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## Student News - Postgraduate

Student News is emailed to you fortnightly during term and contains key information, including deadlines, reminders and events from the central University. Further information is available on the Oxford Students website.

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# Vice Chancellor's Diversity Awards

The Vice Chancellor's Diversity Awards present the opportunity to celebrate the fantastic work that's happening on equality and diversity across the University. Broadcast, activist and author, June Sarpong, will be delivering the keynote speech and the Vice Chancellor will award prizes in four categories.

To find out more about how you can nominate someone who has inspired you or championed a cause close to your heart, visit the [EDU website](#). Nominations close on Friday 23 February.

## UCU industrial action

The UCU has announced that it will call on its members to take industrial action in the form of days of national strikes, in support of its dispute with Universities UK over proposed changes to the USS pension scheme. The first strike days will be on Thursday 22 February and Friday 23 February.

The University is looking at measures to minimise any disruption arising from this action. You should therefore attend any scheduled examinations as normal. Teaching in colleges will not be affected but it is possible that some departmental teaching may be. You should attend all teaching as normal, unless advised of alternative arrangements.

## Enter the IT Innovation Challenge

Artificial intelligence, the internet of things, and virtual/augmented reality are technologies that have the potential to tackle some of Higher Education's big challenges. This year's 'IT Innovation Challenge - Student 2018' invites you to present ideas for projects that improve the experiences of staff and/or students at Oxford, through exploring emerging technologies. The challenge winner will receive funding of up to £15,000.

Submit your ideas on the [Oxford Ideas site](#) by Thursday 15 February.

## Prove your student status

You might need to prove your student status, course duration or address when opening a student bank account or renting accommodation. To do this, download a copy of your Enrolment Certificate on [Student Self Service](#).

To generate your Certificate, go to the "My Student Record" section of Student Self Service. Once printed, you'll need to get it stamped by your college (or department if you don't have a college). The Enrolment Certificate will update when changes are made to your record. Please be aware that it won't be available during periods of suspension.



## Do you love Lynda?

Lynda.com is a huge library of online, video based courses, covering a wide range of software and IT related topics. In the run up to St Valentine's Day, the IT Learning Centre is looking for feedback from students on Lynda. [Find out more](#) and [share your experience](#) to be entered into a prize draw for a £25 Love to Shop voucher.

## Write for Medium

We are on the lookout for writers who would like to contribute to the University's [Medium](#) publication. You can write about your experience at Oxford, a research project you're involved in, or anything you feel deserves attention. If you're interested, email [digicomms@admin.ox.ac.uk](mailto:digicomms@admin.ox.ac.uk) with 'Student Writing' in the subject field.

## Voting opens soon for Oxford SU elections

Oxford SU [voting polls](#) officially open on Wednesday 7 February. Voting closes on Friday 9 February and election winners will be formally announced at the Oxford SU results event in the Foundry on Friday evening.

## News from IT Services

The Hilary 2018 edition of 'News from IT Services' is [now available](#). In this edition, we look at the many and varied lunchtime talks offered by the IT learning Centre, whether you are looking for practical tips or information on the latest technologies. We also describe improvements to software and searching the University web pages.

## International Students

### Staying in the UK to work - which visa?

There will be a session for international students, providing information on visa routes to remain in the UK to work after completing their studies, on Tuesday 6 February, 12.30pm – 2pm at the Careers Service, 56 Banbury Road. Presentation topics will include the provision for students under Tier 2 of the Points-based System. For more information visit the [Oxford Student website](#).

## Careers

Are you a researcher? Do you want to know how you can improve your employability?

The Careers Service wants to improve the services it offers to researchers at various points in their career and would like your feedback. If you would like to make your voice heard, please fill out an anonymous five minute [survey](#). You can also sign up for a [focus group](#) (there's free pizza in it for you), to let us know your thoughts in detail.

## Bursaries & Scholarships

### Chinese Government Scholarships

The China Scholarship Council has re-opened the scholarship application round for students to undertake a period of study or research at a Chinese university. Oxford will be nominating up to eight students in this round. Applications close on Monday 26 February. Please visit the [Chinese Government Scholarship website](#) for further information on eligibility and how to apply.

### Australian National University – Study Exchange

There is an opportunity for a current graduate research student to undertake a period of study or research at one of Australia's top universities. A travel grant is available to cover economy return travel and a visa. Applications close at 12.00 noon on Wednesday 28 February. Please visit the [ANU Study Exchange website](#) for further information on eligibility and how to apply.

### British Federation of Women Graduates scholarships

Applications for British Federation of Women Graduates scholarships are now being sought. The awards are made to female doctoral students who will be in their third year (or part time equivalent) of PhD/DPhil studies in the autumn of 2018. Awards are one-off prizes varying in value from £1,000 to £6,000, and are given for overall outstanding academic excellence. For further details, visit [www.bfwg.org.uk](http://www.bfwg.org.uk).

## Trials & Research

### MERS vaccine trial

Aged 18-50 and in good health? You could be eligible to take part in our vaccine trial testing a new vaccine against the Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus (MERS-CoV). Participants receive up to £335 reimbursement for time, travel and inconvenience. To find out more, send an [email](#) or visit the [website](#).

## Eating concerns and compulsivity

A Department of Psychiatry study is looking for; healthy females aged 18-45, healthy people who have recovered from anorexia nervosa for over a year and people who think a lot about their eating, weight and shape. You will be asked to do some questionnaires and complete two computer tasks. To participate, email [alexandra.pike@psych.ox.ac.uk](mailto:alexandra.pike@psych.ox.ac.uk) or call 01865 618318 for more information. Participants will be compensated for their time.

## Have you been experiencing a period of low mood?

Researchers are seeking healthy volunteers with low mood for an MRI and brain stimulation study. This study will involve a questionnaire, followed by a screening session and up to four testing sessions. All participants will be reimbursed for their time and travel. For more information contact [margot.overman@ndcn.ox.ac.uk](mailto:margot.overman@ndcn.ox.ac.uk)

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