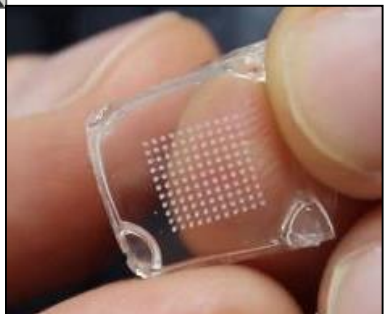


# MATCH



**Ryan Donnelly**  
Director of the  
MATCH PRP

# PRP



## MATERIALS AND ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES FOR HEALTHCARE

**Pioneering Research Program**

Interdisciplinary Research Initiative

- Pharmacy
- Chemistry & Chemical Engineering
- Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering
- Biological Sciences
- Medicine, Dentistry & Biomedical Sciences
- Nursing & Midwifery



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**Michael Tunney**  
Director of  
Research

<https://www.qub.ac.uk/schools/SchoolofPharmacy/Research/ResearchThemes/>



**HELP MAKE  
REAL-WORLD  
IMPROVEMENTS  
FOR PATIENTS**

MSc  
**INDUSTRIAL PHARMACEUTICS**

# MSc Industrial Pharmaceutics

Equip Graduates with the expertise and skills required for employment in an industry estimated to be worth \$1.2 trillion

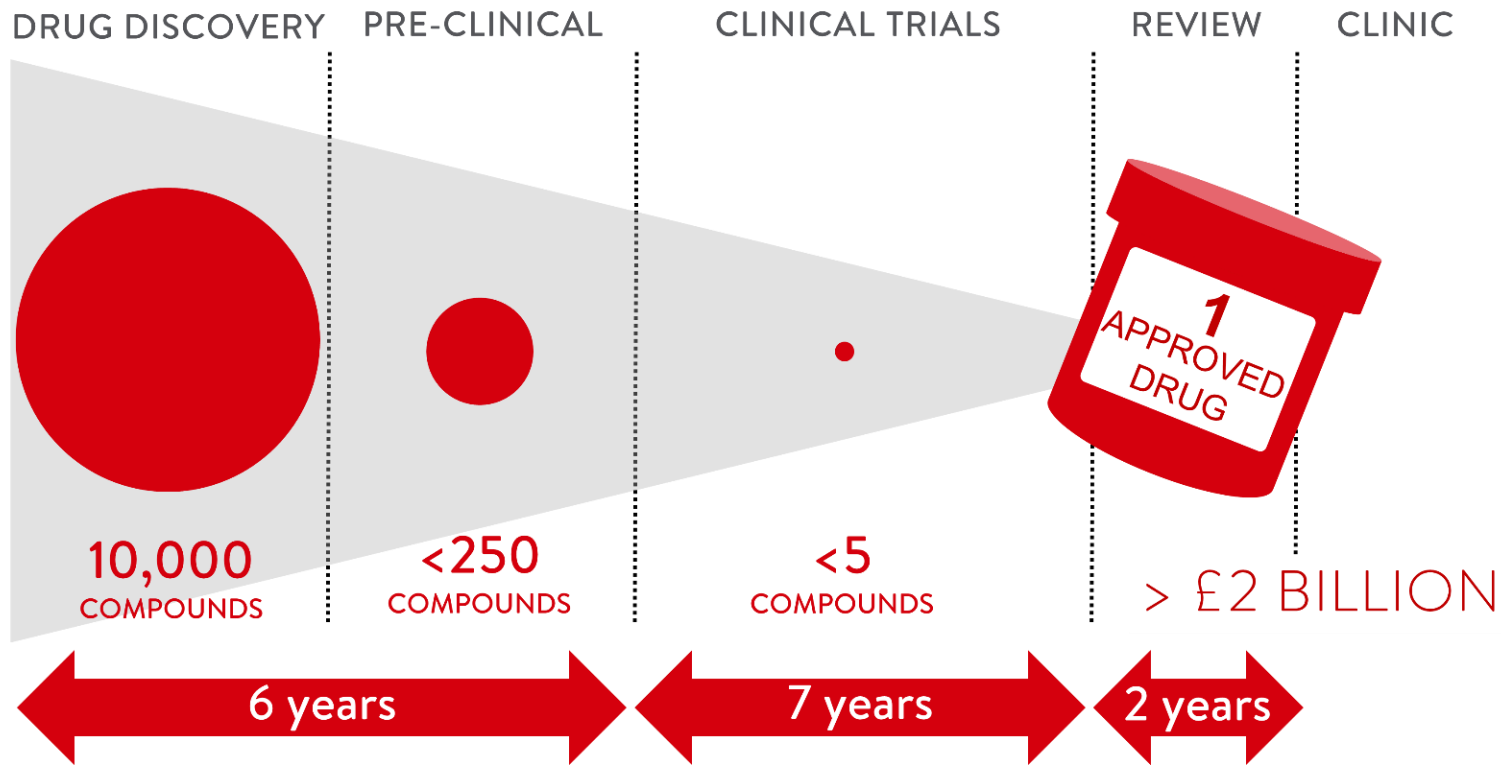
Industrial Pharmaceutics plays a vital role in the development, validation and manufacture of new medicines

MSc graduates will be able to avail of employment opportunities at all stages of the medicine development pipeline



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## ABOUT THE COURSE

**6 Taught modules**

**Specialist Content** to meet the needs of leading pharmaceutical companies

**Cutting-edge Research and Development Projects**

**Opportunities for Industrial Placements**

**Chartered Management Institute Qualification**



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# MSc INDUSTRIAL PHARMACEUTICS

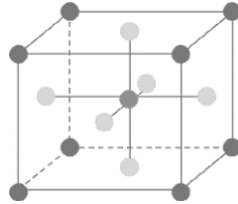
| Modules  | Semester  | Credits |
|--|-----------|---------|
| Research Methods & Data Management                         | 1         | 10      |
| Formulation of Pharmaceutical & Biopharmaceutical Products | 1         | 30      |
| Characterisation Methods for Pharmaceutical Products       | 1         | 20      |
| Pharmaceutical Manufacturing & Emerging Technologies       | 2         | 20      |
| Quality Assurance & Regulatory Affairs                     | 2         | 20      |
| Project Management & Entrepreneurship                      | 2         | 20      |
| MSc Research Project                                       | Jun - Sep | 60      |



# RESEARCH METHODS AND DATA MANAGEMENT

You will cover key skills and knowledge:

- Evaluation of scientific literature
- Data analysis
- Experimental design
- Statistical analysis
- Good Laboratory Practice
- Personal effectiveness



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# FORMULATION OF PHARMACEUTICAL & BIOPHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS

Design and development of dosage forms

Formulation of products

Nanotechnology

Drug delivery systems for large and small molecules

Generic drugs and biosimilars

Personalised medicine



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# CHARACTERISATION METHODS FOR PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS

Product analysis and specification

API and raw material analysis

Dissolution and drug release testing

Physiochemical characterisation (eg  
microscopic and spectroscopic analysis)

*In vitro* to *in vivo* correlation

Pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics



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# PHARMACEUTICAL MANUFACTURING & EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES

Development process and requirements

Pharmaceutical engineering and  
biotechnology

3D printing and bioprinting

Computational modelling (eg Finite Element  
Analysis)

Continuous manufacturing

Micromanufacturing engineering and  
technology



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# QUALITY ASSURANCE & REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Quality, safety and efficacy

Legislation and regulation

Process Analytical Technologies

Quality by Design

Quality compliance and GMP

Pharmaceutical innovation (eg  
IP and patents)



New  
Entrepreneurial  
Practice Unit  
added for  
18/19!



