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Funding your studies

Congratulations on getting an offer from the University of Oxford, whether unconditional or conditional at this stage. This newsletter provides important information to help you to prepare for Oxford. Look out for support and welfare information in July's edition.

Time to think about funding

Funding advice is outlined on the [fees and funding](#) website. In particular, we recommend the Alternative Guide to Postgraduate Funding. This Guide, published by an external company called GradFunding, gives advice about applying for funding from charities and trusts, provides a searchable database of funders and advises on how to make a strong application. The Guide can be accessed from our [other sources of funding](#) page.

You may also find external funding opportunities via the list of funders on our [external scholarships](#) page or through an external resource such as www.scholarship-search.org.uk.

Oxford scholarships

Our [fees, funding and scholarship search](#) tool includes details of all scholarships worth over £2,000 available from the University and its colleges. The deadlines for most of these scholarships are now likely to have passed for 2014-15 entry, but there may still be some schemes which are still open for applications.

Pre-sessional course in English

There are resources available at the [University Language Centre](#) if your first language is not English. The [Pre-sessional course in English for academic purposes](#) offers you the opportunity to spend either four or eight weeks preparing for study. Courses begin on 28 July 2014. The Language Centre also offers resources for independent study in the Language Centre library and online English teaching tools.

Finding accommodation

There is a wide range of accommodation options available to graduate students, both privately and within the University, to suit a variety of needs and living arrangements. Your college will contact you to confirm whether they can offer you accommodation during your studies. If college accommodation is not available or right for you, the University's [Accommodation Office](#) can help find a suitable property for you and, where required, your partner and/or children. You can also find out more about living in Oxford through the [Graduate Admissions website](#), the [Oxford University Student Union](#) or the [Oxford Student Pad](#).

Your first stop for information

The [Oxford Students website](#) provides important information [before you arrive](#) as well as during your studies at Oxford. From signing your University contract and getting access to email, to support from the Disability Advisory Service and advice on preparing to study. You can also hear about what life is like at Oxford from the point of view of current students on the [wall of faces](#).

Your college or department will also be able to help you with any specific queries, or use our [Ask a Question](#) tool.

Note: This email has been sent to conditional and unconditional University of Oxford offer holders. This email does not mean that your place is confirmed.

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