

## Admissions Process 2025

### Funding Competition

<p><b>July/August 2024</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pls invited to submit project descriptions for RDM and WIMM Website</li> <li>• Pls advertising will be required to sign the Supervisor Declaration form (Annex B)</li> <li>• Pls will be reminded if they need to complete or renew the <u><a href="#">DPhil Supervision at Oxford (Sciences) course</a></u>. Projects will only be advertised if the course has been completed by the PI within the last three years.</li> <li>• Pls asked to inform GSM of any potential funding for studentships.</li> </ul>
<p><b>1 September</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Admissions cycle opens for entry in October 2025</li> <li>• Project descriptions available on RDM and WIMM websites this month</li> </ul>
<p><b>1 September – 3 December</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prospective applicants to email preferred supervisors using a downloadable form including a CV and rationale for choosing the PI and project.</li> <li>• PI to engage with prospective applicants and let them know whether they can support the application</li> <li>• Pls can support as many applications as they wish at this stage</li> <li>• Template email provided to PI for use with applicants they cannot support either after reviewing the application form or after further discussion with the prospective applicant. (Attached to email)</li> </ul>
<p><b>3 December, 12 noon</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deadline for RDM applications for funded scholarships including the <u><a href="#">RDM Scholars Programme</a></u> and the <u><a href="#">WIMM Prize Studentship</a></u></li> <li>• Applications received by this deadline are automatically considered in the competition for WIMM/RDM and Divisional/university funding</li> </ul>
<p><b>4 – 9 December</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wednesday 4 December, applications sent to named Pls for feedback via OneDrive Although applicants are advised to contact potential supervisor, if they do not, they can still apply and will be forwarded to you at this point. You may want to contact them so you can consider them for your nominations for shortlisting</li> <li>• Rank applicants using the spreadsheet provided in the OneDrive folder.</li> <li>• The rationale for not being able to support an applicant must be provided in case of freedom of information requests. Options are given in feedback sheet</li> <li>• Top two/three (depending on numbers of applicants and projects) will proceed to shortlisting</li> <li>• <b>Deadline for supervisor ranked lists is 9am, Monday 9 December</b></li> <li>• Identify clinicians and other candidates with funding already in place (e.g. foreign government funding)</li> </ul>
<p><b>4–12 December</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Graduate Studies team to process applications of nominated applicants</li> </ul>

<b>12/13 December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GSM to assign applications to shortlisters for scoring</li> <li>• Applications and score sheets will be shared via OneDrive</li> <li>• <b>Deadline for scores to be returned is 5pm Friday 20 December</b></li> </ul>
<b>6-8 January 2025</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invitations to interview sent (PIs will be copied in)</li> <li>• PIs and candidates to make contact to discuss projects and meet lab members prior to their interview</li> </ul>
<b>w/c 13 January 2025</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interviews</li> <li>• PIs asked for feedback on interview candidates by the last date of the interviews (tbc but likely to be 16 January, 12 noon)</li> </ul>
<b>w/c 27 January 2025</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Offers begin to be made</li> <li>• Further feedback is sought from supervisors before any offer is made</li> </ul>
<b>w/c 27 January 2025</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparation for GSSC nominations</li> <li>• Deadline for GSSC will be 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> week of February</li> </ul> <p><b>NOTE:</b> this requires help from PIs of nominated candidates</p>

**Open Field applications – applications between 4 December 2024 - 20 June 2025:**

- Applications are still welcome after the funding competition closes and until 20 June 2025
- Offers made in the Open Field are unfunded
- Interviews held in March, April/May, June and July
- A similar process is followed – supervisor feedback, scoring, shortlisting, interview, further supervisor feedback, offer/reject
- Clinicians with actual/potential funding for a CRTF and other candidates with funding in place should be encouraged to apply in the Open Field rather than in competition for scholarship funding which only provides fees and a stipend
- Applicants applying after 3 December for an unfunded place should be encouraged to apply as soon as possible to secure a college place. College places are very difficult to find after May.

**If you have any queries about the process or need advice about when a candidate should apply please contact Jill Walker at [graduate.studies@rdm.ox.ac.uk](mailto:graduate.studies@rdm.ox.ac.uk)**