## STAND OUT FROM THE CROWD

The Graduate School at Queen's, in partnership with the Chartered Management Institute (CMI), is offering a Level 7 qualification to postgraduate students to enhance employability and develop leadership, managerial and entrepreneurial skills.



**Be part of this  
unique opportunity**

## PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Pharmaceutical R&D and  
business processes

Key functions of pharmaceutical  
management

Benefits of project management

Project planning

Marketing and entrepreneurship

Behavioural aspects



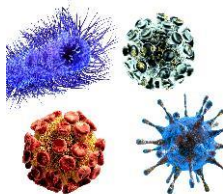
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# RESEARCH PROJECTS ALIGNED WITH SCHOOL RESEARCH THEMES

## Drug Delivery and Biomaterials

Photoactive Biomaterials  
Polymeric Medical Devices  
Sensor Development



## Nanomedicine and Biotherapeutics

Anticancer therapeutics  
Nano-delivery of macromolecules  
Proteases in Disease  
Natural Peptides



## Infection and Antimicrobial Resistance

Respiratory infectious diseases  
Antimicrobial stewardship  
Novel antimicrobials and anti-infective biomaterials

## Pharmaceutical Materials Science and Formulation

HIV Prevention and Multipurpose Prevention Technologies  
Solid Dosage Forms  
Pharmaceutical Technology



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# CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

On completing this course you will be equipped with the skills and understanding needed for research and development roles with employers such as:

- Pharmaceutical Industry (e.g. R&D, production, regulatory).
- Academia (research & teaching).
- Government agencies such as drug licensing authorities.
- Healthcare
- Scientific Research



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# PhD OPPORTUNITIES

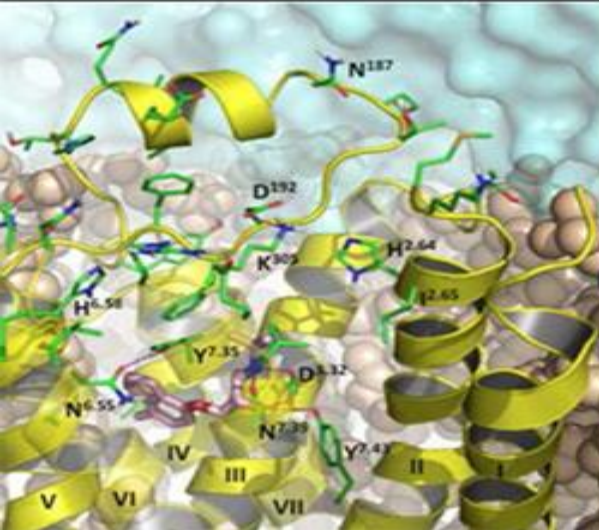
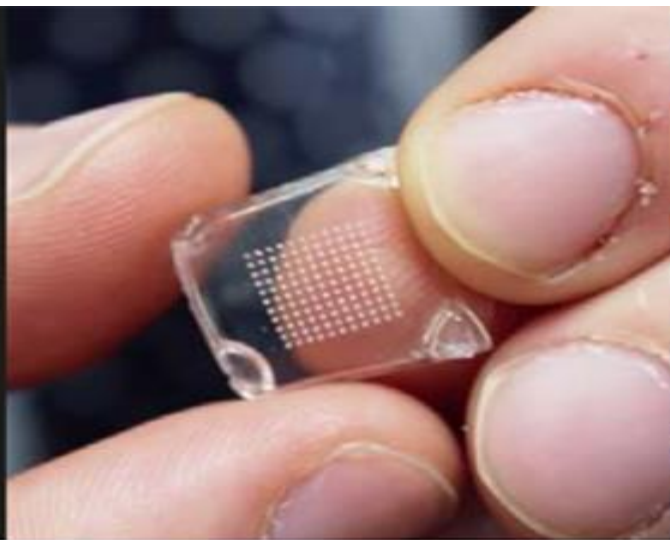
- School Post-Graduate Research Committee
- Extensive training
- Pass on your knowledge to UG students
- Opportunities to publish your work
- Implement an extensive support network
- Ensure you are on the right track
- The future of our Research Community



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**OUR  
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**IS MAKING A  
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RESEARCH

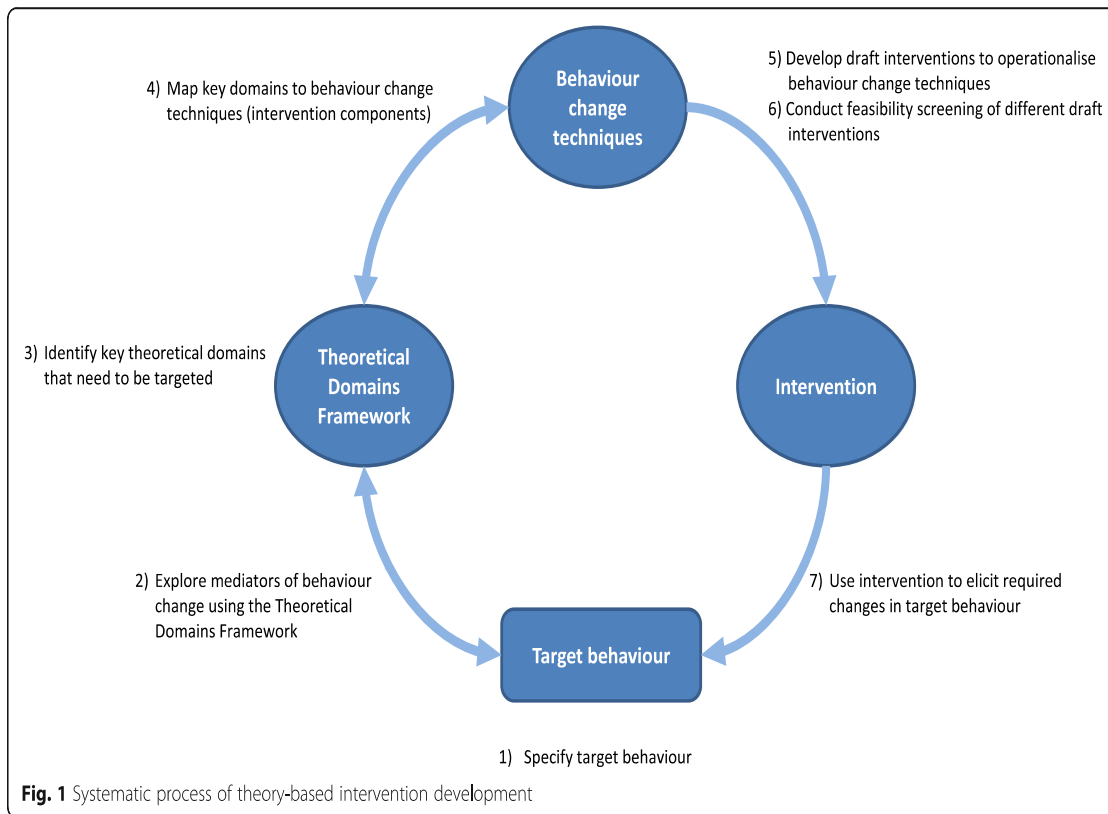
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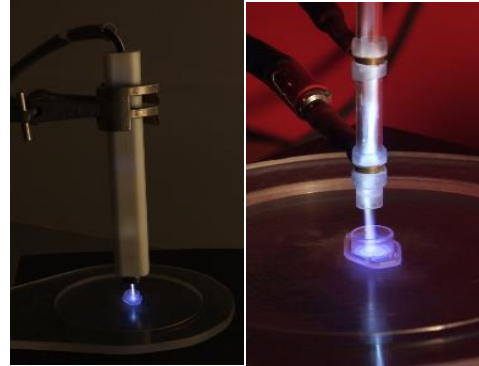
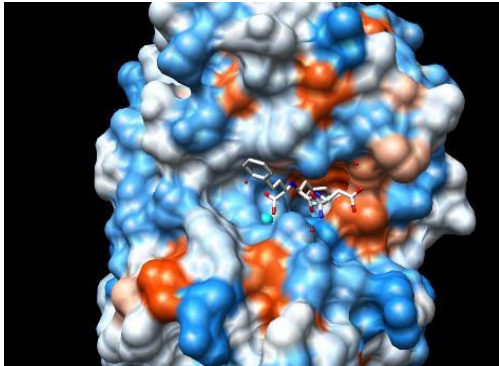
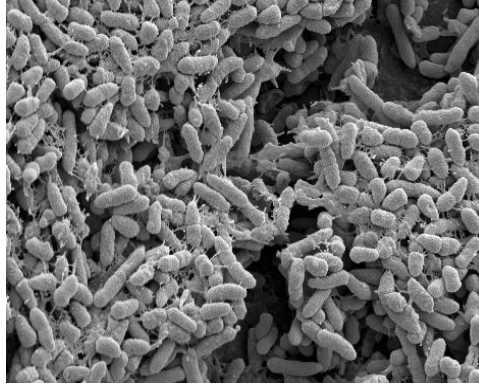
# IMPACT FOR PATIENTS



