

Applying to **OXFORD**

If you want to study at Oxford in 2015, you need to apply by 15 October 2014. Choose a course and check that you meet its entrance requirements, then follow these steps to apply:

UCAS application

Submit by 6pm **UK** time on 15 October at **www.ucas.com**

You will need to provide information about yourself, including a personal statement where you talk about your interest in the course you're applying for. There is also a place where a teacher or advisor needs to give you a reference. This is all submitted through an online form – no additional references, transcripts or certificates are required unless you have already completed your first degree.

Make sure you start your **UCAS** application in good time. Most people apply to Oxford before they have finished their final year of school or college. If this is the case for you, then your referee will need to provide you with predicted grades – where they say what they expect you to achieve in your A-levels (or equivalent qualifications).

Tests*

For many courses, you need to take a test as part of your application. If there's a test for your course, you'll see a ✓ on the course page.

All candidates applying to study **Law** at Oxford must take the **LNAT** (the National Admissions Test for Law) between 1 September and 20 October 2014. To guarantee a test slot you will need to register by 5 October 2014.
www.lnat.ac.uk

 **ox.ac.uk/tests**

All other Oxford admissions tests are organised by the **Admissions Testing Service**. Register by **15 October 2014**, sit on **5 November 2014**:

- **BioMedical** Admissions Test (**BMAT**)
- **Classics** Admissions Test (**CAT**)
- **English Literature** Admissions Test (**ELAT**)
- **History** Aptitude Test (**HAT**)
- **Mathematics** Admissions Test (**MAT**)
(also required for **Computer Science**)
- **Modern Languages** Admissions Tests (**MLAT**)
- **Oriental Languages** Aptitude Test (**OLAT**)
- **Philosophy** Test for **Philosophy and Theology**
- **Physics** Aptitude Test (**PAT**)
(also required for **Engineering** and **Materials Science**)
- Thinking Skills Assessment (**TSA**)
(for **Economics and Management**, **Geography**, **PPE** and **Psychology/PPL**)



If you are currently at school or college, please ask your exams officer to register you to take the test there. Otherwise, see the website for information on finding an open centre.

Decisions

You will hear by mid-January 2015 whether or not your application has been successful.

If you have not yet completed the necessary qualifications, then any offer made will be a 'conditional offer'. You will have until August 2015 to achieve the required grades.

Finance

If you are applying for student finance, don't forget to apply online through your UK funding agency **from early 2015**.
ox.ac.uk/funding

Interview

Tutors review each UCAS application, along with any test or written work, and then decide on a shortlist of candidates who will be invited to interview. You will find out whether or not you have been shortlisted in late November or early December.

If you are shortlisted, you will be invited to come to a particular college in December. The college will provide free accommodation and food while you are here. You will be interviewed by tutors at that college, and possibly by tutors at other colleges as well.

If you live outside the EU, and are unable to travel to Oxford for interview, then you may be offered an interview by Skype. (Medicine is an exception – all shortlisted candidates must come to Oxford.)

There are lots of myths about interviews at Oxford, but really they're just conversations about your chosen subject – like a short tutorial.

DOWNLOAD

Oxford interviews: your guide
at **ox.ac.uk/interview**



Written work*

Submit by 10 November 2014

For many courses, you need to send in written work as part of your application. If written work is required for your course, you'll see a ✓ on the course page.

Please send something that you have produced as part of your normal school or college work, which has been marked by a teacher. We would expect each piece of written work to be no more than 2,000 words.

For exact requirements for each subject, and to download a cover sheet, please visit **ox.ac.uk/writwork**.



*make sure you check the requirements for your course



Student finance

Despite what you may have heard, it's no more expensive to study at Oxford than at any other university. In fact, our world-class resources and college provision actually keep living costs down.

Oxford is committed to ensuring that UK students with the academic ability to achieve a place here are not held back by their financial circumstances.

What it costs

Tuition fees

Tuition fees are charged annually and what you pay is determined by your fee status, usually based on your nationality and where you usually live. You will be classed either as Home (UK), EU (rest of European Union), Islands (Channel Islands or Isle of Man) or Overseas (outside EU).

If you're not sure which fee status applies to you, check the guidelines at ox.ac.uk/feesandfunding/fees/information/feestatus.

Home/EU

The tuition fee for Home/EU undergraduates starting a course in October 2015 will be confirmed in spring 2014.

