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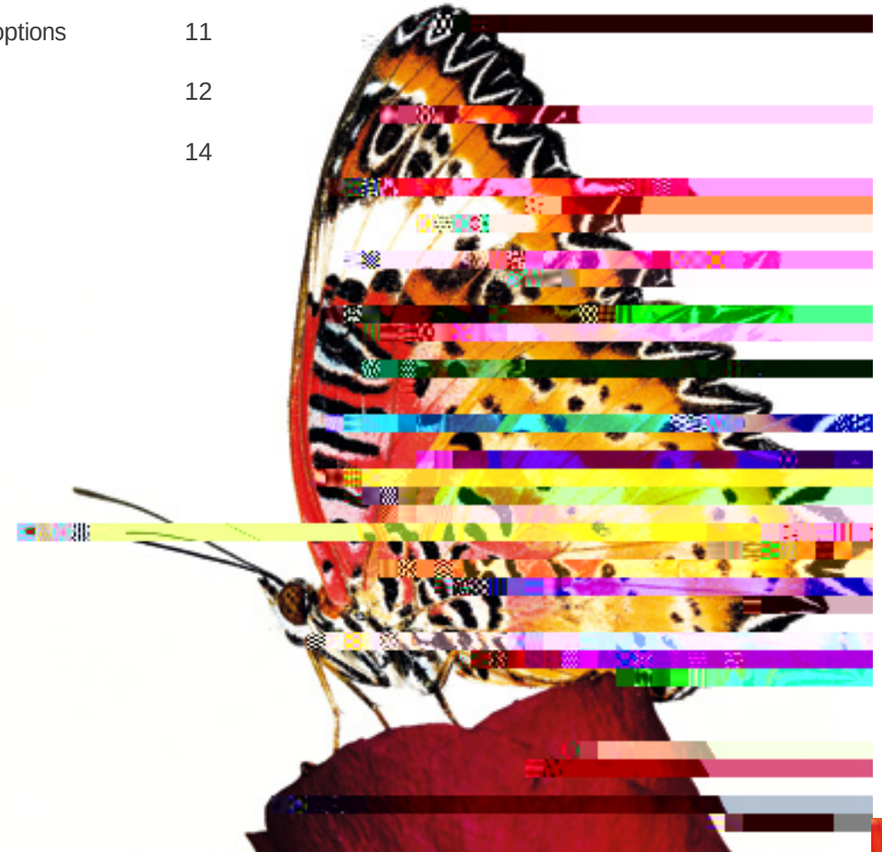

Research at DMU

Research is rightly at the heart of teaching and learning at DMU and the life and global outlook of our university. Its quality was reflected in the last Research Excellence Framework (REF) exercise – with nearly 60 per cent judged to be of international quality, and 18 per cent internationally leading.

The DMU Research Strategy sets out our mission to challenge conventional thinking, to search for new knowledge, and to apply that knowledge to our world for the better. The strategy was developed by staff and students across the university and is designed as a clear and confident statement of our ambitions for research and the actions we will take to achieve them.

We are now working to embed the United Nations' 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into all aspects of DMU research, teaching and learning. We are committed to these objectives, which aim to address pressing global challenges including poverty, hunger, health, education, climate change and social justice.

Reproductive health continues to be central to the strategies of national and global public health organisations and is embedded in the UN's SDGs.

The Centre for Reproduction Research carries out research recognised as impacting society and as making a real difference to people's lives through improvements in access to reproductive health care services, with a particular emphasis on minority groups. We are well placed to help meet these and other challenges through our theoretically informed interdisciplinary research and via our of expertise in reproductive health, endometriosis and the social impact of infertility.

Central to DMU's approach to research is its investment in the future and its commitment to the development of a continuing pipeline of talent and skills – in both its staff and student bodies.
All of this is underpinned by DMU's abiding values of creativity, professionalism, pride, respect and aspiration.

Why study for a PhD at DMU?

DMU is a scholarly community with a culture of research excellence, where postgraduate research students are nurtured and recognised by scholars and research leaders.

If you're looking for an opportunity to pursue a future as an academic, to further your understanding or your professional career, or simply to change others' lives through the power of research, then DMU is the place for you. We provide an inclusive and stimulating learning and research environment to ensure that our students develop the broad range of skills needed for research which impacts on the world around us.

Our dynamic and diverse community of PhD students form part of the DMU Doctoral Training Programmes. With a range of specialist skills on offer, they enjoy close working relationships with their supervisors, who share their passion and can fully support their individual journeys.