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# BIOFILM IMPACT



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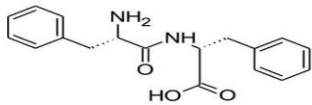
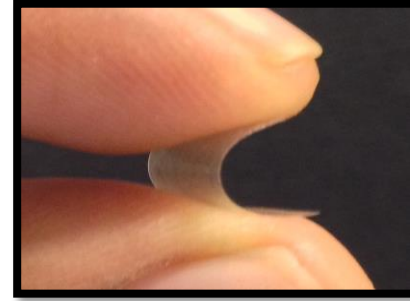
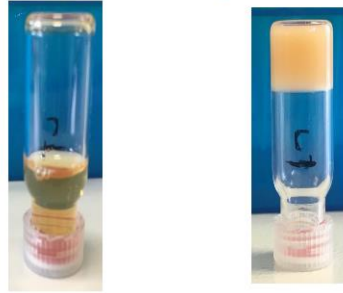
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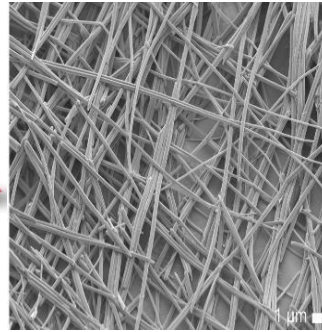
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**Self-assembly**



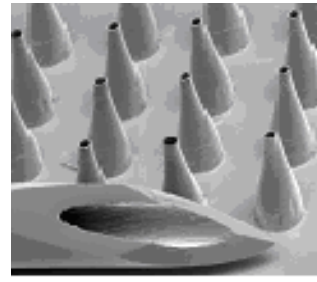
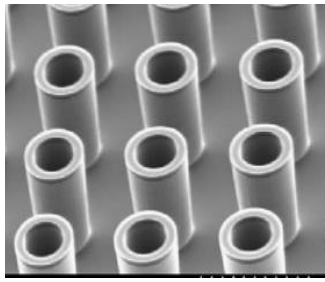
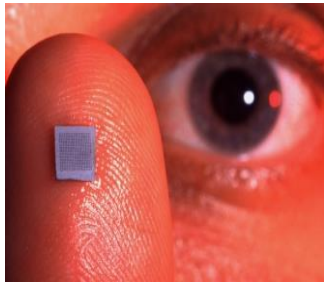
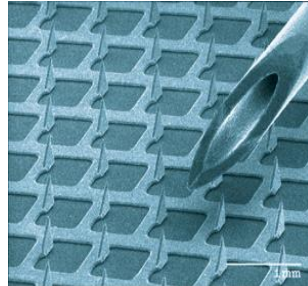
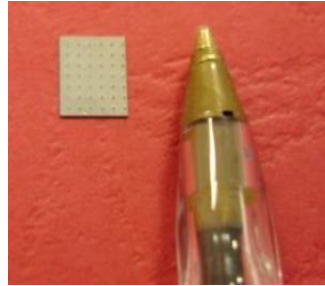
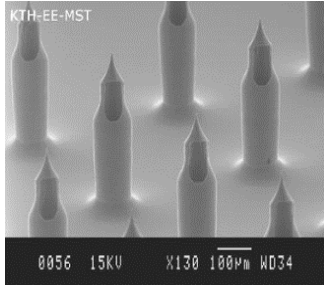
Peptide Hydrogels



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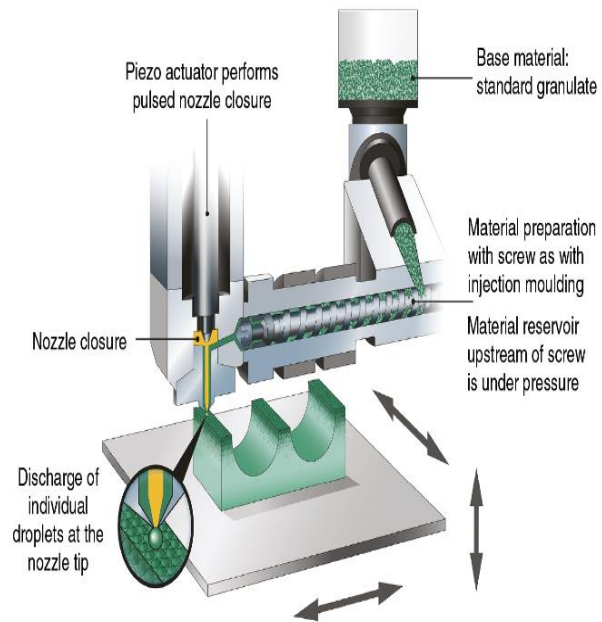
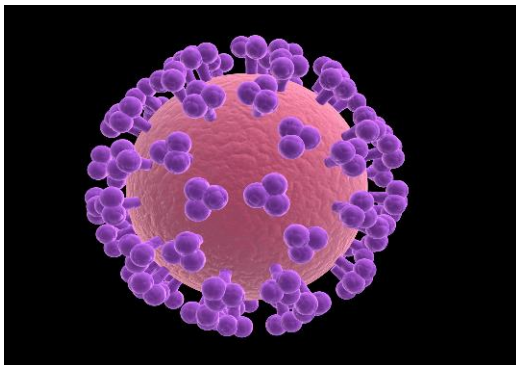
# IMPROVING LIVES- MICRONEEDLES



