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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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### Update on industrial action

The first two days of industrial action by the University and Colleges' Union (UCU) are scheduled to take place this week. The action on Thursday 22 and Friday 23 February forms part of a series of national strikes in support of the UCU's dispute with Universities UK over proposed

changes to the USS pension scheme.

The University is working to minimise any disruption arising from this action. 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. You should also attend any scheduled examinations as usual and complete any assessments according to submission dates already published.

This advice applies to all subsequent days of strike action.

## OXFO LEV8 is looking for start-ups

If you're part of a start-up, apply to OXFO LEV8 - the University of Oxford's newest accelerator, designed to support and nurture early-stage start-up teams affiliated to the University.

Successful applicants to the Oxford Foundry based programme, will be led by entrepreneurs and will receive tailored support and advice, focused on bringing relevant industry experts to their venture. In addition, [OXFO LEV8](#) provides access to international investors and excellence in entrepreneurial learning, to help develop start-ups into strong, scalable businesses.

If your start-up team includes at least one Oxford University student, staff member, or alumnus/alumna within 10 years of graduation, [apply to OXFO LEV8](#). Ventures from all sectors are welcome and applications close at midnight on Tuesday 20 February.

## University Mental Health Day

Thursday 1 March is [University Mental Health Day](#) and the theme for this year is 'Community'. Being at University can sometimes be challenging, so we want you to know that you're not alone. [One on one counselling](#), [peer supporters](#), [online tools](#) and [workshops](#) are just a few of the resources available to you as an Oxford student. In addition, the Oxford Mental Health network (OMHN) will be launching their official [website](#) on Thursday 22 February. The site will help connect students to mental health services in Oxfordshire.

For more information on all the support we offer, visit the [Oxford Students website](#).



## Graduate photography competition

Enter your photos of life as a graduate student at Oxford for the chance to win up to £200 in Amazon vouchers, as well as weekly prizes of £25. Follow Graduate Study on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) for updates and inspiration. Submit your photos via the [competition webpage](#). The competition will close on Thursday 15 March. Good luck!

## Did you know you could apply for club and society funding?

Once a term, the Clubs Committee meets and makes awards to clubs and societies who have applied for funding. Last term, funding was granted to various clubs, including the Oxford University Chess Club, who were awarded £1,000 to participate in the European Universities' Chess Championship. Using the funding granted by the Clubs Committee, they were able to send two teams of two players to participate in the event, where they were among the best of all the UK teams.

If you think your club or society could benefit from a grant or loan, you can apply on the [Oxford Students website](#). Applications need to be submitted by Monday of 4<sup>th</sup> week each term.



## The Oxford Magic Society celebrates 50 years

Come and witness miraculous feats, as some of the best magicians in Oxford perform a variety of tricks to celebrate 50 years since the Oxford Magic Society was founded. The show will take place on Saturday 24 February at 7.30pm in Wadham College. Tickets cost £5 on the door and all money collected will go to charity.

## Academic Life

### New Research Thesis Digital Submission application for all research students

If you're a research student, you now have access to the new [Research Thesis Digital Submission \(RTDS\) application](#), a simple, safe and secure way you can submit a digital copy of your research thesis and additional materials for examination. Examiners can then use RTDS to access the digital copy, and return corrections, referrals or notes to you. RTDS is being rolled out across the University following a successful pilot in the Medical Sciences Division over the Hilary and Trinity 2017 deadlines. Details are on the [Research Examinations](#) web page (under the section 'Submission of examiners' copies of your thesis').

### GSS student reporting opens in Week 6

Student reporting for Hilary term will be open in the [Graduate Supervision System \(GSS\)](#) from Monday 19 February to Friday 2 March. This is your opportunity to contribute to your termly supervision reports by reviewing and commenting on your own academic progress. You should also check that the details displayed are correct and inform your college (for college advisor amendments) or the relevant [Graduate Studies Assistant](#) with any changes. Supervisor reporting will open from Monday 5 March and you will be notified by email when your report is ready to view.





## Modern Foreign Language Short Courses

The Language Centre is offering a series of intensive short courses for those who wish to learn a new language or refresh their skills. Beginner and post-beginner courses are available in French, German, Italian, Mandarin, Portuguese and Spanish. Courses cost £70 for students and the deadline for registration is Tuesday 2 March. You can find out more information on [WebLearn](#).



## Academic Writing Course - Writing a Thesis or Dissertation

If English isn't your first language and you were unable to join the first Hilary term Academic Writing course, you can apply to attend the Week 9 short course, for just £70. The course will take place from Monday 12 March to Friday 16 March and will take you through the key stages of writing a thesis dissertation. [Apply online](#) or visit the [Language Centre website](#) for more information.

# Careers

## UK internships available through the Summer Internship Programme

UK internships offered through the [Summer Internship Programme](#) will be advertised on [CareerConnect](#) from Tuesday 20 February. The programme offers summer research and professional experiences, in a huge variety of sectors. Students can apply for up to two UK internship placements until Monday 12 March.

If you need help with your application, the [application support guide](#) outlines how to get support. You can also book a one to one support session at the Careers Service through [CareerConnect](#).

To stay up to date, don't forget to sign up to the Careers Service [email alert](#) list and visit the Internship Office [Facebook page](#).

# Bursaries & Scholarships

Interested in studying in Helsinki?

There is an opportunity in 2017-18 for current graduate students at the University of Oxford to spend a period of time at the University of Helsinki. This visit will be supported by a €2,000 bursary from [www.europaeum.org](http://www.europaeum.org). The deadline for applications is Thursday March 1 2018. For more information, and to submit an application, please contact [euroinfo@europaeum.ox.ac.uk](mailto:euroinfo@europaeum.ox.ac.uk)

## Postdoctoral research grants to study at the Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB)

The Philippe Wiener-Maurice Anspach Foundation is offering awards to postdoctoral research students interested in conducting research in any department for up to one year. A grant will be provided and part of the laboratory and registration fees could also be covered. Further information and an application form can be found on the [Wiener-Anspach webpage](#). The application deadline is Friday 19 March.

## Applications open for the International Summer School in New Delhi

The New Delhi International Summer School (ISS) is an intensive, six-week academic programme that brings together students from all over the world as they study and interact with one another over the course of a summer in India's national capital. The academic venue this year, will be the Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), with lectures taking place at the JNU Convention Centre.

To apply for the ISS programme, visit the official [website](#). Applications close on Monday 30 April.

# Volunteering

## Oxford Hub launches two new sport volunteering opportunities

Make a difference to a young person's life while gaining a variety of skills through Oxford Hub's latest sport programmes. 'Branch Up' and 'Empower', both give young people the chance to access new opportunities with the support of University Student Mentors. If you're interested in volunteering at either fortnightly activity days or regular mentoring sessions, find out more on the [Oxford Hub website](#). No sports expertise is required - just a commitment to the programme and getting stuck in!



## Trials & Research

### Healthy non-smoking men needed for an MRI study

Healthy men aged 18 to 40 are needed for an MRI study to assess how a gene and a drug interact to affect mental performance and brain activity.

Find out more or apply on the [Department of Psychiatry website](#).

### Are you having trouble sleeping?

We are recruiting for a behavioural treatment study on sleep. The study is suitable for adults aged 25-55 years who have persistent sleep problems and are living in Oxford. The research involves three overnight assessments at home and sleep monitoring. You will get free access to personal treatment and you will be compensated for your time and effort.

Please visit the [Nuffield Department of Clinical Neurosciences website](#) to find out more.

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