Brexit update

The United Kingdom is due to leave the European Union on Friday 31 January. An ‘implementation period’ has been agreed until Thursday 31 December 2020, during which the UK will temporarily retain the benefits and obligations of membership, including the free movement of people. You should therefore continue with your studies and travel plans as usual. EU students are also encouraged to apply for the EU Settlement Scheme. Negotiations will take place during the implementation period, on the future relationship between the EU and the UK. The University is working to prepare for all eventualities, and to ensure the University remains a thriving, cosmopolitan community of scholars and students in the future. For more information, go to the dedicated Oxford and the EU page on the Oxford Students website.

Wuhan Novel Coronavirus

If you are concerned about Wuhan Novel Coronavirus there is advice available on the Student website, which is being constantly updated. At this time of year, viral respiratory infections such as colds and influenza are very common and any cold-like symptoms should be managed as usual. Public Health England has assessed the current risk to the UK population as low.
Are you in your final year? Have your say on your experience at Oxford to date

If you are a final year undergraduate student you will have received an email on Thursday 23 January from Ipsos MORI inviting you to take part in the National Student Survey (NSS). The survey gives you the chance to get your voice heard - in recent years, the NSS and other surveys have led to improvements across the University. It is your opportunity to give your feedback so the University can act on it appropriately. It will also help prospective students to select the right course and university for them. Your responses will be anonymous and treated confidentially. You will need your student number, as shown on your University card next to your photo, to log in to the survey. Help us shape Oxford for future generations.

Take the survey

Academic Life

Exam Wellbeing - new resources for all students

Navigating exams can be difficult, but the University is committed to supporting you through the process. A new Exam Wellbeing hub has been created to help when you have exams ahead. It offers a range of practical advice – giving you a chance to take charge of your revision; prepare and practice for exams; manage anxiety; and think about your physical care. The resources are now live on the Exam Wellbeing page on the Oxford Students website. This advice has been developed in conjunction with the Counselling Service in line with Wellbeing at Oxford - the University's campaign focused on student mental health and wellbeing.

Read more
Understanding Intellectual Property session: Thursday 27 February

Whether you're an undergraduate, masters or DPhil student, it is important to understand your rights and responsibilities when it comes to intellectual property (IP). A session on Thursday 27 February will help you to understand what IP actually is, who 'owns' it, and the things to think about when you think you have created IP. Lunch and networking will be provided from 12pm. Talk starts at 12.30pm.
For more information email eship@admin.ox.ac.uk

Book here

Radcliffe Science Library has moved to Vere Harmsworth Library

The Radcliffe Science Library (RSL) is now closed for refurbishment until summer 2021. Bodleian Libraries Science Library services will now be based in the Vere Harmsworth Library (VHL) in the Rothermere American Institute on South Parks Road. Regular updates on changes to services will be posted on the [RSL refurbishment webpage on the Bodleian website](https://www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/library/about/libraries/radcliffe-science-library/renovation).

Read more

Free plagiarism sessions throughout Hilary term

Not sure what plagiarism is or how to avoid it? The Centre for Teaching and Learning is running free lunchtime sessions on avoiding it this term. You will learn how to avoid unintentional plagiarism and will find out more about paraphrasing and summarising. The sessions will also take you through submitting a piece of your own writing through Turnitin and explain how to interpret the results. For
more information and to book on the course, follow the links below:

- **Wednesday 29 January, 12:30-13:30pm**
- **Thursday 13 February, 12:30-13:30pm**
- **Tuesday 3 March, 12:30-13:30pm**

Book here

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**Language Centre - spaces available on academic English course**

Spaces are still available on pronunciation classes at the Language Centre. This course focuses on improving pronunciation and the features that are important for communication in English in academic and professional situations. Classes start in Week 3 (week commencing Monday 3 February) and run for five weeks. The course is made up of five two hour classes plus individual tutorials. For more information and to enrol, please visit the website or email admin@lang.ox.ac.uk.

Read more

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**Oxford Life**

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**Oxford SU Leadership Election**

Every year Oxford SU asks you to vote for the students that should be elected as its full-time officers. These elected students then work on the issues that are affecting you, responding to your feedback and bringing about change on across the University. Nominate yourself for election to become one of our new officers, or find out more by visiting the [Oxford SU website](https://oxfordsu.org/).
Help protect Oxford from cyber threats

We're asking you to take action to protect us from cyber threats at Oxford. We have seen a rise in phishing emails to staff and students as well as a malware incident last week that had a serious impact on some parts of the University. You can help to protect the University by installing [antivirus software], installing [computer updates], being wary of [strange emails], and [taking action] if you're affected. For more advice visit the [Information Security website].

