



NST Part II Allocation



Will you be reading Natural Sciences Tripos Part II next year?
You need to tell us which department you want to study with.

Subjects available with either a project/single subject or BBS with entry restrictions:

- Biochemistry
- Biological Anthropology
- Genetics
- History and Philosophy of Science
- Pathology
- Pharmacology
- Physiology, Development & Neuroscience
- Plant Sciences
- Psychology
- Zoology

Physical Sciences, mostly with no restrictions:

- Astrophysics
- Chemistry
- Earth Sciences
- Materials Science
- Physical Sciences (with half subject in Chemistry, Earth Sciences or Physics)
- Physics



A number of Part II subjects have restrictions on numbers, due to the amount of laboratory space available. Entry to Part II is therefore subject to an allocation process. **Your Director of Studies can help and advise you.** If you are reading Physical Sciences, you will need to select your Part II Single Subject or your half-subject within Part II Physical Sciences.

If you are reading Biological Sciences, you will need to think about whether you want to undertake laboratory-based work (Part II Project) or whether you would rather study an additional module and write a dissertation (Part II Biological and Biomedical Sciences, or BBS).

Biological Anthropology and History and Philosophy of Science also offer two options: Single Subject or BBS.

What to do now?

Research

Visit the NST website [here](#) to view information on which courses are available to choose next year, and visit [here](#) to see what selection criteria Departments use to decide which students they take if they are oversubscribed.

Discuss

Talk to course organisers and your DoS about:

- which Departments will suit your aims;
- whether you plan to continue to a fourth year (Part III);
- whether to do lab work (research project) or a written dissertation;
- your chances of being accepted.

Decide and Apply

- Decide on up to 4 preferences, each including a Department and, if required, an option (i.e. Project/Single subject or BBS).
- Register your application on the online form.

Register [HERE](#) for your Part II Subject

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I register my choices?

Simply fill in the online form linked above. It caters for current NST, MedST and VetST students, as well as students transferring into NST or who have intermitted. Please also fill it in if you are applying to transfer out of the NST, MedST or VetST.

I've entered my choices online - do I need to do anything else?

No, you will be contacted by email to indicate whether you have been allocated in Round 1. We recommend you tick the box to save your entry for future reference.

What if I change my mind once I have entered my choices?

The online form will be open for modifications until a few days before Round 1. Just make another entry via the form, and your latest entry will be used.

If you change your mind after the Round 1 deadline, you will have the opportunity to change your choices again for Round 2.

What if I am not allocated my first choice?

A maximum of 90% of places are allocated in Round 1 for restricted subjects, and only first choices are considered. If you have not been allocated your first choice, discuss your initial choices with your DoS. You can modify your choices by filling in the online form again when it reopens for Round 2. You are strongly recommended to put down a BBS option if you have not been allocated at Round 1.