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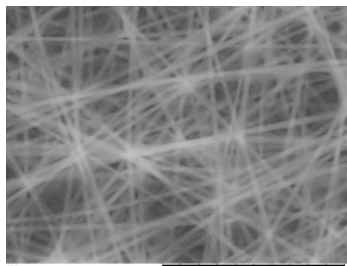
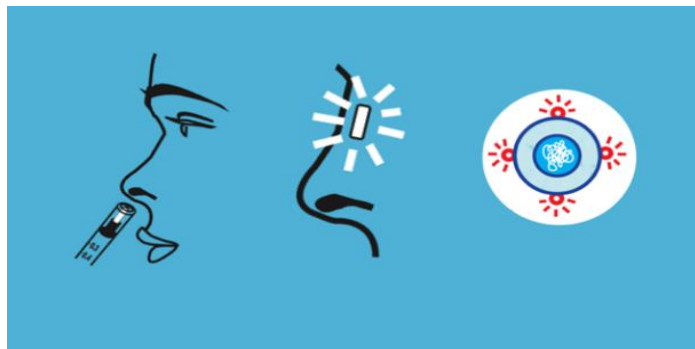
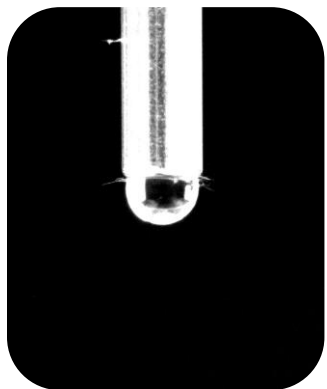
# ENGINEERING IMPACT



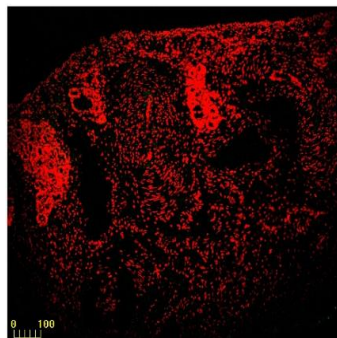
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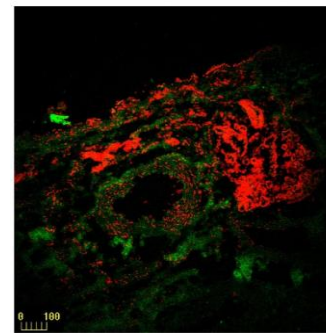
# IMPACT OF NEW MATERIALS



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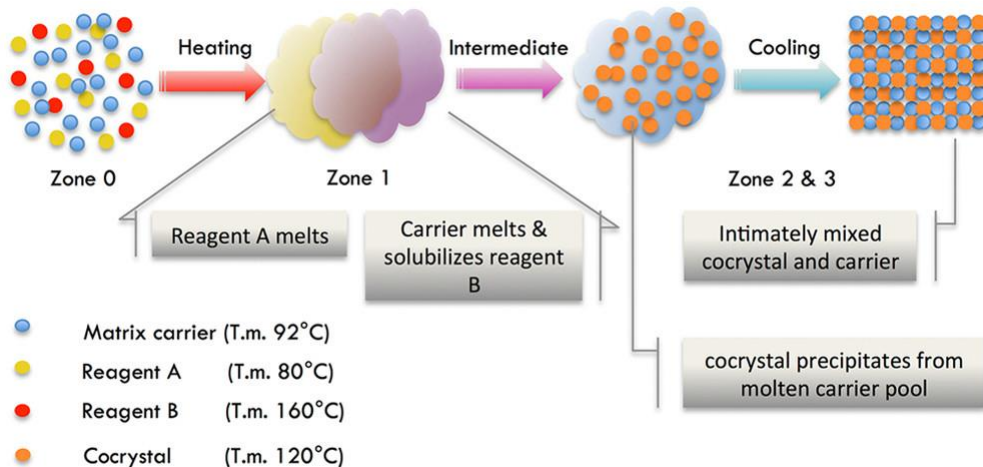
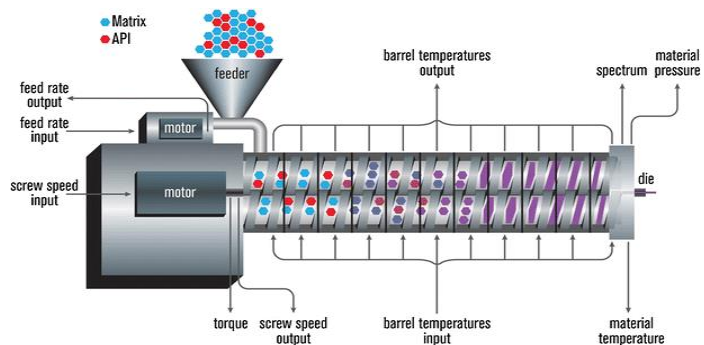
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# IMPACT OF IMPROVED ORAL DELIVERY

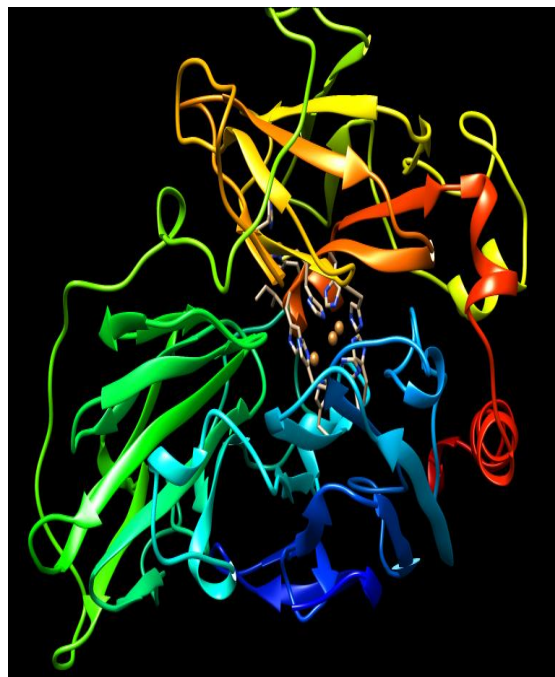
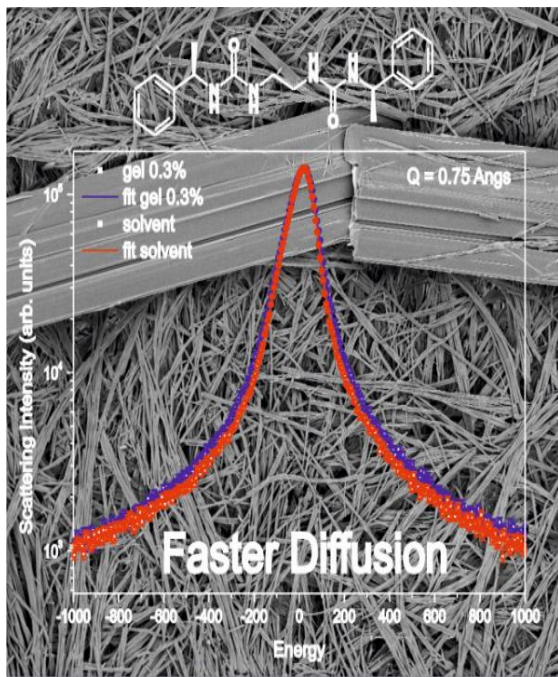