Vice- Chancellor’s Diversity Awards

Vice-chancellor's Diversity Awards 2020 - nominations open

Nominations are open for the Vice-Chancellor's Diversity Awards which recognises and celebrates extraordinary commitment to equality across the University. This is your chance to let us know about people or teams who have inspired you or made a real difference to equality and diversity in your college, department or the wider University. Nominations close on Friday 28 February with an awards ceremony for shortlisted nominees on Wednesday 13 May. Find out more on the [website].

Wellbeing & Welfare
Oxford Against Sexual Violence

Next week (3-9 February) is UK Sexual Abuse & Sexual Violence Awareness Week, which aims to raise awareness and understanding about sexual violence. Sexual harassment and violence is never acceptable. If you have been affected by it in any form, the Sexual Harassment and Violence Support Service provides a safe place for you to be heard - independent of your college or department. All specialist advisors at the service are trained to support you at your pace. Watch the 'Oxford Against Sexual Violence' video or visit the support service website to find out more.

Active at Oxford New Year Challenge

There's still time to enter the Active at Oxford New Year Challenge. Upload a photo to Instagram, Twitter or Facebook, highlighting how you get active, and include #ActiveatOxford in the caption. Our ten favourites will win an official University of Oxford hoodie. Entries close Monday 10 February.

Careers & Entrepreneurship
Explore the world this summer with a global internship

The Summer Internship Programme is now open for applications. The programme offers hundreds of fantastic global experiences in a wide variety of sectors in over 30 countries. All opportunities are available exclusively to Oxford students, and can be applied to through CareerConnect. The deadline for applications for the first batch of international placements is midday on Monday 17 February. Applications for UK placements open on Tuesday 18 February. The Internship Office is offering application support sessions for prospective applicants to discuss internship ideas; and get advice on CVs and applications. These sessions will take place at The Careers Service from 1st week, and can be booked through CareerConnect. Email internships@careers.ox.ac.uk with any questions.

Read more

Gain workplace experience with a micro-internship

Applications are now open for the micro-internship programme. There are 190 opportunities on offer this term across a range of fields. You can find a full list of opportunities by logging on to CareerConnect. If you’d like further advice with your application, the Internship Office is offering 15-minute support sessions which can be booked through the ‘Appointments’ section on CareerConnect. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact micro-internships@careers.ox.ac.uk. The deadline is 12pm, Monday 3 February

Read more
OX and Start-up Careers Fair

Looking for a job in or around Oxford? Organisations with an OX postcode from a range of fields and sectors will beat this special event.

On Wednesday, 12 February from 4-6pm at the HB Allen Centre, Keble College, Banbury Road, OX2 6NN. There will be an opening talk in the lecture theatre for students at 4pm, with the fair officially opening at 4.30pm.

Read more

Bursaries & Scholarships

Apply for a scholarship to study in Europe

Would you like to study in Europe? Applications are now open for study abroad programmes starting from three months up to one year. Applications for the Scatcherd European Scholarships and the Charterhouse European Bursaries close Friday 31 January. Find out more about study abroad opportunities on the Student website.
Research & Innovation

AI Impact Weekend 2020

Are you concerned about the climate crisis? Have you ever wondered how Artificial Intelligence (AI) can be used to help limit global warming and reduce the worst effects of climate change? Sign up for the Foundry’s third annual AI Impact Weekend, which kicks off on Friday 7 February, delivered in collaboration with EY. No knowledge of AI required - just an open curiosity to learn, and an interest in fixing the planet. Meet new people - gain new skills - be inspired - have fun - plus win some amazing prizes.

All-Innovate Idea Competition

All-Innovate, Oxford's inter-college idea competition, is now open. Get together to form teams and then pitch your entrepreneurial ideas for a chance to win a top prize of £10,000, and two runner-up prizes of £5,000 each. All-Innovate is led by Oxford Colleges, in partnership with The Oxford Foundry. It encourages students at Oxford, regardless of discipline, to develop an entrepreneurial skill-set and generate entrepreneurial ideas. Find out more on the official website. Applications close Sunday 16 February.

Summer of Innovation: Funding for your idea

Share your innovative idea and realise it as a digital project over the summer. You could receive funding to work on your project for six to ten weeks. No experience is needed – training and technical support will be provided. This is a great opportunity to acquire transferable skills and project management experience. This year’s theme is Digital Innovation for Teaching and Learning.
We also welcome any other ideas that bring benefit to the University, its staff and students. The deadline is Friday 7 February. Find more information on the IT Innovation Challenges blog.

Submit an idea

Research highlight: New hope for tiger population in Thai forest

Just 221 Indochinese tigers remain in Thailand and Myanmar. They are all but extinct elsewhere in the world. New research by the Department of Zoology's Wildlife Conservation Research Unit (WildCru) shows that Thailand's Dong Phayayen-Khao Yai Forest Complex is supporting a critically important breeding population of tigers. Evidence of tiger cubs in the area provides rare hope for these endangered animals.

Read more

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