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Student News



Week 8 - Hilary term 2017

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](#).

Graduate Photography Competition

The Graduate Photography Competition is open until Friday 17 March 2017. Don't miss your chance to win one of two £200 vouchers, as well as weekly prizes of £25 vouchers by submitting your photographs of student life in Oxford via the [competition webpage](#). Follow on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) for updates and inspiration. Good luck!

GSS reporting

The [Graduate Supervision System \(GSS\)](#) is used to review, monitor and comment on student academic progress and assess skills and training needs. Following the student reporting window, which has now closed for Hilary term 2017, supervisor reporting is now open until Friday 31 March 2017 (Medical Sciences Division only) or Friday 28 April 2017 (all other divisions). Director of Graduate Studies (DGS) reporting will open on Monday 20 March 2017. You will be notified by email when your report is available to view and/or print from your GSS homepage. You will be able to view your

self-assessment report, the supervision report submitted by your supervisor and any DGS comments that may have been submitted.

UK internships available through the Internship Programme

There is one week left to apply for UK internship vacancies offered through the [Internship Programme](#); the application deadline is Sunday 12 March 2017. A huge variety of opportunities are available in sectors including charities, research, think tanks, education, finance and heritage. You can apply for up to two UK internships. All details of the internship opportunities are available on CareerConnect.

For advice on applications, view the [guide to support for your application](#) (PDF), or attend an application support session at the Careers Service. To stay up to date, [sign up](#) to receive email updates or visit the Internship Office [Facebook page](#).

Apply to join the Student Consultancy Programme

The Student Consultancy is a programme where teams of students are trained to solve a real business problem affecting an organisation in Oxfordshire. It is an opportunity to get an insight into a career sector of your choice over the course of a term. Past teams have worked with clients including Oxfam, Oxford City Council and the Pegasus Theatre; a range of new organisations are added each term. You are advised to apply for the Trinity term programme via CareerConnect as soon as possible as places are filled on a rolling basis. For more information, visit the [Careers Service website](#).

Intensive Week 9 language courses – Japanese course added

The Language Centre is offering intensive courses running in Week 9 of Hilary term (13-17 March). A Japanese class for beginners and near beginners is a new addition to this term's schedule. There are a few spaces left on the other languages classes: French; German; Spanish and Arabic. For more information and to book a place, email admin@lang.ox.ac.uk.

Podcasts for examination preparation

A series of podcasts are available in the 'Student Life at Oxford' series to support preparation for upcoming examinations. The podcasts suggest ways of achieving a balanced approach to thinking about examinations, how to get started with revision and exercises to help you relax before and during examinations. You can find these and additional podcasts on the [Oxford Students website](#).

Play grass court tennis in University Parks

Oxford University Parks Tennis Association offers students a discounted membership rate to play grass court tennis in the University Parks during the summer. Student membership costs £25 for the 2017 season (22 April–30 September) and the courts are open seven days a week. Players of all standards welcome. There are club sessions on Wednesday evenings and Saturday afternoons. For further information and to download a membership form, visit the [University Sport website](#).

Degree Ceremony brochure available online

The 2016/17 Degree Ceremony brochure is available to view and download from the [Oxford Students website](#). The brochure includes information on what happens at the ceremony, instructions for candidates on dress, a history of the Sheldonian Theatre and joining the alumni community.

International study abroad opportunities – summer 2017

Applications are open for the International Alliance of Research Universities (IARU) Global Summer Program. This is an exciting learning opportunity for any student who wishes to study at another IARU member university during the 2017 Long Vacation. A full list of the range of courses on offer can be found on the [IARU website](#). Applications close on Friday 17 March 2017. More information on how to apply, eligibility and associated funding opportunities can be found on the [IARU webpage](#).

Jenkins Memorial Fund Scholarships

Scholarships are available to undertake study in Humanities and Social Sciences at a Europaeum partner university. Awards of up to £10,000 are available for periods ranging from three months to one year. Applications close on Friday 17 March 2017. For more information, visit the [Jenkins Memorial Fund Scholarship webpage](#).

Australian Bicentennial Scholarships and Fellowships

Annual awards are offered of up to £4,000 to enable graduate students to undertake a period of academic research or study in Australia. Applications are open until Friday 28 April 2017. For more information, visit the [scholarship webpage](#).

OxTALENT Awards 2017

Have you built a website, app, e-book or game? Used social media in an innovative way with other students? Spotted a problem and used digital technology to solve it?

The OxTALENT awards recognise and reward the innovative use of digital technology to support the University's activities. You are invited to enter one of the following categories: Innovative teaching and learning with technology; Outreach and widening participation; Public engagement; Data visualisation; Digital media; Research posters. Entries close on Friday 28 April 2017. For further information and to enter the competition, visit the [OxTALENT website](#).

Plagiarism avoidance course

Academic integrity requires you to accurately record the source of words, ideas, diagrams, images and research results that you use or refer to in your work. You can register to attend a free session on academic writing skills and how to avoid inadvertent plagiarism. Topics include how to use Turnitin plagiarism awareness software and an overview of paraphrasing and summarising.

- Plagiarism – awareness and avoidance, 12:30–13:30, Thursday 9 March 2017, IT Services, 13 Banbury Road

To book your place, visit the [IT Services website](#) and click 'book a course' then search for 'plagiarism' and select the top course.

Take part in clinical trials

The Jenner Institute is looking for healthy volunteers to participate in clinical vaccine trials, for which compensation is provided. If you would like to help further vaccine research, contact the Volunteer Coordinator by emailing vaccinetrials@ndm.ox.ac.uk, calling 01865 (6)11424 or visiting the [Jenner Institute website](#).

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