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# IMPACT OF DRUG DESIGN



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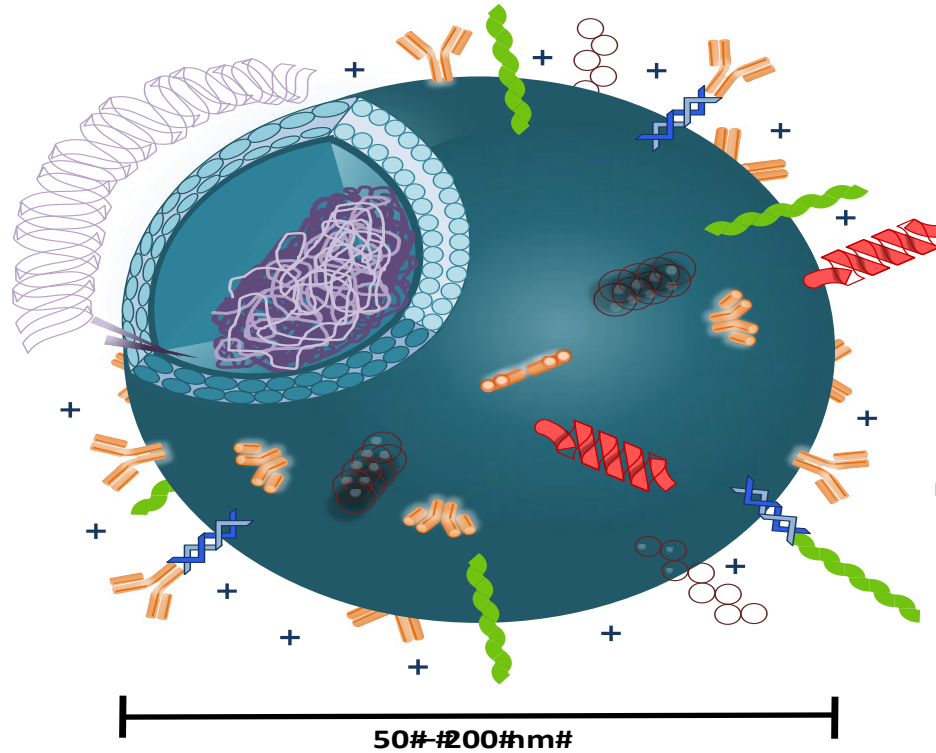
# IMPACT OF MOLECULAR DRUGS



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# IMPACT OF FUTURE NANOMEDICINE



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# Are you ready to join us?



<http://www.qub.ac.uk/schools/SchoolofPharmacy/Research/PostgraduatePositions/>



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# Progression Opportunities in The School of Medicine, Dentistry and Biomedical Science

**DR DAVID GRIEVE**

**DIRECTOR OF POSTGRADUATE STUDIES AND INTERNATIONALISATION  
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, DENTISTRY AND BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE**



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# MEDICINE AND HEALTH RELATED RESEARCH

## OUR AIMS:

- To address key global healthcare challenges
- To make scientific breakthroughs in disease mechanisms with translation to innovative therapeutics and preventive interventions
- To establish lasting relationships with major funders for programmatic research and capacity building
- To leverage scientific strengths with business enterprises and large pharmaceuticals to develop programmes for discovery and translation

# School of Biological Sciences

- **Number of Staff:** >500
- **Research Grant Awards 2017-18:** ~£30M
- **Education/Research Infrastructure Development:** >£100M over last 10 years
- **Undergraduate Students:** ~2000
- **Postgraduate Research Students:** ~250
- **Postgraduate Taught Students:** ~400





# HIGH RELEVANCE TO PHARMACY AND PHARMACOLOGY

## POSTGRADUATE TAUGHT

- BIOINFORMATICS AND COMPUTATIONAL GENOMICS
  - CANCER MEDICINE
- EXPERIMENTAL MEDICINE
- MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY
- ONCOLOGY AND DRUG DISCOVERY
  - PUBLIC HEALTH
  - GLOBAL HEALTH
  - CLINICAL ANATOMY

## POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH

- ADVANCED RADIOTHERAPY
- BLOOD AND TISSUE CANCER
  - BIOINFORMATICS
- CARDIOVASCULAR MEDICINE
  - EPIDEMIOLOGY
  - GENOMICS
- IMMUNOBIOLOGY AND MICROBES
  - OPHTHALMOLOGY
- RESPIRATORY MEDICINE

# MSc in Bioinformatics and Computational Genomics

- Candidates from:  
**life sciences, mathematics, statistics, computing, medicine**
- **Full-time/12 months**
- Teaching led by **active researchers in cancer, inflammatory disease and public health**
- **Clinical and industrial contributions**

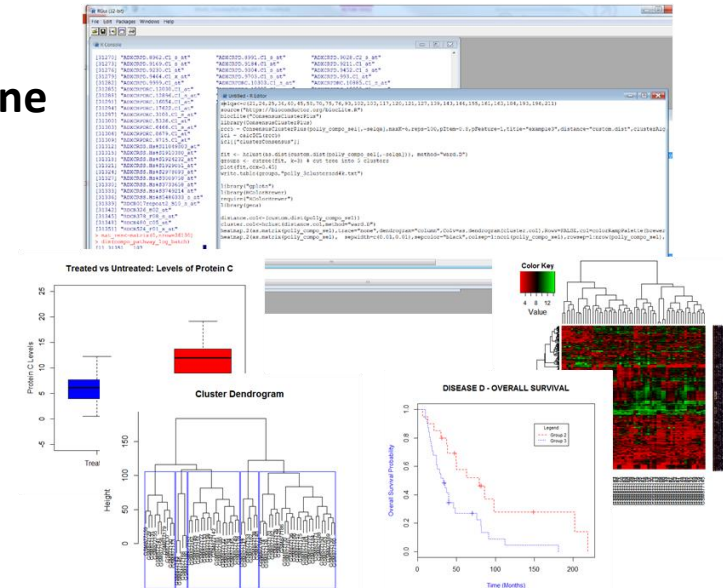
## Core themes:

