

# PGR in the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry

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# Topics covered in this session

- The Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry
- Organisation
- Your degree
- If things go wrong

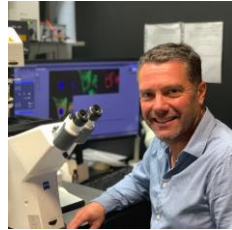
# About you...

- PhD or MD(Res)
- Full time or part time
- Home/EU or Overseas

# PGR Academic Structure



Tim Warner  
Dean for PGR



Paul Chapple  
Deputy Dean FMD



Costanza Russo  
Deputy Dean HSS



Akram Alomainy  
Deputy Dean S&E

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Directors of Graduate Studies

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PhD Supervisory teams/Panels



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TEMPER the bitter things in life with a smile

# FMD Directors of Graduate Studies

Working with Paul Chapple are Directors of Graduate Studies in each of our 6 institutes:

- Barts Cancer Institute Dr Angus Cameron
- Blizard Institute Professor Kenneth Linton
- Institute of Dentistry Dr Eleni Hagi-Pavli
- Institute of Health Sciences Education Dr Erik Blair
- William Harvey Research Institute Dr James Whiteford
- Wolfson Institute of Population Health Dr Afia Ali & Dr Jamie Ross

# FMD PGR Administrative Staff

Supporting the Directors of Graduate Studies in each of our 6 institutes:

- Barts Cancer Institute Mariann Jakab
- Blizard Institute Molly Ramalhoso
- Institute of Dentistry Dr Aneesh Chandran
- Institute of Health Science Education Dr Sharar Ali
- William Harvey Research Institute Milena Vu
- Wolfson Institute of Population Health Patrick Mullan

# Research Student Numbers (FMD)

Barts Cancer Institute	130
Blizard Institute	121
Dental Institute	60
Institute of Health Science Education	9
William Harvey Research Institute	156
Wolfson Institute of Population Health Sciences	93
<b>Total</b>	<b>569</b>

Clinical	Non-Clinical
30%	70%



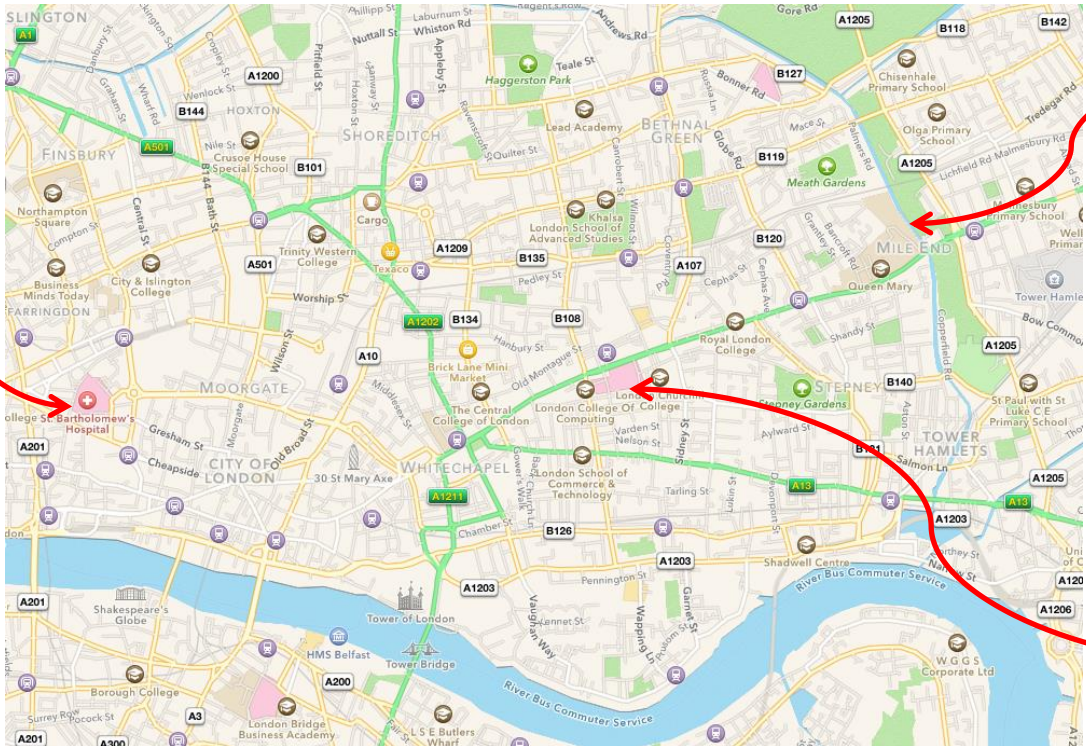
# Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry

## Where are we?

Charterhouse Square

Mile End

Whitechapel



Where are we?

