

### **MRC DTP flexible supplement guidance**

The flexible supplementary funds are available for all MRC-funded studentships registered at the DTP. Supported use of this flexible supplement fall broadly into the following areas:

1. High cost training, which could include (but does not exclusively cover):
  - advanced in vivo training
  - imaging training
  - skills priority training
  - bioinformatics training
  - modelling training
  - clinical training
2. exceptional training opportunities, which could include (but does not exclusively cover):
  - overseas fieldwork
  - internships/placements
  - laboratory visits/training
  - training in new advanced research skills
  - industrial collaborations
3. opportunities to provide training in partnership working with industry or at the interdisciplinary interface, which could include (but does not exclusively cover):
  - internships/placements
  - collaborative training
  - travel/logistical support for cohort building activities in this area
  - attracting individuals from another discipline into MRC studentships
4. transitions from PhD for outstanding candidates to increase competitiveness in applying to positions within and beyond academia, following thesis submission, which could include (but does not exclusively cover):
  - travel to potential laboratories for visits
  - internships/placements

The funds should not be used to:

1. Provide funding for more studentships – the funds may not be used to award additional studentships but must be used to better support existing students.
2. Extend existing studentships to delay submission of thesis (unless there has been a substantial training period or time out of programme – see FAQs below).

Provide funding for standard experimental costs such as consumables or equipment