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Student News



Week 0 - Trinity term 2015

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Micro-internships available in Trinity term 2015

The Careers Service Internship Office is offering a number of micro-internships during Week 9 of Trinity term (22-26 June 2015). The opportunities, lasting between two and five days, will enable you to develop a wide range of employability skills while working on a defined project of value to an organisation in Oxfordshire. The internships are available in: human resources, charities and not-for-profit, sustainability and the environment, museums and University of Oxford departments. Applications close on Friday 22 May 2015. Find out more on [the Internship Office website](#).

Student finance applications now open

Student finance applications are now open for 2015/16 for all UK and EU students. You must reapply for each year of your course, and should do so as soon as possible to ensure your funding is in place for Michaelmas term 2015. To be considered for Oxford's financial support in 2015/16, you must be financially assessed in your application for UK government funding. Find out more about [student finance applications](#).

Registration deadline for Trinity term students

Trinity term course students are required to complete their annual University registration by Friday, 1 May 2015 (Week 1 of term). Registering using Student Self Service ensures that you gain/maintain access to all University facilities and services and that your UK Student Loan is released (where applicable). If you are required to register in Trinity term you will have received an email with instructions. A guide to registration is available on the [Oxford Students website](#).

Trinity term Orientation 2015

The [Orientation Programme](#) for all students starting in Trinity term will be held from 14:00-17:00 on Friday 24 April at the Careers Service, 56 Banbury Road. Eligible students will have received an invitation by email, but if you have any further queries, email [Student Information](#).

Immigration health surcharge for non-EEA nationals

If you need to extend your visa, or apply for a new visa for more than six months for a new course, you will need to pay the immigration health surcharge, which was introduced on 6 April 2015. The charge, which should be paid at the time of your visa application, is £150 per year or part year of more than six months, plus £75 for a part year of six months or less, with the same charge applying to each dependant. Further information is available on the [student visa web pages](#) and the [Home Office website](#).

ATAS clearance now required with all visa types

ATAS (Academic Technology Approval Scheme) clearance is now required to study certain science, engineering and technology subjects at undergraduate, masters and research degree level on all types of time limited visas (not just the Tier 4 student visa). If your subject requires [ATAS clearance](#), you will need to obtain an ATAS certificate if you get a new visa or a visa extension after 6 April 2015. Please contact your college or department for advice. If you hold a non-Tier 4 visa issued before 6 April 2015, you do not need to apply for an ATAS certificate until you have to extend or renew your visa.

Free Bodleian iSkills workshops during Trinity term

Finding Stuff - Scholarly literature for your research: Taking place from 14:00-17:00 on Monday 27 April 2015, this workshop offers a practical introduction to searching for scholarly materials to support your research, covering a range of tools for finding monographs, journal articles, conference papers, theses and more.

Online resources for historians: A general introduction to the vast range of electronic resources which are available for all historical periods for British and European history. The workshop will be held from 09:15-10:30 on Friday 1 May 2015.

For a full list of Bodleian iSkills workshops and to book your place, visit the [Bodleian Libraries website](#).

Vice-Chancellor's Social Impact Awards

Nominations for the Vice Chancellor's Social Impact Awards are now open. The awards are presented to any Oxford student who has shown exceptional achievement in creating social change. Previous winners have been recognised for volunteering in the local community, raising funds for charity, campaigning and carrying out research on social and environmental issues. For details on how to nominate yourself or somebody that you know, before noon on Sunday 26 April 2015, visit the [Oxford Hub website](#).

French, German, Spanish and Italian language courses

Gain an introduction to a new language or brush up an old one. The Language Centre is running intensive two-day courses on 16-17 May 2015 (German and Italian) and 23-24 May 2015 (French and Spanish), at beginner, lower intermediate and upper intermediate (French only) levels. Visit the [Language Centre website](#) or email admin@lang.ox.ac.uk for more information.

Student IT Innovation Fund Trinity term challenge

Applications for the Student IT Innovation Fund Trinity term challenge are open. You can submit project ideas for digital initiatives that would improve the academic experience at Oxford for the opportunity to receive up to £100,000 of funding. Find out more on the [Student IT Innovation Fund website](#), or [submit your ideas and register](#). Applications close on Friday 8 May 2015.

Green Impact Auditor training

Apply to become a Green Impact Auditor to help the University improve its sustainability, while gaining practical experience to add to your CV. Volunteers will attend an Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment approved training course on Wednesday 6 May 2015, before putting your new auditing skills to the test by working with the University's Green Impact teams to ensure departments across the University achieve their green impact criteria. Apply using the [online form](#), or email your questions to the University's [Sustainability team](#).

Sports hall named in honour of 'model scholar-athlete'

The first phase of the University's new sports centre at Iffley Road is to be named in memory of former Oxford student, rowing Blue and Olympic medal winning cox Dr Acer Nethercott, who died two years ago aged 35. The Acer Nethercott Sports Hall will be the first building of the redevelopment of the Iffley Road sports complex, a £60 million project that will increase the available space for University sports clubs and members of the local community. Subsequent phases of the sports complex will include an indoor tennis centre, a combined rugby and rowing training centre, and a new grandstand incorporating a cricket school.

Illicit alcohol and tobacco is no bargain

The sale of illicit and potentially harmful alcohol and tobacco is widespread and criminal gangs are targeting students. Illicit alcohol is not produced to any recognised standard and can seriously damage your health. To help avoid this: always buy alcohol and tobacco from a reputable retailer, check the labelling and buy recognisable brands. If you are offered any alcohol or tobacco products which you suspect may be illegal, contact [HMRC](#) on 0800 595000 or via [email](#).

Lecture: Why can't I just stop smoking?

Paul Aveyard, Professor of Behavioural Medicine at the University of Oxford's Nuffield Department of Primary Care Health Sciences will look at how our brains respond to cigarette smoking and the way those responses drive continued smoking, sometimes against our will. Understanding the way these brain processes work can help us understand how we can help people stop smoking. This free lecture, taking place at the Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre (OX3 7LD) from 18:00 on Thursday 7 May 2015, is open to all.

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