

## MSC IN CLINICAL RESEARCH FAQ'S SHEET

**Could you please let me know how many times do I need to attend Classes in Galway per semester?**

This will depend on the modules you choose. In semester 1 you will need to complete three core modules, one of which is delivered online and the remaining two are delivered on Friday's.

**Do you provide any financial assistance for this program for permanent residents in Ireland?**

The program does not provide financial assistance. However, there are a number of opportunities from NUI Galway. Please review the following sites:

<https://www.nuigalway.ie/faf/>

**I am writing to you to inquire as to whether or not a 2.1 Hons BSc Biotechnology would be sufficient for entry to the MSc Clinical Research course.**

Students must have completed either of the following:

- An undergraduate degree in medicine
- Other healthcare related undergraduate degree with a minimum of 2nd Class Honours, Grade 1\*.
- Biomedical science-related undergraduate degree with a minimum of 2nd Class Honours, Grade 1\*.

Applicants from non-healthcare related degrees will be considered (minimum requirement of 2nd Class Honours, Grade 1\*) on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the coordinators.

Applicants with significant relevant experience will also be considered for this programme

**Kindly let me know about the deadline to apply for this course?**

The deadline for applications is the 26<sup>th</sup> May. We advise students to apply **as soon as possible**, we provide a response within 10 working days, application via <http://www.nuigalway.ie/courses/taught-postgraduate-courses/clinical-research.html>

**What is the start date for the MSc in Clinical Research?**

Early September 2020, please check NUIG Academic calendar for term dates

<https://www.nuigalway.ie/engineering-informatics/information-technology/currentstudents/academiccalendar/>

**Are Admissions are open once or twice in a year?**

Once a year in September.

**Is there any live broadcasting facility, as I am based in Dublin and might not be able to attend all the lectures with my work schedule.**

No, we don't support live broadcasting. However we do provide learning materials and lecture slides (at discretion of module leaders) on Blackboard in advance to lectures. Our program contains blended learning, this means that a number of our optional and core modules are delivered entirely online, we provide web conferencing tools to communicate with students as well to enhance student learning and provide feedback.

**I would also like to know more about scholarships available as I require a scholarship to complete my course.**

Please check out the following link for more information

<http://www.nuigalway.ie/international-students/feesfinance/internationalscholarships/>

Another opportunity is to apply for the Government of Ireland – International Education Scholarship. <http://hea.ie/funding-calls/government-of-ireland-international-education-scholarship/>

Regarding scholarships or funding opportunities please contact the Postgraduate Admissions office in NUIG email to [postgradadmissions@nuigalway.ie](mailto:postgradadmissions@nuigalway.ie) or Phone: +353 91 495 999.

For scholarship or for fee waiver for International students, you need to contact our International office in NUIG for more information <http://www.nuigalway.ie/international-students/yourcountry/india/#tab4> International Postgraduate Admissions: Dominica Moran - Deputy Admissions Officer (Postgraduate) e: [internationaladmissions@nuigalway.ie](mailto:internationaladmissions@nuigalway.ie)

We offer a HRB fellowship to 3-4 students annually this is very competitive and students must have accepted a place on the program to be eligible for the fellowship. If successful they work with us in the Clinical Research Facility for the duration of the MSc (12 months) and get a stipend of €1,000 per month.

Application deadline is the end of May and interviews will be held in June (this can be facilitated via Skype for international students). <http://www.nuigalway.ie/courses/taught-postgraduate-courses/clinical-research.html>

**I did my MBBS degree in English do I need to do the IELTS exam? I also have a Cambridge GCE English A grade**

In Relation to your query about the English language test, if you have proof that your MBBS degree was carried out in English then we won't require an IELTS score.

**How is the course recognized with a global perspective?**

Our program was one of the first MSc programs of its kind in Ireland, Course contributors include senior academics and medical professionals from NUI Galway, and Saolta University Health Care Group who are actively engaged in clinical research. This programme is closely linked with the HRB Clinical Research Facility, Galway. We make full use of traditional and modern educational methods. School members are engaged in innovative research in many areas, with particular emphasis on cancer, gene and stem cell therapy and biomedical engineering science.

**University global ranking shows 260 among 1300 universities, does it hold good for all the courses or any specific course category.**

The NUIG School of Medicine is currently ranked top 200.

**Can I take up a part time job at the same time to add value to my profile?**

We don't offer part-time employment at the Clinical Research Facility, applicants can apply for our HRB fellowship. It is important to note we only accept 3-4 students each. Students must have accepted a place on the program to be eligible for the fellowship. If successful they work with us in the Clinical Research Facility for the duration of the MSc (12 months) and get a stipend of €1,000 per month.

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**Would you recommend an on campus hostel or outside facilities available?**

NUIG offer student accommodation, there are also other opportunities such as Daft website to search for rental opportunities.

<https://www.nuigalway.ie/student-life/accommodation/finding-accommodation/>

<https://www.daft.ie/lettings/>

**Since the entry requirements required a transcript, which transcripts should I be submitting in my application?**

You should submit your results from your degree, ideally the most recent one you graduated from

**How competitive is the program?**

We take approximately 10-15 Full time students and 15 Part time student, we review based on grades and the information provided in the Personal statement, which highlights the interest to pursue an MSc in Clinical Research and how it will benefit your career.

