Postgraduate Admissions Statement for
PhD Dynamic Molecular Cell Biology (Wellcome Trust)

This Admissions Statement applies to applications submitted for entry to the programme between 1 October 2020 and 30 September 2021.

It should be read in association with the University Admissions Principles and Procedures for Postgraduate programmes, the relevant prospectus entry and general application guidance.

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### Optional Documents

| Additional references | Applicants are welcome to upload additional references from work experience in a related field and/or industrial placements to support their application. |

### Selection process

#### Assessment of applications

All applicants are considered in line with the University’s [Admissions Principles and Procedures Policy](#). Once a complete application has been submitted with all required supporting documents, it is considered by at least two members of staff using the following criteria:

- Academic achievement
- English language proficiency (where applicable)
- Academic references
- Personal statement
- Skills training and prior research experience
- Availability of appropriate supervision

#### Interviews

Interviews form part of the selection process. Interviewees will be asked to make a short presentation on a piece of research they have conducted. This will form the basis of subsequent discussions. Further information will be provided in advance of the interview. Interviews are used to assess whether the applicant has the necessary skills and capabilities to pursue their chosen programme, and whether the programme is appropriate to their interests and aspirations. Interviewees based overseas are normally interviewed by telephone or Skype. All interviews are undertaken in accordance with the University’s Equality and Diversity Policy.

#### Decisions

Applicants will be notified by email when a decision has been made and decision letters will be available to view and print by logging into the application. If there is a deadline by which applicants must accept an offer of admission or pay a deposit, this will be stated in the offer letter.

#### Offers

Offers will typically be made in line with the academic requirements set out above. Offers made may be conditional or unconditional. An unconditional offer will be made to applicants who have already met the conditions and provided evidence that conditions have been met. Where academic or language requirements have not yet been fulfilled, applicants will receive a conditional offer outlining the requirements that must be met.

If an applicant is not selected to receive an offer for the course to which they have originally applied, we may offer the opportunity to be considered for an alternative programme in a related subject area. In such cases applicants will receive an email notification providing any alternative course options and asking whether they wish to be considered for these. It may be necessary for applicants to submit additional documentation in order for the application to be fully considered for an alternative programme. Details of the documentation required can be found in the admissions statement for the relevant programme.

#### Deferrals

Deferrals are not permitted for this programme. Applicants are encouraged to re-submit their application for consideration following year.
### Additional information

#### Extenuating circumstances

If your education has been significantly disrupted through health or personal problems, disability or specific difficulties within your studies, you can submit an [extenuating circumstances](#) form as part of your application.

The information provided will be treated confidentially and will help us to assess your academic performance fairly considering your circumstances.

#### Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS)

Applicants who will require a visa to study in the UK will also be required to gain clearance through the [Academic Technology Approval Scheme](#) (ATAS). The Academic Technology Approval Scheme is a clearance process which affects overseas applicants (outside the EEA and Switzerland) for certain postgraduate science, technology, medical and engineering studies in the UK. Applicants to affected programmes are required to obtain an ATAS certificate before applying for a visa.

#### Visa

International students coming to the UK to study full-time may need to apply for a student visa. [Tier 4 student visa guidance notes](#) are available on the University website.

### Fees and Deposits

#### Fees

Annual tuition fee are available on the relevant [prospectus entry](#) for this programme.

#### Deposits

Deposits are not required for this programme.

#### Sponsored Students

Sponsored students will need to upload a copy of their sponsorship letter using the ‘Post Submission Uploads’ section of the online application.