Islands

Islands students will pay the same tuition fee as Home/EU students except for Clinical Medicine students who will be charged significantly higher tuition fees. An additional annual college fee is also payable annually.

Overseas

International undergraduates pay significantly higher tuition fees, which vary according to subject, plus an additional annual college fee. The 2015–16 fees will be confirmed in September 2014. Please note that fees may change significantly between years.

Fees in 2014–15

	Home/EU	Islands	Overseas
Tuition fee	£9,000	£9,000*	£14,415–£21,220*
College fee	n/a	£6,725	£6,725

*In 2014–15, Clinical Medicine fees for Islands students will be c£24,415 and £29,225 for Overseas students.

Living costs

Living costs comprise many different essential costs that you will incur as a student; for example, accommodation, food, study materials, clothing, sports, social expenses and travel. In 2014–15, we estimate living costs to be between £8,500 and £11,980 for a student living in Oxford for 9 months.

You may also need to budget extra if you are from outside the UK, and are likely to incur increased travel expenses. Students with dependants will also need to consider separate costs related to their family. For a full breakdown of living costs, visit ox.ac.uk/feesandfunding/fees/livingcosts.

No upfront

costs – Home/EU students can receive a loan to cover all their tuition fees.

Visit our Fees, Funding and Scholarship Search Tool for an overview of the costs and any support for your course:

ox.ac.uk/feesandfunding/search

I can't stress enough how much the bursary has made a difference to my Oxford life. I quite honestly could not have come to university without it. Not only has it allowed me to pay for essentials but it is the first time in my life I have been able to engage in academic-related activities like visiting the theatre and museums that supplement my course.

Violet, 1st year

If you wish to be considered for non-repayable grants and bursaries, you will need to have your household income assessed by your funding agency.

What you get – Home and EU students only

From the UK Government

Tuition fee support

- A loan to cover your fees for the duration of your course.

Living costs support

- A Maintenance Loan to cover some of your living costs (Home students only)
- A non-repayable Maintenance Grant to cover more of your living costs (Home students from lower-income households only)

Student Finance applications will open from early 2015 and you should apply to your funding agency as early as possible.

For students from England:

www.gov.uk/student-finance

For students from Scotland:

www.saas.gov.uk

For students from Northern Ireland:

www.studentfinancenir.co.uk

For students from Wales:

www.studentfinancewales.co.uk

For students from the rest of the EU:

www.gov.uk/student-finance

From Oxford

At the time of publishing, Oxford's financial support has not been confirmed for undergraduates starting in 2015. However, each year we make it as easy as possible to access our funding. There is no separate application process: we will use household income information from your regional funding agency to assess you for Oxford funding, so make sure you are financially assessed or 'means-tested'. As a guide: in 2014–15, Oxford is offering generous bursaries of up to £4,300 for students from lower-income households.

Updates on Oxford's funding will be available from spring 2014 at

ox.ac.uk/funding

All UK government loans are combined into a single debt which only becomes repayable once you have left your course, and are earning more than a set amount.

Find out more at: ox.ac.uk/funding

The
Moritz-Heyman
Scholarship

UK Students from lower-income households may be eligible for even more support. The Moritz-Heyman Scholarship programme provides a higher level of funding, opportunities to take part in volunteering activities, and access to at least one internship during the summer vacations. For information on the scheme, visit ox.ac.uk/funding.

Previous study

If you have completed a course at undergraduate level before you will be classed as an Equivalent or Lower Qualification (ELQ) student. You won't receive government or University support. If you did not complete your degree you might not get funding for the full length of your course. More details can be found at ox.ac.uk/feesandfunding/fees/information/elq.

Remember to check for further updates to the above information at

ox.ac.uk/funding



our career after

OXFORD

Choosing what to do when you leave Oxford may not be your top priority. You have, after all, years to make that decision – and then even more opportunity to change it. However, it's still worth knowing these quick facts...



1

You will almost certainly be employed on leaving.

95% of all Oxford leavers are in work or further study six months after leaving. This has been about the same (+/- 1%) for at least the last twenty years.



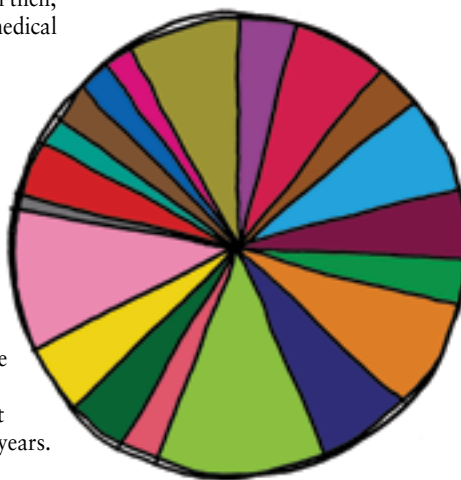
Six months after leaving...

