**MRC Clinical Trials Unit LMIC Bursary for ICTM Masters Online Programme at UCL**

We are delighted to announce an education bursary to support colleagues in low and middle-income countries (LMIC) available through the MRC Clinical Trials Unit (MRC CTU) for study at UCL.

The bursary will cover tuition fees for either the online MSc in Clinical Trials or the online MSc in Statistics for Clinical Trials programme.

Funding is available for one candidate to commence their studies in September 2023.

The bursary can be used for full-time (1 year) or part-time (2 year) study options.

**Terms and Conditions**

# **Eligibility to apply for a Bursary**

* You must be a national of, and resident in, [a low or middle income country](https://data.worldbank.org/income-level/low-and-middle-income)(LMIC - as defined by the World Bank).
* Applicants should be working on a clinical trial or cohort study.
* Preference will be given to those working on MRC CTU trials or studies or collaborating with CTU staff.
* You must have checked course eligibility (please click [here](https://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/graduate/taught-degrees/clinical-trials-msc) for MSc Clinical Trials and [here](https://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/graduate/taught-degrees/clinical-trials-msc) for MSc Statistics for Clinical Trials) and be eligible to apply.
* You must not have any outstanding debt owed to UCL.
* You must provide copies of any qualifications awarded to you when submitting your application to UCL.
* **You must have read and understood, and agree to, these terms and conditions.**

**Student Obligations**

The Masters courses are demanding with 20–40 contact days and a considerable level of independent self-study, which candidates are expected to work within.

You agree that if selected, you will:

* Attend all timetabled sessions (online) on time and notify the programme team /workplace supervisor if unable to attend.
* Adapt your other commitments (e.g. working hours, caring responsibilities) to the course timetable and requirements, including preparing for and undertaking assessments
* Abide by UCL policies and procedures including attendance, conduct of assessment and [behaviour](https://www.ucl.ac.uk/academic-manual/chapters/chapter-6-student-casework-framework/section-1-code-conduct-students).

Candidates recommended for a bursary award will be informed by email by the MRC CTU.

Please note, the UCL selection process for the Masters course is different from the bursary process described here. You will be expected to complete the UCL application process for the course if you are granted the bursary. Please note, you will need to provide copies of your qualifications when you submit your course application to UCL.

The recommendation for a bursary does not mean a candidate will automatically be entered onto the course. As clarified above, candidates must separately meet UCL eligibility requirements.

Candidates are not eligible to receive bursary support if they have not submitted both

* an application to MRC CTU for the bursary by 09:00 BST on Monday 17th April 2023
* an application to UCL for the course by 30th June 2023.

# **Fees and continued funding**

* The MRC CTU at UCL will fund the fees for your enrolment and attendance on the MSc Clinical Trials at UCL or the MSc in Statistics for Clinical Trials, for one year full-time or two years part-time.

Funding will **not** be continued if:

* + your participation falls below an acceptable standard (70%), although periods of absence or lack of engagement due to sickness, maternity leave etc. will be taken into account
	+ your performance falls below the level required to complete the qualification within the requisite time period
	+ the MRC CTU at UCL is unable to continue funding due to unforeseen funding constraints.

# **Repayment of Fees**

As payment of these fees represents a significant investment for the MRC CTU at UCL, should you withdraw from the course, the Unit reserves the right to recover all or part of the fees paid as set out below. The decision as to whether you will be required to pay these amounts back will be based on individual circumstances. The decision will be made by the Senior Leadership Team of the Unit.

If you resign before completing the MSc or if you are dismissed for misconduct at any stage, you will be expected to re-pay based on a prorate calculation based on an academic year of 36 weeks and at the discretion of the unit.

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**Application form**

Preference will be given to those working on MRC CTU at UCL trials or studies or collaborating with CTU staff.

The selection process for eligibility for the bursary will be based on your CV and details you submit on this application form.

Please submit a 2 page CV and the completed application form by 09:00 BST on **Monday 17th April 2023**, to mrcctu.tcs@ucl.ac.uk.

Please complete all sections.

Candidates recommended for a bursary award will be informed by the end of May 2023. Candidates will then be expected to complete the UCL application process for course application (please see Terms and Conditions above).

The fees of successful candidates will be paid directly to UCL by MRC CTU at UCL.

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| **Personal information** |
| First Name: |  |
| Last Name: |  |
| Address, including country and area code where applicable: |  |
| Email: |  |
| Organisation you work for: |  |
| Address of the above organisation: |  |
| Role: |  |
| Trial(s) / studies you support: |  |
| Trial team or staff member at MRC CTU at UCL with whom you are currently collaborating: |  |
| **Referee *(must be a referee from your work/trial or an academic reference)*** |
| Referee name: |  |
| Referee email address: *(must be an email address from your organisation with an ending such as .org, .ac, .edu, NOT gmail, yahoo or hotmail)* |  |
| Referee affiliation: |  |
| **Full time/part time and work** |
| Study option you would prefer:*Full time (1 year) / Part time (2 years)* |  |
| MSc you would like to undertake (Clinical Trials or Statistics for Clinical Trials):*Please ensure you meet the entry criteria for the course to which you are applying.* |  |
| If part time, please state the organisation you would be working for: |  |

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| **In no more than 300 words please state your reasons for applying to study on this programme and how you would use the knowledge and skills gained in your work and future career. Please include details of how it would ultimately benefit clinical trials and research in your country.**  |
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* **How would you use the knowledge and skills gained in your work and future career?**
* **How will studying on this programme ultimately benefit clinical trials and research in your country?**
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| By signing this form, I confirm that the information I have provided is accurate and correct and that I have read and understood the Terms and Conditions (below) for the bursary award.  |
| Candidate signature | Date  |

For applicants who intend to undertake study part-time whilst working, Department Head are asked to confirm that the candidate will have sufficient time in support their academic studies in line with the T &Cs attached.

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