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# Student News



## Week 2 - Trinity term 2015

Student News is emailed to you fortnightly during term from Week 0 and contains key information, including deadlines, reminders and events from the central University. Further information is available from the [Oxford Students website](#).

## Photography competition winners announced

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The winners of the Undergraduate and Graduate Admissions Photography competition have been announced. Students were invited to submit photos showing academic and social life in Oxford, with a top prize of £200 worth of Amazon vouchers. The winning entries for this year's competition are: Elaine Zhao's image of an encounter with ducklings on the river; Santhy Balachandran's image taken on graduation day; Amalia Bastos' image of fossils in the Museum of Natural History; Yunli Song's image of the Museum of Natural History; and Victoria Alice Ferris' image taken at a coffee plantation in Brazil. To view the winning entries, visit the [photography competition web page](#).

## Careers fairs in Week 3

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Two careers fairs are to be held in Week 3 of term to help you secure an internship or graduate work. The [Get a head-start](#) careers fair taking place from 15:00-18:00 on Wednesday 13 May 2015 provides you the opportunity to meet employers and find out about their graduate schemes starting in 2016. You can also visit the [Summer Graduate and Internship Fair](#) from 15:00-18:00 on Thursday 14 May 2015 to find out about internships from over 30 employers during the long vacation.

## Volunteer to help at a University open day

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The University open days for prospective undergraduates will take place on Wednesday 1 and Thursday 2 July 2015. To welcome the thousands of prospective applicants expected, graduate student volunteers are sought to form a friendly presence at key places around Oxford. No prior knowledge is needed, although volunteers will be invited to attend a briefing beforehand. To volunteer - whether for a couple of hours or a full day - submit your details using the online form for [1 July](#) and/or [2 July](#). For more information, visit the [open day website](#).

## International students staying in the UK to work

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A presentation for international students wishing to remain in the UK to work is taking place from 12:30-14:00 on Monday 11 May 2015 at the [Careers Service](#).

## Telephone scam targeting international students

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UKCISA (UK Council for International Student Affairs) has alerted the University to a telephone scam by someone pretending to be from the Home Office and asking students to make an additional payment and/or provide personal details. Students are reminded that the Home Office would never telephone to ask for a payment. If you receive a call, notify [Student Immigration](#). For more information visit the [UKCISA website](#).

## Applications open for graduate entrepreneur visa

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Applications for the Tier 1 (Graduate Entrepreneur) visa scheme are open. If you are a graduating student and have a business idea that would benefit from development in the UK, you may be eligible to apply. The University of Oxford may endorse up to 30 applicants annually, and to date is a leader in identifying and fostering entrepreneurs with credible and innovative business ideas under this scheme. As well as an initial endorsement, the University provides a range of resources and support to help your business develop. Find out more by visiting the [Careers Service website](#).

## Sporting Awards available

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Oxford University's Alumni Association is offering Sporting Awards to both undergraduate and graduate students. The aim of the awards is to provide assistance to talented University sportspeople, helping you to excel in your chosen sport, and contribute to the success of sport at Oxford. The deadline for all [applications](#) is 16:00 on Monday 1 June 2015.

## Plagiarism: awareness and avoidance

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Academic integrity requires authors to accurately record and acknowledge the source of words, ideas, diagrams, images, research results (all forms of output from others) that they use or refer to in their own work. This course can help you learn about avoiding unintentional plagiarism and how to interpret the Turnitin originality report. You will have the opportunity to put a chapter or article you have written through Turnitin. To book your place for the course, taking place from 12:30-13:30 on Monday 1 June 2015, visit the [IT Services website](#).

## Free workshops for your research and learning

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### **Bodleian iSkills: Getting information to come to you**

Keeping up to date with new research is important but time consuming. This session will show you how to set up automatic alerts so that you are notified about new articles, publications and key website updates. Participants will have the opportunity to set up RSS feed readers and/or email notifications during the session, taking place from 09:15-10:45 on Friday 15 May 2015.

### **Bodleian iSkills: Information sources for African Studies**

This session will introduce key information sources for African Studies. You will be shown useful tools to locate relevant material via SOLO and how to search them, as well as important portals and gateways to libraries and archives of online primary texts. This session will take place from 11:00-12:00 on Friday 15 May at IT Services, 13 Banbury Road.

Workshop attendance can be booked from the [Bodleian Libraries website](#).

## OxTALENT competition 2015: Student IT Innovation

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Have you: Built a website, app, e-book or game? Used social media in an innovative way with other students? Or simply spotted a problem and used digital technology to solve it for others? The OxTALENT competition judges are looking for individuals and groups with entrepreneurial spirit who have used digital technology to make a difference to the student experience at Oxford. For further information and to enter before Friday 15 May 2015, visit the [OxTALENT website](#).

## Language Centre assistant summer vacancy

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Recent graduates and current DPhil students are invited to apply for the part-time position of [Administrative Pre-Sessional Course Assistant](#) at the Language Centre. The successful candidate will be expected to work four days per week between Monday 20 July and Friday 18 September 2015. For more information, visit the [Language Centre website](#).

## **Are you leaving Oxford this summer?**

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Students leaving Oxford this summer may be eligible for an Alumni Card, which can help ensure you remain connected with your cohort and benefit from exclusive offers and discounts. To collect your Alumni Card, visit the Alumni Office stand in the Norrington Room at Blackwell's from 14:00-16:45 every Wednesday from 6 May to 17 June 2015. Bring your University Card to confirm your identity. For more information, including a list of those students who should collect their Alumni Card from their department, visit the [Alumni Office website](#).

## **Tickets for the Oxford Africa Conference**

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Focusing on Africa as 'A Continent on the Move: People, Politics and Business across borders', the Oxford Africa Conference is designed to provide a vibrant platform for new thinking about an international Africa across all disciplines - politics, business, arts, technology and academia - connecting inter-generational leaders from around the world to shape an integrated and innovative perspective on African issues. Taking place on Friday 22 and Saturday 23 May 2015, visit the [Oxford African Network website](#) for tickets.

## **Volunteers for the Ebola vaccine trial**

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The Jenner Institute, part of the Nuffield Department of Medicine, is looking for healthy volunteers to take part in a vaccine study testing the effectiveness of two Ebola vaccines. If you are aged 18-50 and are in good health, you may be eligible to participate. The study involves a number of visits to the Institute's outpatient clinic, over a seven month period. Volunteers are compensated for their time and travel. To find out more email the [Volunteer Co-ordinator](#), call 01865 857406 or visit the [Jenner Institute website](#).

## **Photography competition with Magnum photographer Martin Parr**

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As part of the Art Fund Prize for Museum of the Year 2015, the Museum of Natural History is taking part in a photography competition judged by Magnum photographer Martin Parr and the public. Visitors are invited to capture the many aspects of the Museum and submit their photographs to the Art Fund for a chance to win a photography holiday to Berlin. Details of other prizes and how to enter are available on the [Art Fund website](#).

## Comparative European Literature Lecture Series

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Award winning novelist Javier Cercas will reflect on the nature of the novel as a genre and whether it makes sense to talk about intellectuals nowadays as Weidenfeld Chair of the Comparative European Literature Lecture Series. Taking place in Trinity term 2015, from 17:30-19:00 in the Mary Ogilvie Lecture Theatre, St Anne's College, lectures will include: The Third Truth (Part 1 - Tuesday 12 May and Part 2 - Thursday 14 May), Vargas Llosa's Question (Tuesday 19 May), The Blind Spot (Thursday 21 May), The Man Who Says No (Tuesday 26 May) and In Conversation: European Literature, Politics and Historical Memory (Thursday 4 June).

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