

you gain from this part of the programme will equip you with the skills to undertake further research projects at your own workplace and/or within your own country.

What will you learn from your research project?

By the end of this project you should be able to:

- form a suitable hypothesis on which to base a research project
- write a critical literature review
- design an appropriate study with experimental and statistical details
- cost a project and conduct experiments
- manage a project in order to obtain relevant data
- document and analyse the results to achieve a conclusion
- select an appropriate scientific journal to publish the findings
- prepare a paper for publication according to the author guidelines of the selected journal.

Project structure

Calendar and planning

It is expected that your research project will be undertaken during an academic year (February to October). You should, however, begin planning for the research project the year before you undertake it. The following dates mark key stages along the timeline. Note that these dates are for guidance – there may be some slight variation depending on the nature of your research.

- Before you register to undertake a research project (February), you must contact the Programme Director and write an outline of your proposed project (about 800 words). This should be handed in by 30 September in the year prior to undertaking the research