**Ethics:** e.g. study design, validation, stringency

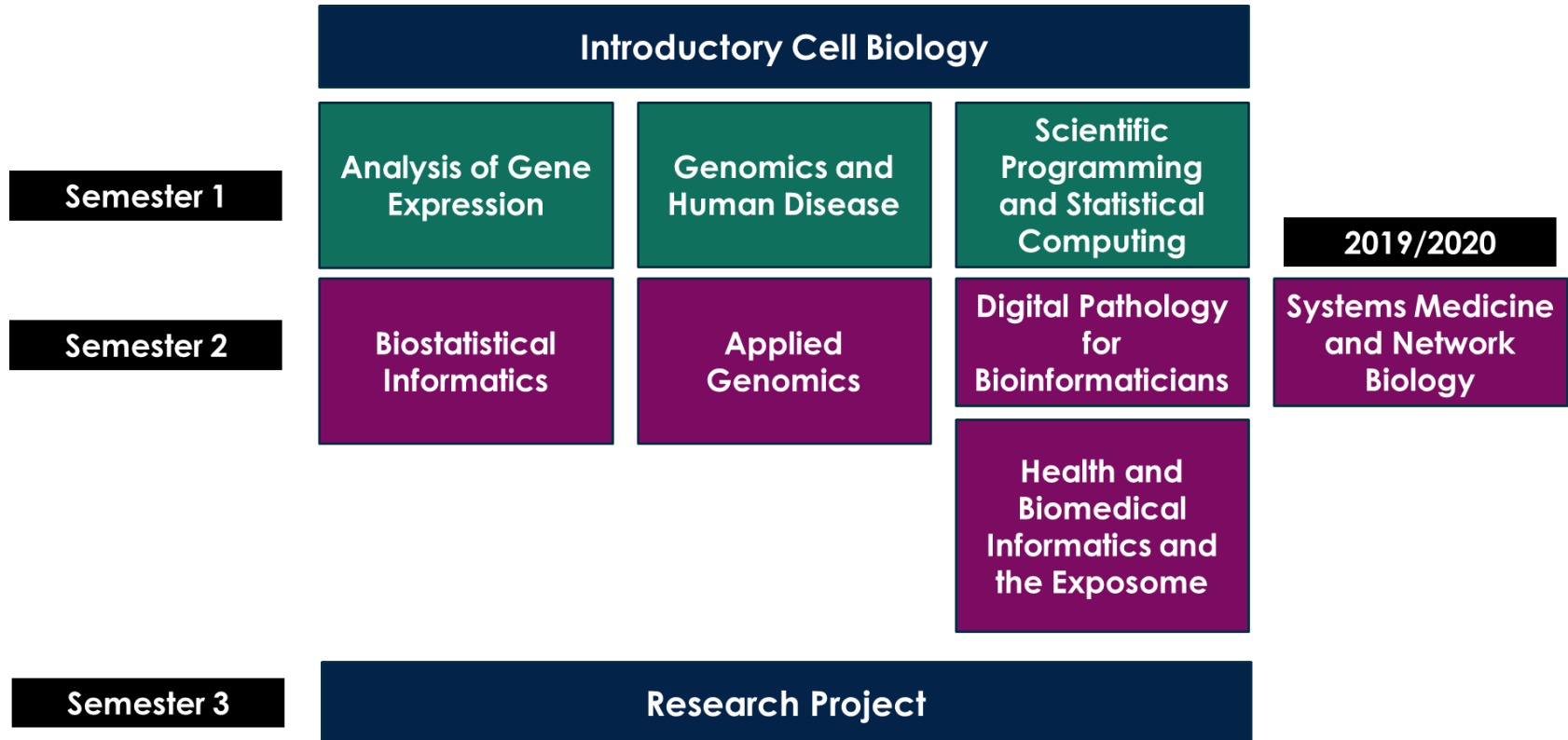
**Reuse, recycle, repurpose:** ask different questions of same dataset

**Biomarkers:** diagnostic, predictive, prognostic

**Communication skills:** oral/written, not just analysis and code



# MSc in Bioinformatics and Computational Genomics



## Comprehensive 'Research Intensive' programme

**AIM:** To equip life sciences students with skills required to work in a translational cancer medicine setting (academic or hospital environment, or in the biotech/pharmaceutical industries)

Students will gain hands-on experience of molecular techniques and the equipment/devices used in a modern molecular laboratory

Central component is the 38-week Research Project (Centre for Cancer Research and Cell Biology) within research active teams



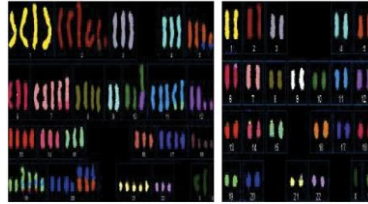
## Research Translation: from concept to commercialisation

commercialisation of research findings, Intellectual Property, Patenting



## Cancer Biology

fundamental principles of cancer pathogenesis



## Translational Cancer Medicine

Principles of cancer resistance, clinical trial design and high throughput technologies.

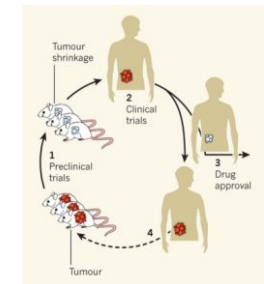
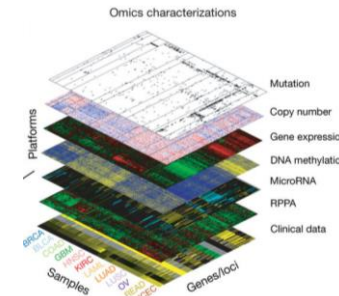
## Diagnosis and treatment of cancer

comprehensive overview of the diagnosis and treatment



## Cancer Genetics and Genomics

Concepts in genetics and genomics, cancer predisposition



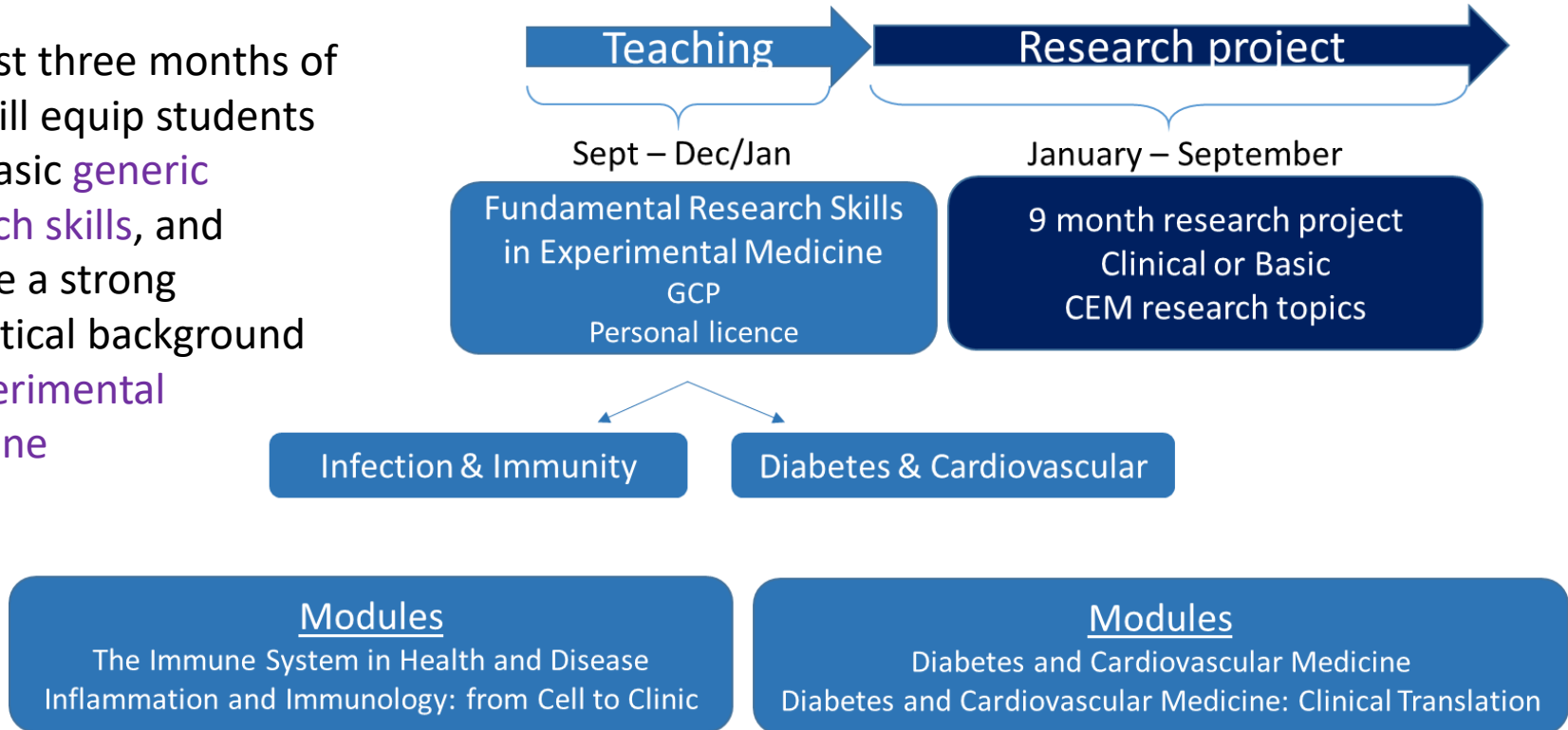
Experimental Medicine covers **fundamental research in biosciences** to application of new strategies towards **clinical translation** that will improve healthcare delivery

