

Postgraduate Study at the University of Oxford

A guide to applying for students from Germany

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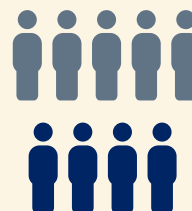
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The University of Oxford is ranked first in the UK and joint second in the world*, and is renowned for its teaching and research across the arts and sciences. Oxford seeks to attract the best students from around the world. Currently, over 580 German postgraduate students are studying in Oxford's historic libraries, conducting research in our state-of-the-art laboratories and enjoying membership of our world-famous colleges.

*Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2013–14



Postgraduate students make up around **45%** of Oxford's student body.



Scholarships *Stipendien*

Over 900 fully-funded scholarships are available for new master's and doctoral students in 2015–16 from the University, our colleges and supporters.

Oxford offers full scholarships covering tuition fees and living costs to give the brightest candidates from around the world the opportunity to pursue postgraduate study. Scholarships are available for the full academic range of Oxford's postgraduate courses and are usually awarded on the basis of academic excellence. You will be automatically considered for most of Oxford's scholarships if you apply by the relevant January deadline.

Clarendon Fund

The Clarendon Fund offers over 130 full scholarships every year. Clarendon scholarships cover full fees as well as a generous grant for living expenses. The scholarship is funded by Oxford University Press, Oxford's colleges and other external partners.

www.clarendon.ox.ac.uk

UK Research Council funding

German nationals pay the same fees as UK students and are eligible for fees-only UK Research Council awards. In some instances, the University is able to supplement such awards with funds to cover living costs as well.

www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/researchcouncils

Rhodes Trust

The Rhodes scholarship is the oldest and most prestigious international postgraduate scholarship in the world, awarding 83 full scholarships each year, including two awards to German students.

www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk

Other scholarships available for students from Germany include:

- Ertegun Graduate Scholarship Programme in the Humanities
- Oxford Graduate Scholarships
- College and department scholarships
- Wolfson Postgraduate Scholarship in the Humanities

German governmental and private foundations

German students may also be eligible for postgraduate funding to study outside Germany from a number of prestigious German governmental and private foundations, including:

- Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst (DAAD)
- Hanns Seidel Stiftung (HSS)

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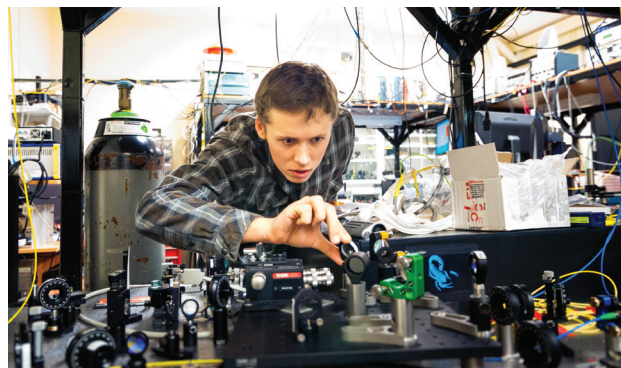
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See our scholarships

Use our online tool to find postgraduate scholarship opportunities:

www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/fundingsearch



Oxford's courses *Studienangebot*

Oxford's postgraduate courses are short and high quality, facilitating students' swift career progression. Oxford offers around 200 master's-level courses (usually 9–12 months; some courses take 2 years) and 120 DPhil (PhD) programmes (3–4 years), across a wide range of disciplines. Students on master's-level courses attend lectures and seminars, and are typically assessed by exams and coursework. Students on doctoral courses complete a major research project and thesis, meeting regularly with a supervisor.

www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/courses

Oxford's colleges

As an Oxford postgraduate student, you will belong to a department which will provide your teaching and supervision. You will also be a member of one of the University's world-famous colleges. Belonging to a college is one of the most unique aspects of studying at Oxford and offers you access to a multidisciplinary community of fellow students from all over the world, with whom you can socialise. You can also enjoy stimulating discussions with students and academic staff from a variety of subjects. Some colleges are for postgraduates only, whereas others accept both undergraduates and postgraduates. All colleges offer meals and many provide accommodation too.

www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/colleges



Oxford University Germany Society

Tracing its roots back to the 'Hanover Club' founded in the first decade of the 20th century, the Oxford University German Society is one of the oldest student-run societies in Oxford and a cultural, political and social centre for promoting germanophone culture. With over 200 members, the society's film nights, guest speakers, debates, concerts and conversation evenings are always popular.

www.oxford-germansoc.co.uk



Life in Oxford *Leben in Oxford*

Living in Oxford is a truly special student experience where centuries of tradition sit alongside a bustling and modern cosmopolitan city. There is a vibrant community of friendly and dynamic people from all parts of the world and a multitude of events take place on a daily basis, including art exhibitions, sports competitions, film screenings and concerts, as well as student-organised social and cultural events. Oxford is 60 miles from London and is a great base for exploring Europe.

