



Book your degree ceremony

If you're in your final year, you will be able to reserve your place at a degree ceremony from this week. You'll receive an email inviting you to book a ceremony place on Student Self-Service. Due to health and safety restrictions at the Sheldonian Theatre, you will receive up to two guest tickets this year, compared to three at previous ceremonies. If you would like to bring a third guest, speak to your college office closer to the date of your ceremony as there may be a small number of additional places available.



Apply to be a student ambassador

Do you want to help the University increase applications from under-represented target groups? Apply to be a student ambassador. Undergraduate admissions and Outreach are currently recruiting for ambassadors and site managers to support the UNIQ and Target Oxbridge residential schemes, and assist during the Oxford and Cambridge Student Conferences. There are also opportunities to work on a range of other events. [Further information and full job descriptions can be found online](#). To apply, [complete an application form](#) by Friday 7 December.

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Oxford Life



Take valuables home this holiday season

If you're leaving Oxford during the holiday season, please be mindful of what you leave behind in your student accommodation. Security Services urge you to take home any valuables; such as laptops, iPads, mobile phones and designer accessories. Also remember to close all your accommodation windows before you leave for the winter vacation.

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Are you staying in Oxford over Christmas?

The [Oxford Vacation Guide](#) provides information about what is happening in and around Oxford during the Christmas vacation.

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YOUR VIEWS MATTER
STUDENT BAROMETER SATISFACTION SURVEY

Help the University improve its services to you.

Check your inbox for your unique URL and complete the survey by **14 December**

graduate
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The banner features a purple background with a group of diverse students smiling. It includes the 'graduate' logo and the University of Oxford crest.

Have you completed the Student Barometer survey yet?

A link to the [Student Barometer survey](#) was sent to your University email account two weeks ago. Please complete the survey, as your feedback will be used by colleges, departments, faculties and central University services to identify strengths and weaknesses and put in place changes to help improve your experience at Oxford. If you are a final year undergraduate student, you did not receive an e-mail as you will be asked to complete the National Student Survey in early 2019.

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Be careful in the Science Area

[Major construction is underway in the Science Area](#). Please take care in the area at all times, and observe warning signs. Allow extra time for your journey as construction work will add to traffic. If cycling, we recommend using the bike parking around the edge of the Science Area and walking from there. Extra cycle racks have been added along South Parks Road and



Michaelmas term closure dates

The Submissions desk and Student Information desk at the Examination Schools will be closed from 5pm on Thursday 20 December. The building will re-open at 8.30am on Thursday 3 January. If you plan to submit work during this holiday period, the building will be closed for submissions delivered in person, by post or by courier. Submissions made via the

Parks Road. More will be installed by the end of November.

Examination Schools post box will not obtain proof of submission.

Interested in taking part in a clinical trial?

Are you healthy and aged 18 to 55? Are you based in the Oxford area? You may be eligible to take part in a clinical trial. Participants are reimbursed a minimum of £25 per visit for their time and travel. For more information [visit the Jenner Institute website](#) or email vaccinetrials@ndm.ox.ac.uk.

Wellbeing & Welfare



Sexual Harassment and Violence Support Service

The Sexual Harassment and Violence Support Service provides a safe place for you to be heard - independent of your college or department. The service offers free support and advice to any student, whether the experiences of sexual harassment or violence happened in Oxford or elsewhere, and whether it was recent or in the past. The specialist advisors are trained to support you at your pace. They help you explore your options, and they'll be there to support you through whatever option you choose.

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Meningitis ACWY vaccine for students

If you are new to Oxford, you may be eligible for a free Meningitis ACWY vaccine. Students who are eligible for a free jab include overseas and mature students who are under 25 and in their first year of study. To organise your vaccination, please contact your GP.

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Bursaries & Scholarships



5th Annual Oxford Uehiro Prize

Enter the Oxford Uehiro Prize in Practical Ethics by submitting an essay of up to 2,000 words on any topic relevant to practical ethics. Winners will receive £300, and runners up £100. The two winning essays will be considered for publication in the Journal of Practical Ethics, though publication cannot be guaranteed. [Visit the Practical Ethics website for more information](#). The deadline for submissions is Wednesday 6 February.

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Charterhouse European Bursaries and Scatcherd European Scholarships

Bursaries and scholarships are available to undertake a period of study or research in Europe. Awards of up to £6,500 are available for periods ranging from three months to one year. Applications close Friday 25 January. Please visit the [Charterhouse European Bursary website](#) for information on bursaries and the [Scatcherd European Scholarships website](#) for scholarship information.



Scholarships available to study or research in Germany

Applications are currently open for the [Hanseatic and Theodor Heuss scholarships](#) available to final year undergraduates and postgraduate students wishing to undertake research or study for one or two years in Germany. Applications close on Friday 25 January.

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Research & Innovation



Research highlight: Fish genes hold the key to repairing damaged hearts

The Mexican tetra fish can repair its heart after damage — something researchers have been striving to achieve in humans for years. The research, led by Dr Mathilda Mommersteeg and her

team at the University of Oxford, has been published in Cell Reports and suggests that a gene called *Irrc10* may hold the key to this fish's remarkable ability.

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