## In the first 3 months students will:

- be provided with advanced research training in a broad range of research skills
- learn to formulate a research hypothesis
- be taught the importance of research integrity
- gain key understanding of the regulatory frameworks that govern basic and clinical research
- gain accreditation in in vivo experimentation through Home Office licensee training
- gain accreditation in Good Clinical Practice, a pre-requisite for undertaking clinical research
- acquire key transferable skills, including scientific writing, presentation, and communication of science including via social media will be taught throughout the course

# MSc in Experimental Medicine

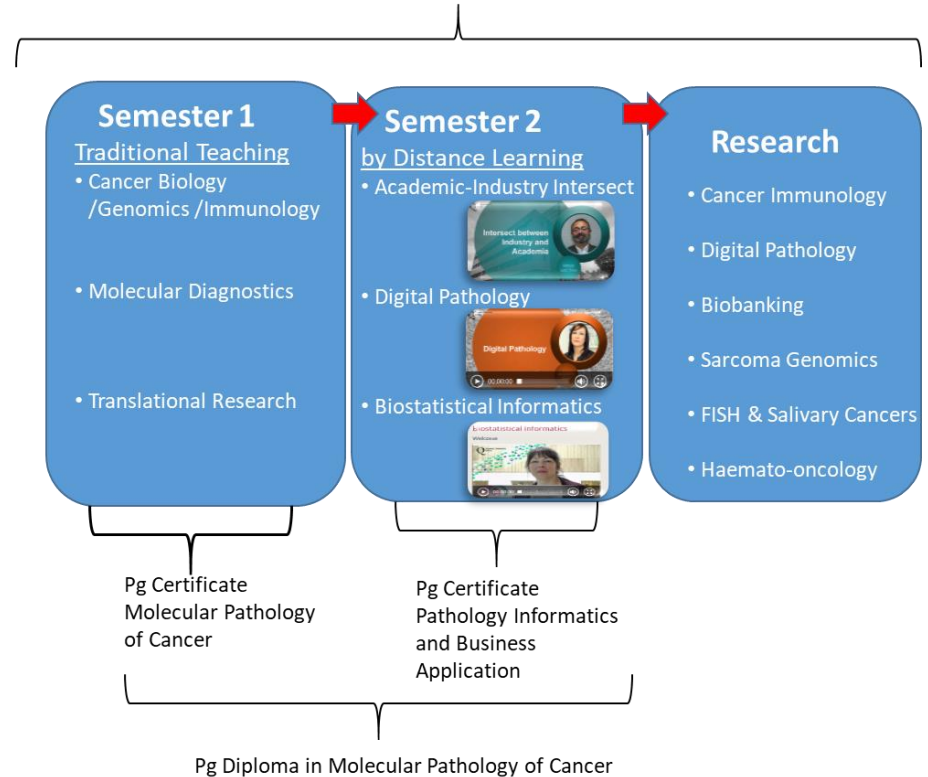
The first three months of MSc will equip students with basic **generic research skills**, and provide a strong theoretical background in **Experimental Medicine**



# MSc in Molecular Pathology of Cancer



## MSc Molecular Pathology of Cancer - Blended Learning Programme





# MSc in Oncology and Drug Discovery

## Course content

- Research Translation from concept to commercialisation
- Diagnosis and treatment of cancer
- Cancer Biology
- Cancer Drug Target Identification
- Processes required to validate a new Drug Target
- Compound 'hit' identification
- 'Hit to lead' compound development in early Drug Discovery
- Lead candidate optimisation
- Novel drug delivery systems



## Oncology Drug Discovery highlights

Strong links with [biotech and bio-pharmaceutical sectors](#); Research projects supervised by academic staff and local biotech with strong focus on clinical applications.; World-class facilities; teaching within CCRCB, a purpose-built institute with state-of-the-art technology

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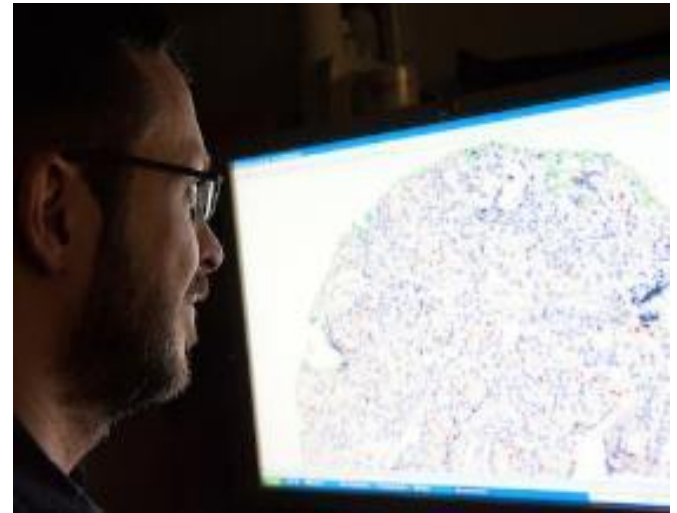


