DISCOVER PHARMACOLOGY

MSc in PHARMACOLOGY AND DRUG DEVELOPMENT
MSc in PHARMACOLOGY AND EDUCATION
Postgraduate Brochure 2022/23

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TWO INSPIRING PROGRAMMES TO HELP YOU ACHIEVE YOUR CAREER GOALS

“The MSc in Pharmacology and Drug Development will give you an in-depth knowledge of drug development within an academic, clinical and industrial setting. This critical mix of knowledge and interaction with our expert teachers will open exciting opportunities to broaden your career prospects.”

Dr Simon Calaminus, Programme Director, Pharmacology and Drug Development

“The MSc in Pharmacology and Education provides a deep insight into therapeutics, while allowing you to develop your knowledge and skills as an educator – preparing you to pursue a career in academia.”

Dr Laura Sadofsky, Programme Director, Pharmacology and Education

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FULL-TIME: 1 YEAR
PART-TIME: 2 YEARS
BASED PRIMARILY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HULL
AVAILABLE AS AN INTERCALATED DEGREE
As a postgraduate taught student at Hull York Medical School, you will be welcomed into our vibrant and supportive community, addressing the needs of an ever-changing healthcare environment.

You will be taught by world-leading subject experts, clinicians and researchers, who will encourage you to think independently and critically, so you graduate with the expertise to succeed in a rapidly changing healthcare environment.

We are the joint medical school of the Universities of Hull and York, and as such you will have access to the world-class facilities, equipment and expertise as well as the learning resources of both our parent universities.

We need to keep asking questions, prompting pioneering research and contributing fresh scientific insight to find solutions to ever more complex problems.
Pharmacology is the science underpinning the action of drugs on biological systems, and its reach and impact – playing a vital role in medicine, nursing, dentistry and veterinary medicine. Pharmacology therefore touches all of our lives.

This programme is aimed at aspiring clinical researchers, as well as those wishing to gain a deep understanding of the underlying principles of how drugs work and how to develop new drugs.

Our MSc in Pharmacology and Drug Development will provide you with unique and unrivalled opportunities to immerse yourself in the clinical, basic science and industrial aspects of pharmacology. In this programme you will gain the skills to play an active role in developing the next generation of drugs – from first principles in the lab, to testing in clinical trials, and taking new products to clinic.

You will be based in our Centre for Atherothrombosis and Metabolic Disease, where you will learn from experts at the forefront of pharmacology and the drug design process. This includes our own Health Trials Unit as well as invited speakers from internationally relevant drug companies.

As well as learning from their expertise, you will be challenged to think differently and develop skills to become a self-directed learner – allowing you to continually grow your pharmacology knowledge throughout your career.

You will finish your year with us by conducting a significant research project in either basic or applied pharmacology to generate novel and cutting-edge research findings. We will support you to increase your chances of getting your work published.
By working with Hull York Medical School, we are helping to shape the development and delivery of the curriculum to equip tomorrow’s researchers with invaluable industry insights and experience. This knowledge is useful to those entering clinical and academic careers, as well as those aspiring to work in industry.

Bruce Charlesworth, Chief Medical Officer at Reckitt

HOW IS THE PROGRAMME TAUGHT?

We place an emphasis on helping you to develop the self-directed learning skills that will equip you for lifelong learning and future employment, as well as allowing you to flourish academically in your programme.

Through our founding corporate partner Reckitt, the leading global hygiene, health and nutrition company behind global brands such as Nurofen and Gaviscon, you will also experience regular contact with an industrial mentor, access to Reckitt’s state-of-the-art Science and Innovation Centre in Hull, and taught sessions delivered by industry employees alongside university colleagues.

With our philosophy of research-led teaching, you will be taught through a combination of practicals, lectures, seminars, tutorials and independent study. Some of these sessions may be online, whilst others will involve external speakers. This combination of different teaching activities allows you to broaden and deepen your learning around the topics in this programme.

The MSc programme is built around core modules that cover the fundamental principles of pharmacology and the clinical relevance of drugs for the major organ systems, whilst demonstrating the drug development process, from initial drug design to understanding the importance of clinical trials. Learn more about modules on p14.

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PROGRAMME DURATION
You can choose to study full-time for one year, or part-time over two years to fit around your work and home life.

