

## Garry's reflections

Garry used this template to calculate the cost of his PhD at the start  
He is now a member of university academic staff. These are his reflections sent to me  
5 years later

The key impact for me was the total cost.

I had decided to do a 3 year clinical PhD fellowship at the end of my specialist registrar training, thus deferring a hospital consultant salary for 3 years.

I think by the time all the costs were worked out my total cost was in excess of £500,000 (given all the salary losses). I was aghast at this at the time, but boy it really focused my mind.

Looking back that £500,000 was best money I ever "spent" as it really changed my approach to analysis and thinking and it has allowed to meet many wonderful people and it has brought me places that I would have never had the opportunity to see.