

Post-PhD undergraduate tuition fee reimbursement

To support students to undertake a PhD before completing their initial medical training, CRUK has committed to funding four years of each student's undergraduate medical tuition fees at the UK/home fee rate (£9,250/annum). CRUK will also pay interest of up to £8,000 per student, if a student has been charged interest on a SLC or personal loan.

Eligibility

iPhD/MB-PhD students will have different financial circumstances, such as tuition fee loans with the Student Loans Company (SLC) and/or personal loans/financial support from family. Each CRUK iPhD/MB-PhD student (home or international) who pays undergraduate medical fees is eligible for the post-PhD undergraduate tuition fee bursary at the UK/home fee rate only, regardless of the method in which they have obtained UG fee funding. This bursary will be paid after the PhD and the Training manager will work with each student ahead of their return to UG medicine to agree a suitable method of reimbursement in advance.

An iPhD/MB-PhD student will be rendered ineligible for the post-PhD undergraduate tuition fee bursary if:

- exiting the PhD programme
- failing to return to medical school following thesis submission or viva
- failing to resubmit their thesis if re-submission is recommended following the viva.

For an iPhD/MB-PhD student awarded no degree at viva, any subsequent payments/reimbursements of undergraduate tuition fees will cease. We will not seek to reclaim payments already made.

For an iPhD/MB-PhD student awarded an MPhil instead of a PhD, the Convergence Science Centre will still consider reimbursement their four years of undergraduate medical school fees, with mitigating evidence.

Methods of reimbursement

We cannot pay UG tuition fees prior to PhD entry and students will need to pay for these themselves anticipating later reimbursement if accepted onto the iPhD/MB-PhD programme. We can make partial payments for international iPhD/MB-PhD students' returning undergraduate tuition fees, recognising that this bursary is only offered at the UK/home rate.

We can make payments directly to SLC (see below). We can also reimburse tuition fees/loans already paid/obtained post-PhD directly to the original source of payment on their return to medical school. Details of the best method of reimbursement will be agreed between the Convergence Science Centre and students, recognising students' differing individual circumstances.

Student Loans Company

Students with an SLC account must not close this down and should instead list their post-PhD tuition fee/s as £0, if the student does not need a new tuition fee loan for years 5 and 6. We will need to be added to your SLC account on an ongoing basis to make payments to them for tuition fee loans already obtained. You can do this via returning the [Ongoing consent to share form](#) that SLC have made available on their [website](#). We strongly encourage you to do this as far in advance of your return to medical school as possible.