

Graduate Admissions and Recruitment

UNIQ+ Postgraduate Research Internships 2025

Project requests

About the UNIQ+ Postgraduate Research Internships

The [UNIQ+ Postgraduate Research Internship programme](#) is a graduate access programme taking place each summer, enabling participants to experience graduate study at Oxford.

The target audience of the programme is undergraduates from underrepresented and disadvantaged backgrounds who are on an upward academic trajectory, but who would find continuing into postgraduate study a challenge for reasons other than their academic ability.

Please note: UNIQ+ is open to students from all UK universities; although Oxford students are welcome to apply, it is not aimed directly at current Oxford students.

The majority of the UNIQ+ internship programme is funded by Crankstart, but we do also receive funding for some internships from Wellcome (biomedical subjects) and potentially from other internal and external funding sources.

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Deadline for submission is Wednesday 13 November 2024.**

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Dates

The internship is expected to run in Oxford for seven weeks from **Monday 7 July to Friday 22 August**. The first few days will consist of induction and cohort training, before interns start work full-time on their project. The programme ends

Project submissions

The UNIQ+ Management Group invites proposals for projects in any area. Projects can be for one intern or up to four, and should have a tangible outcome that applicants can include on their CVs, or as part of an application to graduate study. Work could include a targeted piece of research or broader experiences across multiple techniques, laboratory studies or clinical analysis, archival study, bibliographic project, written report, data gathering, data analysis, software development etc. Interns will be required to produce a report and deliver a short presentation at the end of the internship.

All project submissions will be reviewed by the UNIQ+ Management Group. You will be informed before the website goes live in January whether your project will be going forward. Once the website goes live,

UNIQ+ 2025 will be promoted via an extensive marketing campaign. Candidates will be able to select at least one and up to three preferred projects on the application form.

We are likely to have more projects offered than places, and more eligible and competitive applicants than places. This means that even if your project does go forward, there is no guarantee that the project will be able to run. Supervisors will be informed by early May at the latest whether their project is going ahead.

Please note: in a change to previous years, each supervisor can only submit **one** project.

Supervisors

Projects should have a primary supervisor who is a member of academic staff (NOT a DPhil student) **and at least one other supervisor** (who can be a DPhil student). The reason for requiring at least two is in case the primary supervisor is unwell or otherwise unavailable at short notice during the programme, which has happened in previous years.

There can be up to three supervisors in total. DPhil students can be named as one of the additional supervisors, but applications will only be shared with staff for assessment, due to the confidential nature of information.

Supervision requirements

There are three main periods of time commitment for supervisors.

1) Assessment: Applications will be pre-sifted for eligibility before being sent to supervisors for review. You would need to be available between **Wednesday 19 March and Tuesday 1 April** to review prospective interns that have been allocated to your project by the lead academic assessors for your division. We do not anticipate that it will take more than a few hours to review your applications.

2) Pre-project: Supervisors should be prepared to contact their interns in early June before projects start, to arrange an online meeting. The purpose of this call is to reassure them as to what is expected of them during the project, agree a suggested weekly schedule, and answer any questions they may have, as well as taking the opportunity to gauge their knowledge of any techniques etc. required from the project, in order to adjust any training needs accordingly.

3) During the project: During the time that interns are working with you, you are expected to have relatively frequent contact time with them, particularly at the beginning of the project. This could either be by you as their supervisor directly or a broader 'supervisory team', such as other academic staff, post-docs or DPhil students. Supervisors (or their delegate) will need to meet interns at least once a week, and there should be someone available to work with the intern and answer their questions on a day-to-day basis, or to provide laboratory-based work. Please discuss with others who will be involved in your project and provide the names of those involved in assessment and supervising the intern on the project submission form.

Supervisors will also be expected to take on a career mentoring role, interacting with the students to discuss their aspirations and career plans, and providing insight and advice into the process of applying for graduate study.

Funding: The programme is fully funded centrally by Crankstart and other sources. Student participants will be paid around £3,000 to cover food, living and travel costs, and accommodation will be provided free of charge. Up to £500 per intern will be available to support consumables or other essential project-

related expenses where required. If supervisors wish to recompense post-docs/DPhil students for help with supervision, this would have to be organised and paid at departmental level.

Summary of key dates

Bold indicates supervisor involvement

Deadline for submission of project title and outline	Wednesday 13 November 2024
UNIQ+ applications open	Monday 13 January 2025
UNIQ+ applications close	Wednesday 19 February 2025
UNIQ+ team carry out eligibility checks; contextualised scoring applied	Thursday 20 February to Friday 28 February 2025
UNIQ+ academic assessment: lead assessors	Monday 3 to Friday 14 March 2025
UNIQ+ assessment: supervisors	Wednesday 19 March to Tuesday 1 April 2025
Offers sent out	Mid to late April
Deadline for confirmation of final offers	Friday 9 May 2025
Pre-meetings with interns Optional 'mentoring inexperienced researchers' workshop	During June
UNIQ+ programme runs	Monday 7 July to Friday 22 August 2025

Optional drop-in Q&A session for prospective supervisors

If you have any further questions before submitting a project, please attend one of our drop-in sessions on MS Teams, hosted by Graduate Admissions and Recruitment staff:

- Friday 4 October, 12 – 12:30pm; [click here to join](#)
- Thursday 17 October, 10 – 10:30am; [click here to join](#)
- Tuesday 29 October, 12 – 12:30pm; [click here to join](#)

If you can't make any of those times but would like to speak to a member of the team before submitting a project, please email unigplus@admin.ox.ac.uk, and we will be happy to arrange a separate call.

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**If you wish to change a previously submitted project, please
DO NOT resubmit the form. please email unigplus@admin.ox.ac.uk
and let us know what you would like to change.**