



UCL MBPhD Programme [www.ucl.ac.uk/mbphd/](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/mbphd/)

Application Guidance Notes (version November 2020)

**ELIGIBILITY**

The UCL MBPhD programme is only available to students who are currently undertaking a Primary Medical Qualification (MBBS, MBChB or equivalent) at a UK Medical School.

Information is on the website: <https://www.ucl.ac.uk/medical-school/study/undergraduate/transfers-mbbs-year-4-mbphd-programme>

To be eligible to transfer to the MBPhD programme, applicants must:

- satisfy UCL's academic [entry requirements for undergraduate medicine](#) ;
- have completed 2 years of an equivalent 5 year undergraduate medical degree programme at a publically-funded medical school in the UK;
- achieve a 2:1 in an intercalated BSc or fulfil the [entry requirements for graduate students](#) ;
- be eligible to continue at their own medical school

We regret that we are currently unable to accept applications from students who are following accelerated graduate entry programmes, programmes that are run in collaboration with UK medical schools at overseas campuses, or students at private medical schools.

At present, UCL regulations preclude transfers from medical schools outside the United Kingdom.

- All applicants must complete Sections 1 – 12 of the application form.
- External applicants must also complete Sections 13, 14 and 15. These sections may be sent separately by an applicant to his/her tutor if required, and may also, if required, be completed and returned separately by the tutor to [carolyn.cohen@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:carolyn.cohen@ucl.ac.uk) by the closing date, 17/2/21, at 5pm. External applicants are also requested to provide a letter from the head of their medical school giving permission to transfer to UCL, as well as an academic transcript from their current medical school, and details of the programme of study in order to verify equivalency. These should either be submitted together with the application, or emailed separately, by the closing date.
- Applications must be signed.
- Applications must include a copy of your curriculum vitae (one page max).
- Applications must include two references: one from your iBSc project supervisor / programme lead and one from your pre-clinical tutor.
- One additional reference of your choice may be included with your application if this will appropriately support your application. The additional referee may be a person who can comment on your laboratory skills/ practical research ability if this was not the nature of your BSc. Alternatively, the referee may be a person who can comment on any additional research that you may have undertaken that may be relevant or more recent for the interview panel to consider.
- Referees may submit references directly to [carolyn.cohen@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:carolyn.cohen@ucl.ac.uk), but they must be submitted by the closing date, 17/2/21, at 5pm. If references are submitted directly, applicants must indicate this on the application form, otherwise it will be deemed that the applicant has failed to include them and the application is incomplete.

## **START DATES**

If you are a UCL student currently in MBBS Year 4, your application will be considered for September 2021 entry. If you are a UCL student currently in MBBS Year 3, your application will be considered for September 2022 entry. If you are an external student, your application will be considered for September 2022 entry to the UCL MBPhD programme but you must first transfer to MBBS Year 4 at UCL to start September 2021. Please note that you will remain at UCL following the MBPhD to complete MBBS Years 5 and 6.

Students applying during MBBS Year 4 to commence their PhD in September 2021 should be aware that they might not be eligible for all funding options, as some deadlines may have passed, e.g. the Crick.

## **FUNDING**

At the moment, funding for PhD projects cannot be guaranteed but this has not been a limiting factor in the past. Successful applicants will be directed to suitable funding; we do not expect students to look at funding options prior to applying for a place on the MBPhD programme. There are a number of recurring bursaries for suitable projects and a number where the funding is dependent on the area of research. Successful candidates will be able to discuss these further with the Programme Director.

## **APPLICATION SUBMISSION**

Applications (with all enclosures) must be submitted by the deadline by email to [carolyn.cohen@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:carolyn.cohen@ucl.ac.uk).

Any application sent without references and appropriate course documentation will be returned to the applicant. If the additional material is subsequently sent, but reaches this office after the closing date, the application will be considered at the discretion of the Interview Panel.

**The closing date for applications is Wednesday 17th February 2021 at 5pm**

Interviews are scheduled for **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> and Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2021**, on Teams. Candidates selected for interview will be informed by e-mail on or before Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the programme administrator:

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I am also available to answer any questions via MS Teams - please email me to set up a meeting.