• **D c a C** – offering expertise, support, training and space for research, professional and career development for all doctoral students

W -c a a c n u an c n – contributing to specialised areas of research that are impacting on society and making a real difference to people's lives

• **A an u n** – including full or part-time MSc by Research and PhD options, see page 11

• **G ba un** – take advantage of opportunities through our acclaimed international experience programme DMU Global, visit **u ba .c**

• **C** – with opportunities of discounts and scholarships, visit **u.ac.u /DC**

• **Fun n a an c n nc** – through our SDG Global Fellowships and through other grants and subsidies

• **O un n w** – at regular Doctoral College lectures and research institute seminars

• **Ca u** – during and after your studies

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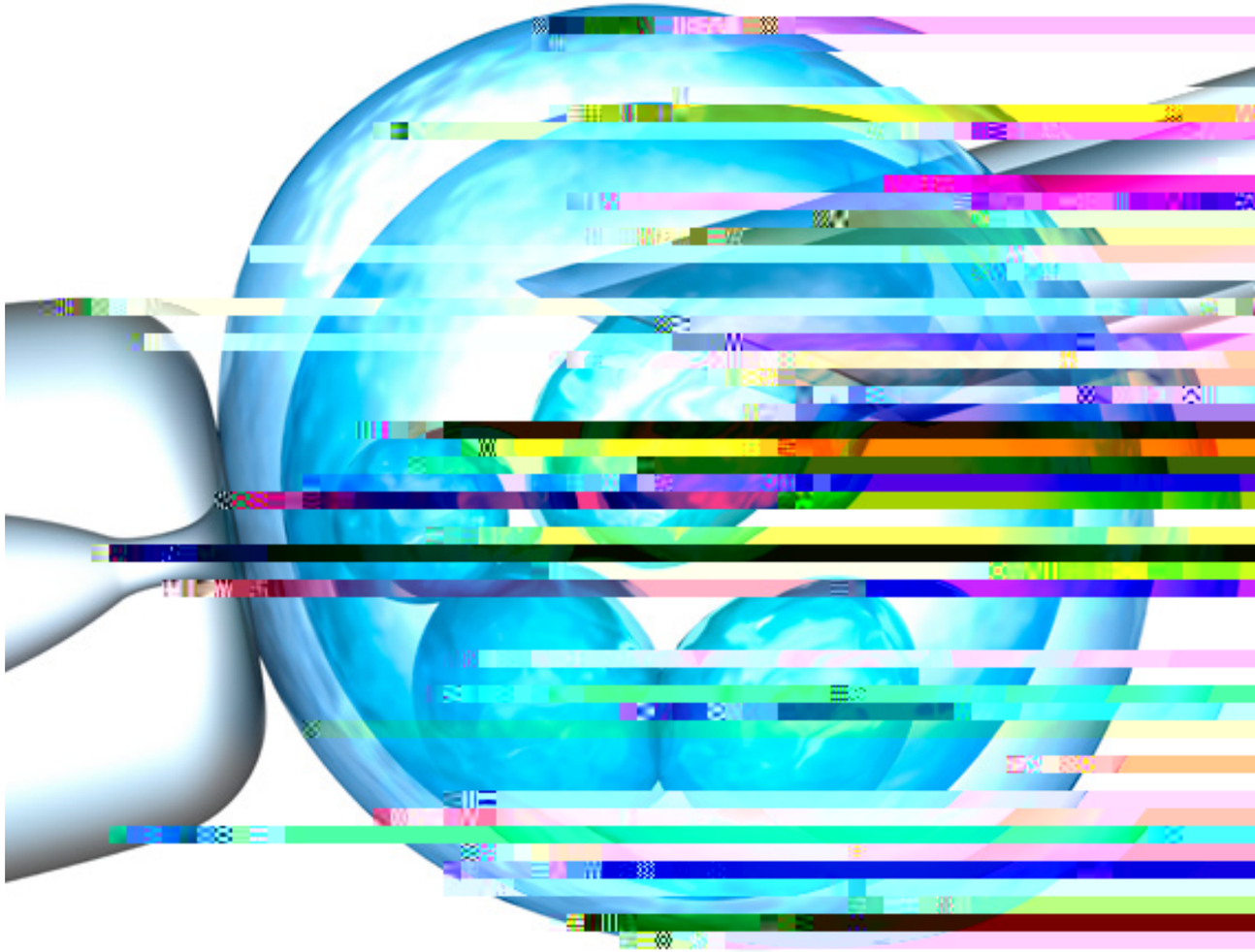
DMU offers flexible ways of studying for international research students. You can either study full-time at DMU's vibrant Leicester campus and enjoy the benefits of being part of a successful research community. Or you can study full-time or part-time in your home country with full remote supervision from DMU. This option offers the



Postgraduate research study o tions

There is a vibrant community of postgraduate research students within our centre, and students are included in its seminar series, conferences, workshops and training events. Students are also supported by the Institute Head of Research Students and can access additional training and support from the DMU Doctoral College.

