

The Life Sciences Doctoral Training Centre represents a new route to a PhD in Life Sciences with excellent opportunities for training and research. Funded by the BBSRC, the Life Sciences DTC is an interdisciplinary centre incorporating all departments and centres carrying out Life Sciences research. Chief among these are the School of Life Sciences and Department of Chemistry. Key associated centres include Warwick Medical School, Warwick Systems Biology and the Department of Physics.

All these centres are engaged in research of a particularly high quality and all departments received very high ratings in the latest Research Assessment Exercise. Between them, they cover a spectrum of topics in Life Sciences research ranging from whole-organism animal and plant research to single-molecule structural biology. Interdisciplinary research is an increasingly prominent theme, with numerous groups engaged in collaborative studies on small- and large-scale biological problems.

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## RESEARCH DEGREES

### Duration: 3 or 4 years

The Life Sciences Doctoral Training Programme has been designed to prepare students for a rewarding and productive PhD as preparation for a successful career. Students work on a project within specific research groups. An updated list of current projects is available on the website.

Two types of entry are available: 4 year PhDs incorporating a 9-month training course and a smaller number of 3-year PhDs for those already holding an MSc or other professional qualifications or experience.

### Route 1 – 4 year programme with chosen supervisor and project

You will need to complete a 9 month training course, details of which can be found at [www2.warwick.ac.uk/go/lifesciencephd/training/](http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/go/lifesciencephd/training/). In order to provide sufficient diversity of training, it will be required that one mini-project does not take place in the laboratory of the chosen supervisor(s).

### Route 2 – 4 year programme with no chosen project

You will need to complete the 9 month training course outlined at [www2.warwick.ac.uk/go/lifesciencephd/training/](http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/go/lifesciencephd/training/). You will choose a PhD project after experiencing research life in two mini-project disciplines and discussing options with prospective project supervisors.

### Route 3 – 3 year programme with chosen project

You will enter the programme with an MSc or equivalent postgraduate experience and training. You will commence your full-time study on a chosen PhD project and be expected to complete your PhD work by the end of Year 3. You will not take the 9 month training course but will complete the training programme run by your home department.

# WARWICK LIFE SCIENCES DOCTORAL TRAINING CENTRE

[www.warwick.ac.uk/go/lifesciencephd](http://www.warwick.ac.uk/go/lifesciencephd)

## APPLICATION FACT FILE

### Entry Requirements

Normally a 1st or a 2.i Bachelor's degree in a relevant field are eligible, or equivalent. The following may be considered: 2.ii and an additional Master's degree in a relevant field may be eligible or 2.ii and at least three years post-graduate experience in a relevant field may be eligible. Shortlisted applicants will be invited to an interview.

### English Language Requirements

IELTS 6.5, TOEFL (paper) 600, TOEFL (iBT) 92 or equivalent

### Application

Before applying it is recommended that you contact the supervisor in your area of interest to discuss your eligibility to apply. All applications are made online at [www.warwick.ac.uk/go/pgapply](http://www.warwick.ac.uk/go/pgapply)

### Application Deadline

Applications are welcomed throughout the year, however it is recommended that you apply before 1 March as most of the studentships are allocated towards the end of March.

### Tuition Fees

(2010/11 rate; please note fees for 2011/12 will be published online in spring 2011)

Home/EU: Full-time £3,466, Part-time £2080

Overseas: (Band 2 – lab based)

Full-time £14,600, Part-time £8,760

### Funding

All applicants: Details of the Warwick Postgraduate Research Scholarship and other funding opportunities are available from: [www.warwick.ac.uk/go/graduateschool](http://www.warwick.ac.uk/go/graduateschool)

UK nationals/residents may apply for full BBSRC studentship grants. See website for further details, [www.warwick.ac.uk/go/lifesciencephd](http://www.warwick.ac.uk/go/lifesciencephd).