

Programme Timetable

Year 1

- Induction Week
- 3 x 10 week mini projects
- Weekly core topic sessions
- Special skills week

End of Autumn Term

Mini Project report prepared in standard scientific paper format, reviewed by internal assessor as part of MRes and written feedback provided

Oral presentation of Mini Project by student

End of Spring Term

Mini project report prepared in standard scientific paper format, reviewed by internal assessor as part of MRes and written feedback provided

Oral presentation of Mini Project by student

End of Summer Term

Poster presentation of 3rd mini project at Summer Symposium, reviewed by internal assessor as part of MRes

Choice of main PhD project and supervisor

July to September

Rigorous preparation of research proposal for PhD project in form of 'Mock Grant Application' (this will be formally assessed as a critical part of the MRes Assessment by an external examiner)

MRes oral assessments, with an internal and external examiner

Year 2

End of Summer Term: commence main PhD project

Preparation of the upgrading 1st year report (up to 10,000 words including literature review and account of 1st year's work on main project in standard scientific format)

1st year oral assessment

Presentation on project work at Summer Symposium

Year 3

End of summer term

Presentation on project work at summer symposium

Year 4

End of summer term

Presentation of work at summer symposium

Preparation of thesis for submission (by 30th September)

Final viva in October/November (following standard University of Cambridge procedures)