



UCL MBPhD Programme [ucl.ac.uk/medicine/study/mbphd](https://ucl.ac.uk/medicine/study/mbphd)

**Application Guidance Notes (version March 2024)**

**ELIGIBILITY**

The UCL MBPhD programme is only available to students who are currently undertaking their Primary Medical Qualification (MBBS) at UCL Medical School.

Applications are welcome from students currently in their IBSc year at UCL, or from students who are currently in MBBS Year 2 at UCL and who already hold an undergraduate degree (BSc or BA). Unfortunately, we cannot accept applications from students who completed MBBS Years 1 and 2 at a different university and have transferred to UCL for their IBSc.

At the point of entry, all successful applicants must have:

- completed the first two years of the MBBS at UCL;
- achieved a 2:1 or 1 in an intercalated BSc or BSc/ BA
- passed MBBS Year 4 at UCL (first attempt)

- All applicants must complete Sections 1 – 10 of the application form.
- 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. References must be provided using the form “UCL Reference Form”, available on <https://www.ucl.ac.uk/medicine/study/mbphd> in the section “How and when to apply”.
- 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 [med.mbphd@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:med.mbphd@ucl.ac.uk) but they must be submitted by the closing date, 14/05/2024, at 5pm. If references are submitted directly, applicants must indicate this on the application form, otherwise it will be assumed that the applicant has failed to include them and that the application is incomplete. The MBPhD Administrator will inform applicants once any direct references are received. It is the applicant’s responsibility to ensure referees are aware of the closing date.
- Please note that you cannot undertake any other MPhil/PhD programme at the same time as, or as part of, the MBPhD programme. If you are interested in any other MPhil/PhD programme listed on the [UCL prospectus](#), or at a different university, please apply separately to that programme.

## **START DATES**

The Spring 2024 recruitment cycle is for students who will be starting their PhDs in the Autumn of 2025, directly after having completed MBBS Year 4 at UCL.

## **FUNDING**

Funding for PhD projects cannot be guaranteed. Successful applicants will be encouraged to find a supervisor who has applied for, or who plans to apply for, funding for a PhD student. There are a very limited number of recurring studentships, and some of these are for projects in particular fields of research. Successful candidates will be able to discuss these further with the Programme Director. We do not expect students to look at funding options prior to applying for a place on the MBPhD programme.

## **APPLICATION SUBMISSION**

Complete applications, including supporting documents, must be submitted by the deadline by email to [med.mbphd@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:med.mbphd@ucl.ac.uk)

Any incomplete applications cannot be considered. If any missing elements reach this office after the closing date, the application may be considered at the discretion of the Interview Panel.

**The closing date for applications is Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 5pm**

Interviews are scheduled for **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June and/or Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2024** at the Royal Free Campus, UCL. Candidates selected for interview will be informed by e-mail w/c 10<sup>th</sup> June.

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, or in person at the Royal Free or Bloomsbury campuses - please email me to set up a meeting.