

MRes in Child Health
TERMS & CONDITIONS
RESEARCH PROJECT PROPOSAL
2023/24

Deadline for Submission: Friday 11th August 2023

1. **You are invited to submit a research project proposal for inclusion in the annual portfolio for the MRes in Child Health.** Students will join the MRes at the end of September, and their Research Projects can begin at any time up to the beginning of November and should end by August the following year. Students will select a research project in their first term and then develop their ideas in the second term. Research and data collection will follow in the second and third term, when the student will spend most of their time on the project. Following data collection, students will prepare the thesis write-up with help from the supervisor/course tutors. Students who take the MRes part time should follow a similar schedule and will complete their project part time over two calendar years. Students will then be expected to submit a dissertation of 20,000 words (maximum) excluding references and appendices. The project assessment will include a formative mid-point review and a summative viva examination with research poster.
2. The proposals included in the portfolio for projects starting in 2023/24 will be made available within the Academic Programmes at the Institute of Child Health. Collaborative projects with other UCL departments may be considered. Projects can be clinically based or with a greater emphasis on laboratory medicine. The MRes in Child Health is advertised to and attracts both medically qualified applicants and allied health care professionals and biomedical scientists.
3. Students will be offered a **portfolio of approved project outlines** to choose from:
 - Supervisors are asked to submit Project Proposal forms which will include a project description of approximately 300 words.
 - All projects will be given a 'light-touch' review. Approved proposals will be included in a portfolio of possible projects to be offered to registered students.
 - Students will be paired up with supervisors on the basis of the outline projects in the portfolio, and subject to the student's module choices and pattern of study as well as the availability of the project
 - The administrator will then be in contact with the supervisors to arrange a Research Contract and access the MRes project code to use for running expenses.

NB Inclusion of your project in the portfolio will not guarantee you a student.

Project submissions are invited from all academic areas to ensure we are able to offer students a wide variety of projects, representing all aspects of research at ICH/GOSH. Projects that involve collaboration between laboratory-based and clinical scientists are welcomed.

Supervisors may submit one or more project outlines for inclusion in the portfolio.

4. **Supervisor's Responsibilities**

The supervisor should ensure that:

- they have attended the supervisors workshop – '[An Introduction to Research Student Supervision](#)'
 - they are supported by other senior members of staff of ICH/GOSH
 - they can provide adequate student supervision
 - they have agreed with their Section Head that sufficient space (desk and laboratory) is available for the Student
 - a risk assessment is completed, and that the student undergoes a local health and safety induction (including Local Fire Induction)
 - the project is registered with the ICH/GOSH R&D Office (research.registration@gosh.nhs.uk)
 - where ethics approval is required, this is in place before the project start date (Research.Governance@gosh.nhs.uk)
 - the student signs the Assignment of Intellectual Property Rights in Student Work (see <https://www.ucl.ac.uk/students/policies/intellectual-property-rights>) where applicable
5. Projects should have two nominated supervisors (primary and secondary). A non UCL staff member can be a supervisor, however they will need an honorary contract with UCL ICH GOSH. The administrator will be in touch to organise this.

6. It is expected that the Supervisor is responsible for first marking the dissertation or if this is not possible for arranging the appointment of a suitably qualified person to provide a first mark. The dissertation will be second marked by the programme director, deputy director or other suitably qualified 'lay' scientist i.e. an academic without necessarily specialist knowledge of the subject matter of the dissertation. Guidelines and mark scheme will be provided for examining and grading. The dissertation should be marked within three weeks of submission.

7. Supervisors should submit their completed project proposal form by **5pm on Friday 11th August 2023.**