**The deadline to submit the application is 26 May 2019, but when is the recommendation deadline?**

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### **Are there opportunities to network and interact with industry leaders?**

In the past we have provided guest lecture and seminar from relevant professionals in the field of clinical research that was open for MSc students to attend.

### **How fast were students able to find work after graduating and in what sector?**

Most of our graduates have found employment either before graduation or directly after. Employment opportunities within clinical research depend on your background (clinical/healthcare professional / non-healthcare professional), level of formal training (post graduate qualification) and experience. For most roles within clinical research, you will need formal training and experience relevant to the area of research you wish to work in. Common positions include clinical research assistant, clinical research associate, data manager (junior/senior), project coordinator, project manager. There are more senior roles but depend on your level of experience

### **How do the university support students in their job search?**

We provide updates on appropriate job opening via email and social media. NUIG offers seminars and workshops throughout the year to support student's career development. NUIG Career development centre <http://www.nuigalway.ie/career-development-centre/>

### **What's the most successful career path for the graduate of this program?**

This varies depending on the student's background, we have a diverse student population from clinicians, nurses, Principle Investigators, medical device engineers to undergraduate biomedical students and pharmacists who pursue this program. As a result it would really depend. Employment opportunities within clinical research depend on your background (clinical/healthcare professional / non-healthcare professional), level of formal training (post graduate qualification) and experience. For most roles within clinical research, you will need

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**Do we have on campus placements available for this program?**

No, we don't offer placements. However there is a possibility to apply for the HRB Fellowship with us. The HRB-CRFG MSc Clinical Research Fellowship is awarded to assist a select number of graduate students entering the programme to gain experience in day-to-day clinical research activities. The fellowship students will work in the HRB Clinical Research Facility Galway for a defined period, across a variety of disciplines including clinical, co-ordinator/project management, data management, pharmacovigilance, quality and regulatory affairs, and research support. Fellowship students will gain a greater understanding of the practical conduct of clinical research, clinical research practice guidelines and data entry requirements. These skills will contribute to students' overall learning and are transferable to clinical research practice in medicine, nursing and related healthcare-related specialties. The fellowship is only open to full-time MSc Clinical Research Students who have been offered and have accepted a place on the programme. For more information get in touch with the course leaders. [http://www.nuigalway.ie/courses/taught-postgraduate-courses/clinical-research.html#course\\_overview](http://www.nuigalway.ie/courses/taught-postgraduate-courses/clinical-research.html#course_overview)

**How students usually support themselves financially during the course, in case required?**

This depends on the individual, they can pursue or continue their employment and take the Masters on a part-time (24 month) basis, or undertake the masters full-time (12 months). We generally don't advise student to take the MSc on a full-time basis when employed full-time.

**You have been seeing a lot of students graduating from this program, any tips to make the best out of this course?**

To make connections with peers and module leaders while undertaking this program. Take advantage of a wide range of seminars and tutorial that are available throughout the

academic year and open further connections. When thinking of your thesis project, we advise you to seek out a potential supervisor early and align their field of research to yours. This will open new opportunities for students.

**I would like to know that is any fee waiver given for International students in taught MSc Clinical research programme.**

This would need to be discussed with colleagues in NUIG, first port of call would be the international Student office <http://www.nuigalway.ie/international-students/>

**Also to receive any scholarship firstly how to proceed forward, i.e. first apply online for the programme or apply for the scholarship.**

You would need to contact postgraduate Admission office in NUIG for more information on the process of applying for funding in NUIG.

[http://www.nuigalway.ie/postgraduate\\_scholarships/](http://www.nuigalway.ie/postgraduate_scholarships/)

<http://www.nuigalway.ie/courses/how-to-apply/>

**What does the Fellowship cover?**

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**I have applied for the course on January 4<sup>th</sup>. By when can I expect a reply?**

Generally, a decision will be made within 10 working days.

**What is the fees structure?**

Check with Fees Office or on our website [http://www.nuigalway.ie/courses/taught-postgraduate-courses/clinical-research.html#course\\_fees](http://www.nuigalway.ie/courses/taught-postgraduate-courses/clinical-research.html#course_fees)

**When should I apply for the course?**

Application for this program open between October and May and are made online [http://www.nuigalway.ie/courses/taught-postgraduate-courses/clinical-research.html#course\\_overview](http://www.nuigalway.ie/courses/taught-postgraduate-courses/clinical-research.html#course_overview) , we aim to provide an outcome to applicants within 10 working days, this should give you the opportunity to plan ahead for this program and apply for funding.

**Let me know what employment opportunities there are after completing course.**

Employment opportunities within clinical research depend on your background (clinical/healthcare professional / non-healthcare professional), level of formal training (post graduate qualification) and experience. For most roles within clinical research, you will need formal training and experience relevant to the area of research you wish to work in. Common positions include clinical research assistant, clinical research associate, data manager (junior/senior), project coordinator, project manager. There are more senior roles but depend on your level of experience.