- In employment 48%
- In further study 36%
- In employment and further study 5%
- Unemployed 5%
- Unavailable 6%

2

Your degree subject doesn't limit the jobs you can get.

(Unless it's a medical career – but even then, you can always take a postgraduate medical course.) Most of the jobs advertised through the Careers Service don't specify the degree subject.



and of those in work...

- Academia and higher education 4%
- Accountancy and finance 7%
- Advertising, marketing and communications 3%
- Banking and investment 7%
- Charity and development 5%
- Consultancy 3%
- Consumer goods and retail 8%
- Culture, sport and leisure 7%
- Education 12%
- Energy and the environment 3%
- Engineering and manufacturing 4%
- Government, order and policy 5%
- Health and social care 10%
- HR and recruitment 1%
- IT and computing 4%
- Law 2%
- Media and journalism 3%
- Publishing and libraries 2%
- Research services and R&D 2%
- Other sectors 7%

3

There are more jobs advertised through the Careers Service than students to fill them.

Almost 9,000 opportunities were advertised last year on Oxford's online system, CareerConnect. The number of jobs advertised has been growing at over 20% every year for the last four years.

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The average starting salary last year was £25,000.

Depending on sector, it can range from £10,000 right up to £45,000.

2012 graduates

The University Careers Service

The Careers Service helps all Oxford students with almost anything to do with your career at and after Oxford. They can help you:

Find work experience

- Thousands of work experience opportunities are advertised each year on CareerConnect – a website just for Oxford students.
- 5,000 one-to-one meetings with Careers Advisers are available each year – for help with job-hunting strategies.

Make applications

- Workshops are regularly held on CVs, cover letters, application forms and interview skills.
- Mock interviews are offered with real employers, along with weekly CV clinics for one-to-one feedback.
- A wealth of advice about the application process is held in the Resource Centre and on the careers website.

Get inspiration for the future

- A dozen careers fairs are held each year, with hundreds of employers attending.
- Regular talks explore a wide range of different careers.
- The Oxford Careers Network allows you to contact alumni online for advice.
- Oxford's Careers Advisers have experience in everything from NGOs to teaching and from consultancy to dentistry.

I have worked for the UN in eleven countries, mostly in peace-keeping and humanitarian operations. The analytical thinking I acquired at Oxford is crucial to my daily work, whether responding to conflict or natural disasters. And no less importantly, Oxford is where I developed ideals and convictions, which help me do my work with dedication day after day.

Maurizio, graduated 1996



Oxford Careers Network (OCN)

The OCN is a database of more than 2,500 Oxford University graduates who have volunteered to share their experiences of employment, further study and gap year activities. OCN provides students with behind-the-scenes information about a company or occupation, as well as creating valuable opportunities for networking, as many members are happy for students to contact them via email. These volunteers represent a huge variety of roles and occupations, from the legal sector to journalism and from medicine to music.

I have been fortunate to find a career path that enables me to utilise both the scientific knowledge about climate change that I gained from my Geography degree and the communication and organisational skills I learnt from my role as a JCR* Officer and Sports Captain.

Caroline, graduated 2004

*See page 125.

Surveys of employers report that they find Oxford students 'better', or 'much better', than the average UK student at key employability skills such as problem-solving, leadership, and communication. Hundreds of recruiters visit the University each year, demonstrating their demand for Oxford students.

Oxford students are self-starters, who are able to intelligently apply themselves to a range of tasks – they are often able to manage their time effectively, and confidently present themselves in professional situations.

ACADEMIC RESEARCH THINK TANK

The Oxford system produces graduates who are able to think independently and creatively, and, above all, know how to go about continual learning.

In our business, the ability to handle new situations, and new skills, is much more important than any specific vocational or subject-specific training.

IT SERVICES FIRM

Bright, talented people with an optimistic outlook and excellent communications skills.

LARGE MANAGEMENT CONSULTANCY FIRM

One can rely on the quality of the training, level of reasoning and problem solving ability, integrity, and respect of Oxford students.

ENGINEERING & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES FIRM