Enquiries are welcomed from potential postgraduate research students. The main areas of expertise include age and reproductive timing, ethnicity, religion and assisted conception, egg freezing, and reproductive technologies.
For further information about specific areas of research within these themes, and potential supervisors for projects visit the centre webpage at

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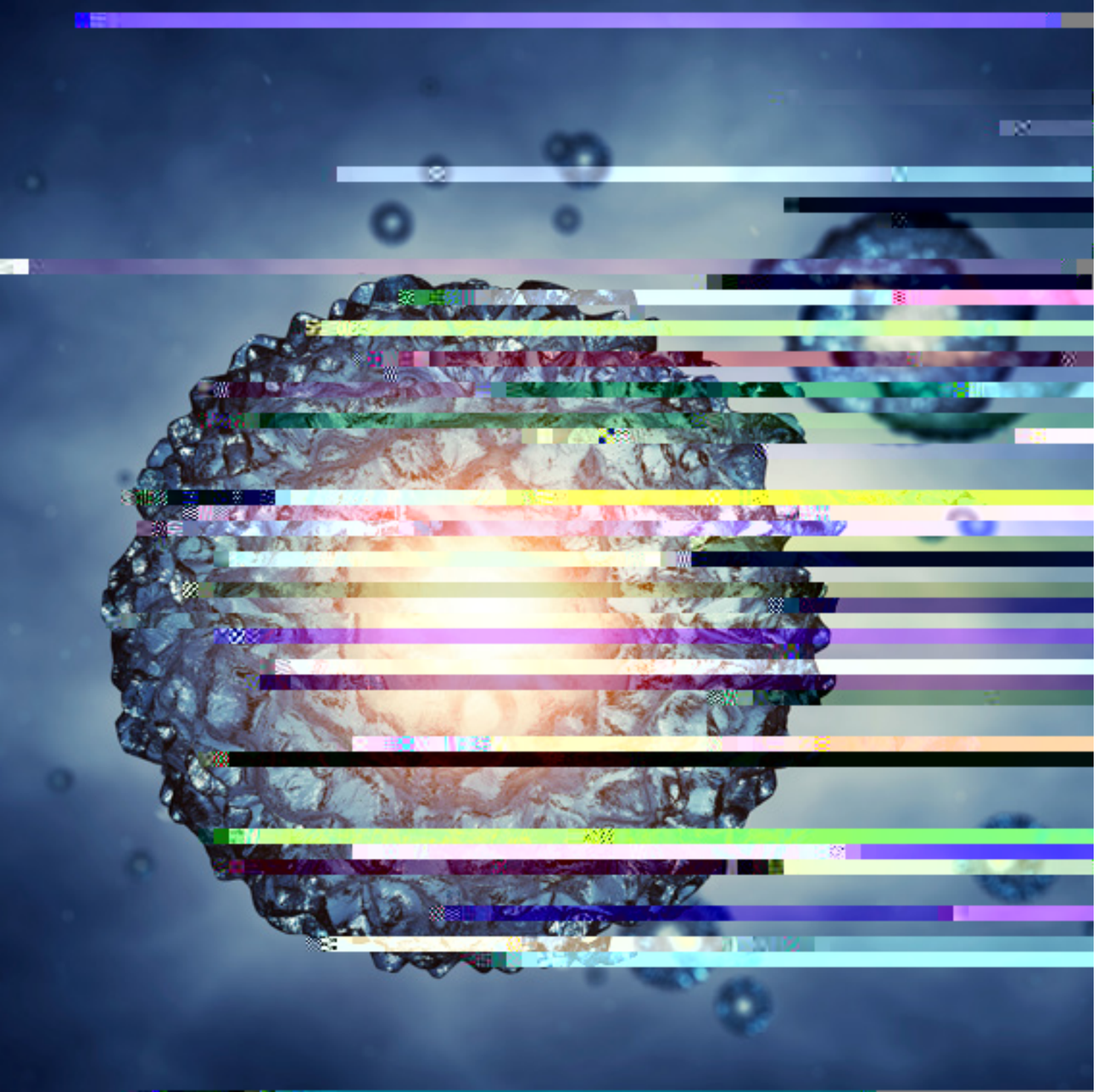