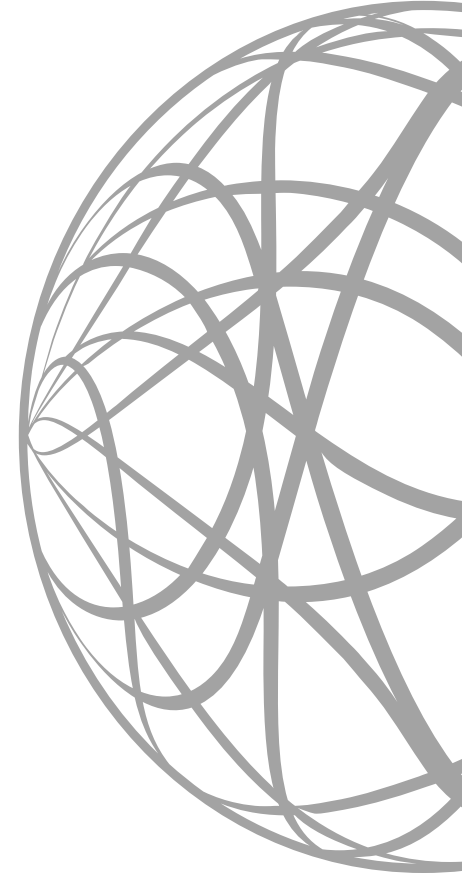
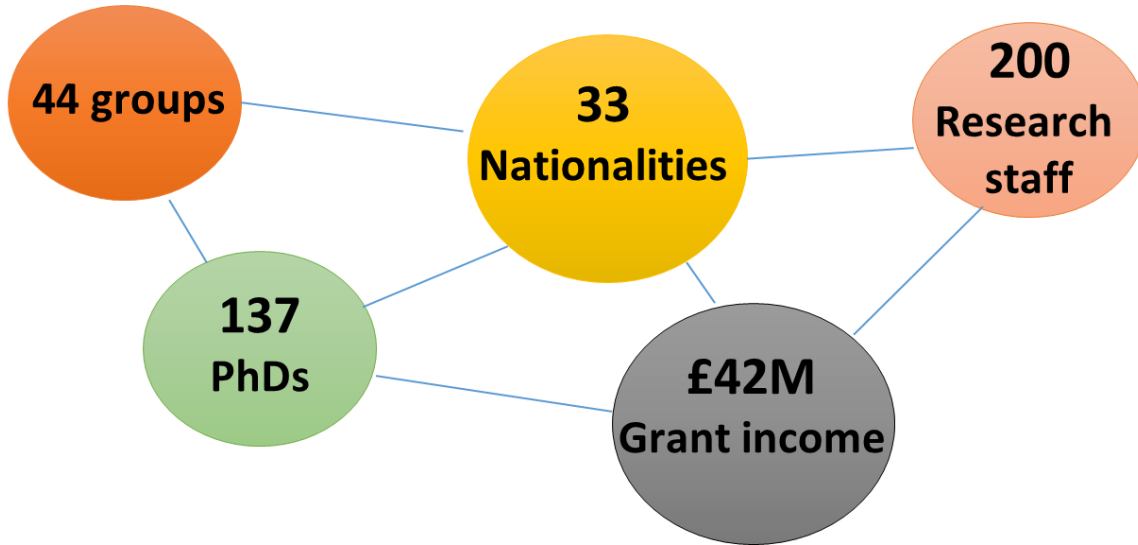
# CCRCB

CENTRE FOR  
CANCER RESEARCH  
AND CELL BIOLOGY

## RESEARCH THEMES

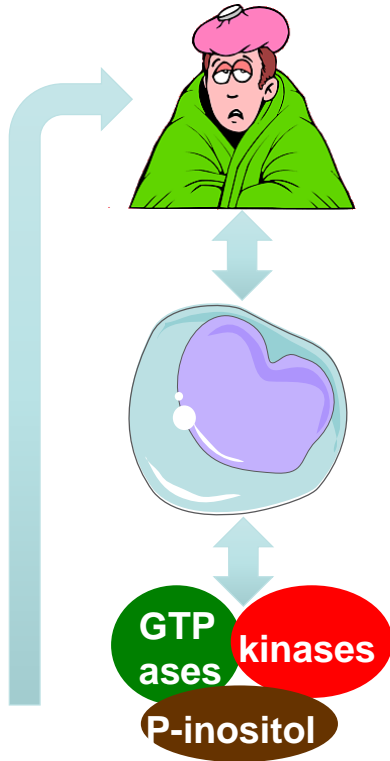
- ADVANCED RADIOTHERAPY
- BLOOD CANCERS
- BRAIN TUMOUR
- BREAST CANCER
- GASTRO-INTESTINAL CANCER
- GENITO-URINARY AND PROSTATE CANCER
- OVARIAN CANCER
- CANCER GENOMICS
- TUMOUR EPIDEMIOLOGY AND EARLY DETECTION
- CANCER BIOINFORMATICS





**Mission:** To understand the mechanisms of disease and use that understanding to develop innovative new treatments and therapies to improve patient outcomes with respiratory disease, eye disease, vascular disease, and infectious diseases.

Clinical trials



## Knowledge and expertise

- Unique pre-clinical models of disease
- Cell re programming, stem cell biology, cell therapy
- Immunobiology, infection biology, antimicrobial resistance
- Novel therapeutics and diagnostic/prognostic biomarkers
- Expertise on clinical trials (phase I, II, III)

Fundamental biology

Therapies/clinics

## RESEARCH THEMES

**Immunobiology  
and  
microbes**

**Respiratory  
Medicine**

**Vision  
and  
Vascular Medicine**

**Immunology**

**Cell biology**

## **TAILORED SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

SCHOOL POSTGRADUATE INDUCTION

GRADUATE SCHOOL INDUCTION

POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH MANAGEMENT

GENERIC SKILLS IN COMMUNICATING SCIENCE

INTRODUCTION TO CORE TECHNOLOGY UNITS

SPECIALIST PRACTICAL SKILLS TRAINING

SCHOOL POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH FORUM

PREPARING FOR DIFFERENTIATION

THESIS AND PHD VIVA PREPARATION

## Mandatory courses

e.g. CPH Medical Statistics, CEM Presentation Skills

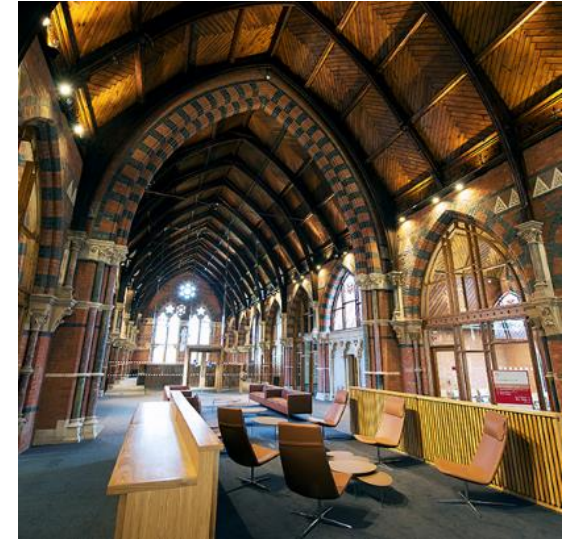
## Optional courses (class-only)

e.g. Cancer Biology, Applied Genomics,  
Diabetes and Cardiovascular Medicine,  
Immunity System in Health & Disease,  
Public Health Lectures, Systematic Review

## Self-directed training and careers mentoring

e.g. conferences, seminars, research-specific training, Graduate School courses  
peer-mentoring, careers workshops, academic mentoring

**ALL PGR STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO DOCUMENT 80 HOURS**  
**(10 DAYS) OF TRAINING PER YEAR**





## Masters Programmes

**HIGHLY RELEVANT TO  
PHARMACY AND  
PHARMACOLOGY**

[Bioinformatics and Computational Genomics](#)

[Cancer Medicine](#)

[Experimental Medicine](#)

[Molecular Pathology of Cancer](#)

[Oncology and Drug Discovery](#)

### Director of Postgraduate Taught

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## Research Programmes

**TAILORED PROJECTS IN  
COLLABORATION WITH  
SCHOOL OF PHARMACY**

[Centre for Cancer Research and Cell Biology](#)

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### PhD Projects and Supervision

[Find a PhD Supervisor](#)

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