Charterhouse  
Square



Barts Cancer Institute  
William Harvey Research Institute  
Wolfson Institute of Population Health Sciences



# Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry

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Blizard Institute  
Institute of Dentistry  
Institute of Health Sciences Education  
Wolfson Institute of Population Health Sciences



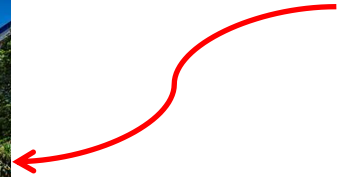
Whitechapel



Where are we?



Mile End



Research Degrees Office  
Doctoral College  
Graduate Centre



- We want to encourage networking within and across department boundaries.
- Faculty research open days, poster competitions, internal student organised conferences, 3 min thesis...

# What are we working towards?

Successful completion of your research degree (our cohort - 2015/16 - was 95% on time)

AND

Success in making the next step in your career

15 months post graduation 97% of our PGR student are employed in graduate level rolls with 94% earning over median salary of all students

# What are we working towards?

		PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT			
No. of respondents	Response Rate	14.1 My ability to manage projects has developed during my programme	14.2 My ability to communicate information effectively to diverse audiences has developed during my programme	14.3 I have developed contacts or professional networks during my programme	14.4 I have increasingly managed my own professional development during my programme

FMD	146	57.0%	91.8%	89.0%	80.7%	89.6%
FMD vs. Russell Group			+10.7%	+9.0%	+10.1%	+8.6%

# What FMD expects from you

- Courteous and professional conduct towards all Staff and Students
- To be ambassadors for the Faculty
- To contribute to the research standing of the Faculty
- To complete your PhD in the agreed time period



# What FMD expects from you

- We want you to succeed hence the monitoring process
- A pleasant and stimulating environment
- Doctoral development training
  - to aid your employability

# What is a PhD Thesis?

- The thesis must form a distinct contribution to knowledge of the subject and afford evidence of originality, shown by the discovery of new facts or by the exercise of independent critical power.
- Be of a standard to merit publication in whole or in part or in a revised form (for example, as a monograph or as a number of articles in learned journals).
- Be the work of the candidate

# The important milestones in your full-time (and part-time) study

- Year 1 - 9 month report (18m)
- Year 2 - 18 month report (36m)
- Year 3 - 30 month report (60m)
- Year 4 - 39 months: submit thesis (75m)
  - MUST be completed (submitted) by 48 months (84m)
- For your 9m, 18m and 30m report you will meet and discuss with an internal review panel.
- Transferable skills training – Queen Mary skill points 210 hours

# Transferable Skills from the PhD

- Technical research skills
- Information searching skills
- Turning your hand to a range of technical and data analysis challenges
- Project management skills
- Presentation skills
- Networking skills
- Teaching/instruction of others
- Working to schedules
- Your career management

# Extensions and Interruptions

- Normally maximum period of registration is 4 years (7 years part-time).
- At the end of this period you will be de-registered unless you request an extension.
- If at any point in your PhD studies you have a problem, eg personal or medical, that will stop you from being able to work at your project for a period of longer than 4 weeks you can request an interruption of studies or an extension of study period.
- Total interruption may be for up to 2 years, with up to 1 year agreed at any one time.
- Decision is made by Research Degrees Programmes and Examination Board.
- You request an extension or interruption through your supervisor and DGS with documentary evidence.
- Do NOT wait to request. Board does not want to penalise students with genuine problems and is supportive.

# Who to talk to –

***as soon as you think you have a problem***

- Supervisor
- Second supervisor
- Director of Graduate Studies
- Mental Health First Aider
  
- Head of PGR (me)

***Do not leave it until too late!***

- Seek professional advice
- Supervisor
- DGS
- Deputy Dean
- Administrator (mental health first aiders)
- These people can point you in the right direction

# ...and finally

Studying for a PhD is a really exciting period in your life so enjoy it

(And if you're not enjoying it we are here to help)



**Thank you**



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# Prof Jonathan Grigg – Deputy Dean for Research Integrity





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