LOCATION
You will be based predominantly at Hull York Medical School’s facilities at the University of Hull, although some sessions will be delivered online or off campus by external providers.

MODULES
The programme is a 180 credit Masters programme, with five core taught modules (20 credits each), and a core research project/dissertation (80 credits). Learn more about modules on p14.

ASSESSMENT
Assessments vary by module, and include exams, written assessments, oral presentations, research reports and a dissertation. See p14.

INTERCALATION
The MSc in Pharmacology and Drug Development will help give intercalating medical students a deeper understanding and appreciation of prescribing and the science of medicines, which can open up a possible career as a Medical Adviser. Learn more about intercalation on p18.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Through studying this Masters programme, you will have the opportunity to develop key skills essential for effective design, delivery and interpretation of laboratory and clinical data. This skill set is key for multiple roles within the industrial, medical and academic sectors, both in the UK and internationally.

Within industry this MSc is likely to open job opportunities in drug safety, quality, regulation and compliance including roles such as Consumer Safety or Quality Manager, Clinical Data Associate, or Clinical Data Manager, alongside the more traditional lab roles. Through studying this Masters, you will also develop the skills to further your academic career by pursuing a PhD.
Now more than ever, Pharmacology plays a critical role in healthcare. If you are interested in becoming a pharmacology educator or clinical researcher, and passing on your expertise to the next generation of pharmacology students and colleagues, the MSc in Pharmacology and Education is ideal.

This programme combines modules from the MSc in Pharmacology and Drug Development programme with our Higher Education Academy-accredited MSc in Health Professions Education programme.

Our MSc in Pharmacology and Education will provide you with a unique opportunity to advance your pharmacology knowledge alongside developing as an educator.

You will learn from experts in their field who are at the forefront of pharmacology, medicine or medical education. This includes external experts, our own Health Trials Unit, pharmacology academics and our Health Professions Education Unit (hyms.ac.uk/hpeu).

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Through studying this MSc, you will have the opportunity to expand your pharmacology and therapeutics knowledge as well as gaining an insight into the clinical trials process. Alongside this, the course will equip you with practical knowledge to deliver exceptional teaching, assessment and research. This skill set is key for multiple roles within the industrial, medical and academic sectors.

This course will provide you with expertise to help you become a pharmacology educator and will be useful for those wishing to follow an academic or clinical academic career. In addition, this MSc will give you knowledge and experience to pursue a career in the pharmaceutical industry and is likely to open job opportunities in drug safety, quality, regulation and compliance.

Through studying this Masters, you will also develop the skills to allow you for further your academic career by pursuing a PhD.

Our aim is to find ever more effective treatments for a range of conditions and diseases, to ensure better health outcomes for patients world-wide.
Our Pharmacology programmes offer a mix of shared and unique modules that allow you to broaden and deepen your learning around the relevant topics.

**CORE MODULES ON BOTH PROGRAMMES**

**FOUNDATIONS OF PHARMACOLOGY**
You will learn, discuss, and critically analyse key pharmacological topics such as the general principles of drug action, pharmacodynamics, pharmacokinetics, and adverse drug reactions which underpin the drug development process.

Assessment: Essay 100%

**BENCH TO BEDSIDE II: CLINICAL TRIALS**
You have designed a drug – but what next? This module will give you a detailed overview of clinical trials. You will reflect on the different elements of trial design, understand the phases of clinical trials, all the time developing your skills in evidence synthesis and critical appraisal.

Assessment: Abstract 30%, clinical trial protocol review 70%

**DISSERTATION**
You will have the opportunity to put your new skills to the test by undertaking a substantive research project within the field of pharmacology, with the opportunity to publish your results.

Presentation 20%, Written dissertation 80%

**THERAPEUTICS**
In this module you will explore the use of drugs in cardiovascular, cancer, gastrointestinal, renal, liver, rheumatological, and endocrine disease as well as exploring areas of uncertainty around the prescription of medicines.

Assessment: Oral presentation 40%, essay submission 60%

**ADDITIONAL PHARMACOLOGY AND DRUG DEVELOPMENT MODULES**

**PRACTICAL RESEARCH SKILLS IN PHARMACOLOGY**
Experimental pharmacology goes hand in hand with the need to develop practical lab skills. In this module you will complete laboratory-based experiments to refine your rigorous approaches to working through an experimental protocol, gaining knowledge of different scientific phenomena.

