

Nigel Groome Studentship application guidance (Biological & Medical Sciences – Drosophila)

Preparing your application:

Before applying through the [Oxford Brookes online application system](#) please read through the notes below and gather the required supporting documents which will be submitted in the applicant portal.

It is possible to submit an application without having all the documents attached, and to add them later on. It is your responsibility to ensure that all documents are submitted, and your application may not be considered if the documents are not submitted by the deadline. You may wish to collate some documents together into one document. It is also possible to email documents to hlsapplications@brookes.ac.uk if you are unable to upload them.

- Scanned copy of your passport.
- IELTS certificate or equivalent (if required) - see below.
- Scanned copies of your final degree certificates which have already been awarded
- Scanned copies of academic transcripts
- A full CV
- A document containing contact details (name, address, and organisation email address) for **two** referees who can be contacted if you are shortlisted. We will ask for your consent before writing to them. References should be provided from institutional email addresses. Before providing the referee details, please check that the contact details that you have for them are up to date.

Starting your online application:

To apply correctly via the online application system, please select the following options when starting your application.

Academic Level: Research Degrees

Subject Group: All Research

Course: Biological and Medical Sciences – MPhil/PhD

Entry Term: Autumn 2026

Start date: September 2026

Area or Topic of Research: Biological and Medical Sciences

Research Title: Unravelling Context-Specific Hormonal Control of Gene Expression in *Drosophila*

Please be sure to include the name of the studentship for which you are applying, within your application form.

For the question '**How do you propose to finance the fees and subsistence costs for your course of study?**' please enter 'Nigel Groome studentship application'.

Under 'Decision Factors: How did you find out about this course?', we would be grateful for you to tell us, where possible, whether you heard about the studentship through the jobs.ac.uk website, the Oxford Brookes website, or FindAPhD website, the University Careers Office, or any other route.

IMPORTANT: To ensure that we receive your application, please email hlsapplications@brookes.ac.uk to let us know that you have applied, stating the title of the studentship for which you are applying.

Enquiries and guidance: Please contact the Faculty Research Office with any questions about the studentship application process, via hlsapplications@brookes.ac.uk.

Overseas applicants:

- English language requirements: Applicants should have a first or upper second-class honours degree from a Higher Education Institution or acceptable equivalent qualification in biological science or related discipline. Non-UK Applicants must have a valid IELTS Academic test certificate (or equivalent) with an overall minimum score of 6.5 to 7.0 and no score below 6.0 issued in the last 2 years by an approved test centre. For information on alternatives to IELTS, please visit: <https://www.brookes.ac.uk/study/international-students/applying-to-arriving/how-to-apply/english-language-requirements#alternative>
- **ATAS clearance certificate:** You should be aware that an ATAS certificate is likely to be required: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/academic-technology-approval-scheme>

- **Visas and associated costs:** For information on visas and associated costs, please visit: <https://www.brookes.ac.uk/Students/ISAT/Visas>
- **Advice:** If you are an international student with a question regarding relocating to the UK, you may contact the International Student Advice Team: <https://www.brookes.ac.uk/students/isat/contact>