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Applicants should typically:

- Have a UK bachelor's degree equivalent to a 2:1 or higher and an academic or professional qualification which the Research Degrees Committee Review Panel deems to be equivalent
- Be able to demonstrate competence in the use of the English language. A minimum score of 6.5 in an International English Language Testing System (IELTS) or equivalent is required. This includes a minimum score of 5.5 in each of the test components, taken no more than two years prior to entry

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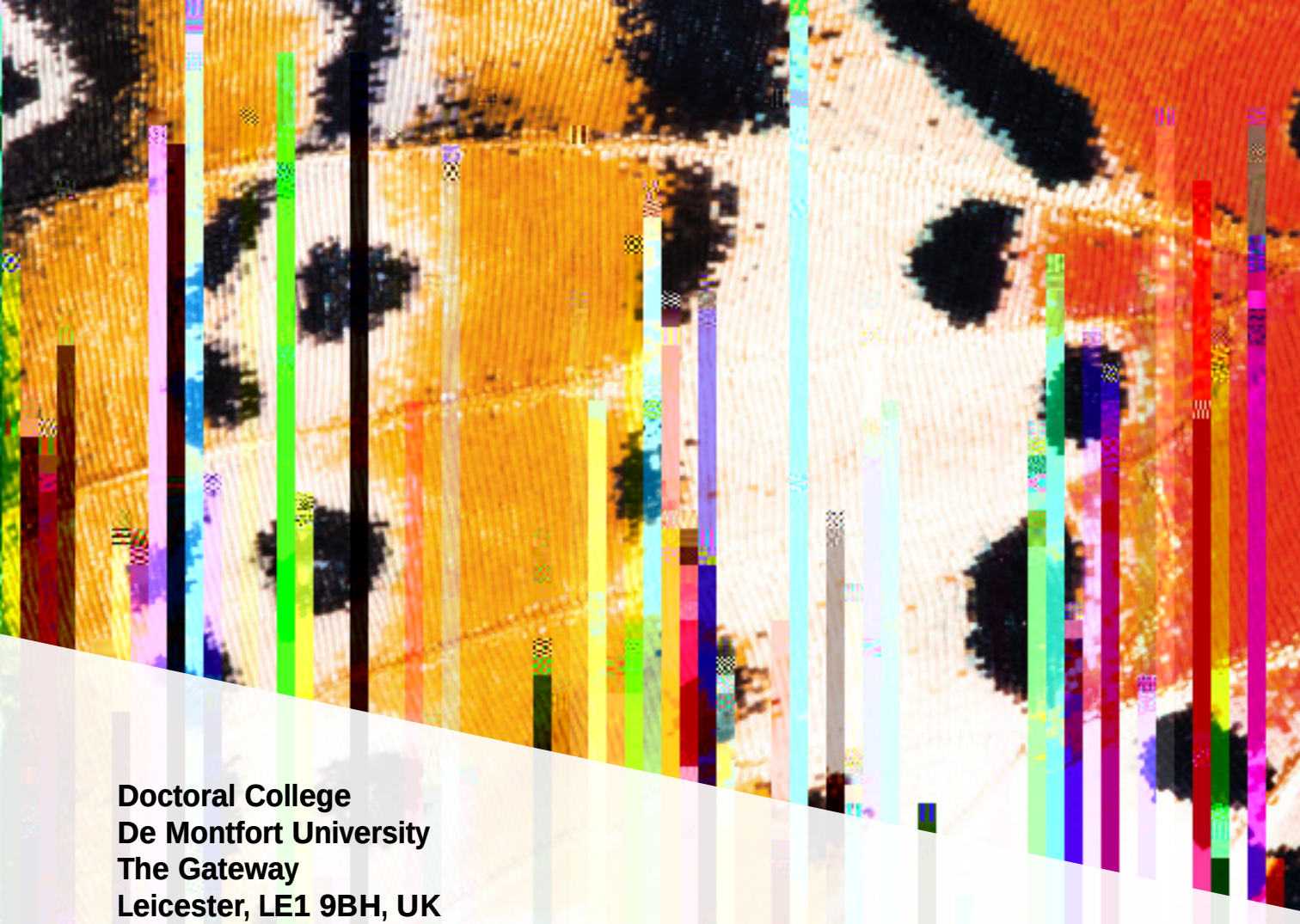

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