Assessment: BioCOSHH submission 20%, lab report submission 40%, poster presentation 40%

**BENCH TO BEDSIDE I: DESIGN AND DISCOVERY**
You will examine the work that goes on before a drug is given to humans, learning the core concepts of drug design, and having the opportunity to visit testing facilities, where you will receive input from experts in the pharmaceutical industry.

Assessment: Portfolio 100%

*You will finish your year with us by conducting a significant research project and we will help maximise the chances of your work being published.*

**ADDITIONAL PHARMACOLOGY AND EDUCATION MODULES**

**LEARNING AND TEACHING**
This module will introduce you to the key principles of teaching and learning in the health professions, enabling you to confidently prepare, deliver and evaluate teaching sessions in your area of practice.

Assessment: Written assignment (100%)

**ASSESSMENT AND FEEDBACK**
You will be provided with the framework to analyse and review your experiences in assessment and feedback. You will learn to engage critically with literature relating to assessment and feedback and use case studies to explore the relationships between assessment, feedback and learning.

Assessment: Group wiki project (10%), written assignment (90%)

**RESEARCH APPROACHES IN HEALTH PROFESSIONS EDUCATION**
This module will introduce you to key concepts in quantitative and qualitative research in order to form a research question, plan an appropriate methodological approach and method for data collection and analysis, and write a research proposal.

Assessment: Group wiki project (10%), written assignment (90%)

Please note that specific module details may change from time to time. For the latest information, please visit our website.
**PROGRAMME TIMELINES**

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SUPPORTING YOU TO SUCCEED

Postgraduate study requires a huge personal commitment, and these programmes are no different. They are intensive and challenging, but ultimately hugely rewarding. In addition to the student support services at the Universities of Hull and York, we at Hull York Medical School also have our own dedicated student support team, providing a range of pastoral services to all students.

Learn more about student support
hyms.ac.uk/studentsupport

INTERCALATION

If you are currently studying Medicine, you may have the option to take a year out of your medical degree to do an intercalating degree. Choosing to intercalate brings many benefits, from broadening your horizons through study of a subject you are passionate about, to developing your research and academic inquiry skills and career prospects.

A well-chosen intercalation programme can provide a significant career stepping stone, whether as a clinical academic or in a particular specialism, providing you with the broader skillset and expertise you need to succeed in your chosen area. Discover more about the benefits of intercalating on our Pharmacology programmes on p9 and p13.

Learn more about intercalation
hyms.ac.uk/intercalation

YOUR APPLICATION

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must have previous training in human or mammalian biology (e.g. graduates from medical, biomedical or biological undergraduate courses), Chemistry/Pharmacology or other related fields with a minimum 2.2 (Hons) degree or equivalent.

Applicants whose first language is not English will be required to demonstrate evidence of proficiency in English Language with one of the following:
- IELTS: 6.5, with no less than 6.0 in each component
- PTE Academic: 61, with no less than 55 in each component
- CAE and CPE (from January 2015): 176, with no less than 169 in each component
- TOEFL: 87, with a minimum of 21 in each component
- Trinity ISE: Level 3 with Merit in all components
- Duolingo: 110, minimum 100 in all other components

Intercalating medical students must have successfully completed a minimum of three years of an MB BS or comparable medical qualification.

FEES AND FUNDING

Please visit our website for comprehensive and up-to-date information on tuition fees, as well as financial support available, including loans and scholarship opportunities:
hyms.ac.uk/pharmacology-drug-development
hyms.ac.uk/pharmacology-education

KEEP IN TOUCH

There are lots of ways to find out more about our Pharmacology programmes. From virtual taster sessions, to on-campus Open Days, we run events around the year to allow you to gain a deeper insight into postgraduate study at Hull York Medical School. Visit hyms.ac.uk/pgopendays for the latest information, or subscribe to our postgraduate newsletter at hyms.ac.uk/postgraduate taught to make sure you stay up-to-date with all the latest information.

HOW TO APPLY

Apply to the MSc in Pharmacology and Drug Development or MSc in Pharmacology and Education now at
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FURTHER INFORMATION

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