

## SLIDO Questions for MAHSE and the universities from the Cohort 5 HSST induction

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1. As a Life Sciences candidate with FRCPATH done already, what is level of flexibility regarding how quickly or slowly you can work through the Section A modules?  
*If you have completed the FRCPATH already, we recommend that you complete the Section A modules over two years as non-Life Sciences trainees do. If you feel that you will be unable to complete Section A over two years, please email [admin@mahse.co.uk](mailto:admin@mahse.co.uk)*
2. Do we need to give a page of research proposal to get an academic guide assigned?  
*The format of the research proposal will differ depending on your specialism, please contact your programme team. Details of your programme team can be found here: <http://mahse.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/HSST-university-contacts-diagram.pdf>*
3. Can you give some examples of innovation proposals?  
*At present, there are no HSST trainees that have completed the programme therefore it wouldn't be appropriate to share details of extended innovation proposals that are currently in progress.*
4. Are the routes for students to rectify course issues (e.g. timely assignment marks, setting times for assignments) more robust than in earlier HSST cohorts?  
*Each university has their own complaints procedure which is outlined in the programme handbooks. There were some issues with earlier cohorts because the programme was new and it was difficult to align deadlines with modules ran by different faculties and universities. If you are experiencing difficulties, please contact MAHSE as they can mediate any discussions between the NSHCS and the universities.*
5. What sort of projects Cohort 1 and 2 trainees have taken up? At what stage a trainee need to reveal the title of specific project? Can it be started from year 1?  
*At present, there are no HSST trainees that have completed the programme therefore it wouldn't be appropriate to share details of research projects that are currently in progress. Once the trainees in earlier cohorts have had their thesis examined and with the exception of the thesis being embargoed, it will be available on the library website of the awarding university.*  
  
*Trainees will be asked to submit their research project proposal during year 2.*  
  
*Yes, we encourage you to start thinking about your project from Year 1. 50% of the DClinSci is research therefore 50% of the five year programme should be dedicated to it.*
6. Are C1 and C2 the same project or best done as separate projects?  
*C1 and C2 only apply to Cohorts 1 and 2. For Cohort 3 onwards depending on the HSST pathway you're taking, you will either:*

1. Undertake a Research Project (if you are completing the full DClinSci).

**OR**

2. Submit an extended innovation proposal and give a lay talk (if you are not completing the full DClinSci due to completing FRCP Path Part 2 or obtaining approval for a prior PhD).

Further details on Section C can be found here: <http://mahse.co.uk/our-programmes/doctoral-level-hsst/hsst-section-c-information-pack/>

7. Regarding section C and possible difficulties matching the needs of the service to academic requirements-is there further guidance on this or example projects?  
*If you are having difficulties matching the needs of your workplace service to the academic requirements of Section C, please discuss this with your workplace supervisor and your programme director. Details of your programme director can be found here: <http://mahse.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/HSST-university-contacts-diagram.pdf>*

*Also please see response to question 5.*

8. Can publications cover Section C?  
*It is not quite clear what is intended by this question. You can write up Section C as publications. This is called the alternative format for the thesis. However publications relating to previous work cannot cover Section C. Universities have strict regulations and guidelines on what constitutes research including the requirement that research must be original and undertaken during the course of the degree.*
9. Does HSST support trainees in Physiological Sciences to complete a PhD? Is the pathway different from the DClinSci programme?  
*The award received upon successful completion of the academic component of HSST is the Doctor of Clinical Science. The DClinSci is not a PhD, it is a professional doctorate. If you're unsure of the difference between a PhD and Professional Doctorate, please refer to the presentations given by Dr Mike Thomas and Prof Anne White at the Cohort 5 induction event. If you are planning to undertake a PhD you should discuss this with your Programme Director as you would then only complete part of the programme for the HSST.*
10. I have already completed the Mary Seacole Post Grad diploma in leadership and management; can this be used towards any part of Section A?  
*Please email the Section A programme team ([PGDip@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:PGDip@manchester.ac.uk)) if this applies to you with further details. You will be asked to provide your certificate.*