Frequently asked questions

- Q.** Do I need to contact a supervisor?
A. For DPhils (PhDs), usually yes. See the selection criteria on your course page.
- Q.** Do I need a master's?
A. Many DPhil (PhD) courses require a master's degree in a relevant subject. See the selection criteria on your course page.
- www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/courses

Applying to Oxford *Ihre Bewerbung*

Every postgraduate course has a main application deadline in **January**. You will need to submit a complete application by the January deadline if you want to be considered for most of Oxford's scholarship schemes:

- **Friday 9 January 2015** – Courses offered by the Medical Sciences Division, the Department of Computer Science, the Faculty of Philosophy, the Department of Politics and International Relations and the Saïd Business School.
- **Friday 23 January 2015** – Courses offered by all other departments and faculties.

Some courses may accept applications for the other two main application deadlines – Friday 21 November 2014 and Friday 13 March 2015 – and/or after the main deadlines if funding or places are still available. Some also offer separate application deadlines for specific studentships, so check our online course pages for full course-specific information.

A complete application will include your CV, your official transcript(s), three academic references and a statement of purpose or research proposal. Some courses also require samples of written work, admissions tests, or a GMAT/GRE score.

Everything you need to know about applying can be found on our course pages: www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/courses

Apply online: www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/apply

English language requirements

Sprachanforderungen

As part of meeting the selection criteria for your course, you will need to demonstrate your ability to study in English. Evidence needs to be in the form of a certificate of an English language test taken within two years before your course starts. The following table shows the accepted tests and required scores for admissions. Please check the online course page to determine whether your course requires Standard or Higher scores.

	Standard overall score	Additional requirements	Higher overall score	Additional requirements
IELTS	7.0	Minimum 6.5 per component	7.5	Minimum 7.0 per component
TOEFL iBT (internet-based)	100	Minimum component scores: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Listening – 22• Reading – 24• Speaking – 25• Writing – 24	110	Minimum component scores: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Listening – 22• Reading – 24• Speaking – 25• Writing – 24
Cambridge English Advanced (CAE) & Proficiency (CPE)	185	Minimum 176 per component (Exams taken before Jan 2015: at least grade B in CAE, grade C in CPE)	191	Minimum 185 per component (Exams taken before Jan 2015: at least grade A in CAE, grade C in CPE)

Essential requirements for postgraduate study

A first or strong upper-second class undergraduate degree. This is usually equivalent to a high achievement in a German first degree (**1 – 'sehr gut' or 2 – 'gut'**)

and

a number of requirements specific to your course, listed under Selection Criteria on each online course page.

Sophie Zielcke, MSc in Nature, Society and Environmental Policy (Linacre College).



"Beyond the course and the academic opportunities, the college system provides a unique network of staff as well as of

students that provides an intensive scientific, intellectual and even social basis during the academic year. As an international student, having such a network from the outset was important to me and could not have been more supportive and stimulating."

Careers *Berufliche Entwicklung*

To help students on their way to exciting and fulfilling careers, Oxford offers comprehensive careers advice and support to all our students and alumni. This helps them to develop the necessary skills for applying for jobs, further study, and success in the workplace. The Careers Service provides access to UK-based and international internships, and work experience whilst you are studying, plus a wide range of employers and job opportunities for the next stage of your career.

www.careers.ox.ac.uk

Alumni *Absolventen*

The University of Oxford has a long history of providing students with the skills, experience, and confidence to follow their passions. Germany has the fifth largest concentration of Oxford alumni in the world, with over 2,700 alumni and five regional alumni branches in Germany – in Berlin, Hamburg, Munich, Frankfurt and the Rhineland. Alumni in Germany can access a full range of benefits and services from exclusive social events to academic talks, networking opportunities and access to continuing education opportunities.

Oxford's distinguished German alumni include:

- **Elisabeth Blochmann**, Eminent scholar of education, as well as of philosophy, and a pioneer in and researcher of women's education in Germany
- **Hans-Paul Bürkner**, former President and CEO, now chairman of the Boston Consulting Group
- **Florian Henckel von Donnersmarck**, Oscar-winning director and screenwriter
- **Norbert Lammert**, Bundestag president and Rhodes Scholar
- **Ernst Schumacher**, internationally influential economic thinker
- **Richard von Weizsäcker**, president of the Federal Republic of Germany 1984–1994, first president of the reunified Germany

www.alumni.ox.ac.uk

Contact details *Kontaktdaten*

Contact the Graduate Admissions and Funding Team:

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Jonas Probst, Clarendon Scholar, DPhil in Theoretical Physics (St John's College), previously studied at Technische Universität München



“Upon my arrival, I was amazed by how many freshers’ events that were being organised by the postgraduate students at my college to meet many interesting people and make new friends straight away. The international student community, the cutting-edge research at the departments and the frequent talks on current affairs by global leaders make it a truly vivid and modern experience.”

Undergraduate Admissions

If you are interested in studying for an undergraduate degree at Oxford, please look at the undergraduate admissions website:

www.ox.ac.uk/undergraduate

or contact the team at:

undergraduate.admissions@admin.ox.ac.uk

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