

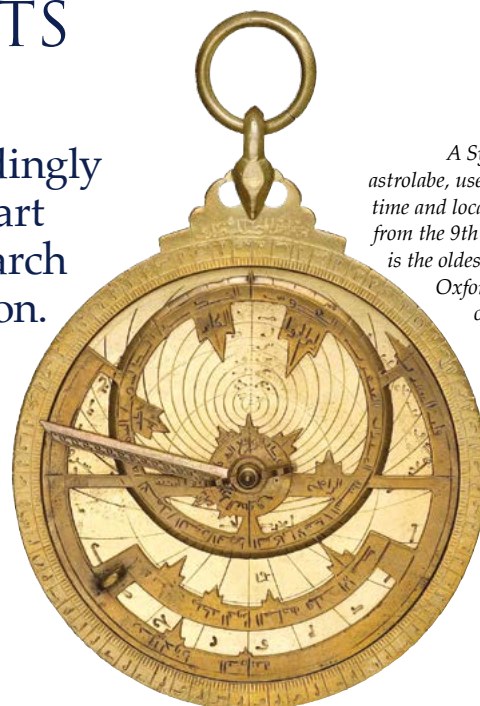
# INTERNATIONAL OXFORD HIGHLIGHTS

By any objective measure Oxford is outstandingly international, and these links are a critical part of the University's academic quality, its research and its contribution to global higher education.

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Among the most distinctive elements of Oxford's international profile are:

- ◆ Oxford University Press has more global locations (60+) and a larger global educational impact than any other university press. 270,000 teachers attend OUP teacher training workshops annually and more than 500,000 individuals and institutions take OUP's online English exams.
- ◆ Our **Tropical Medicine laboratories** undertake ground-breaking research and employ more than 1,500 people in Asia and Africa, making them the largest university overseas research centres of any university.
- ◆ Our academics are also unusually active in **collaborating with partners abroad**: among a group of 24 leading global peers, only two universities have a higher proportion of internationally co-authored papers.
- ◆ Oxford leads the UK by a wide margin in attracting **international research funding**, £160m in 2015–16. This figure is up by more than 50% over the last five years.
- ◆ Our **students** are more international than most leading global peers. 41% of our students are international (2015–16 data), up from 34% in 2006. 15% of our students are non-UK EU nationals and 26% are from overseas. Overall, 19% of undergraduates and 63% of postgraduates are international.
- ◆ Our **academic staff** has rapidly grown more international – rising from 31% international in 2003 to 48% in 2015–16.
- ◆ More than 74,000 Oxford **alumni** live outside the UK.
- ◆ The scale and quality of the **summer internships** we provide to students is UK-leading; the Internship Programme offered about 750 internships in 2015–16 (most of them international).
- ◆ Oxford's programme of support for higher education and policymaking in **Myanmar** is recognised as the most ambitious, wide-ranging, and well-funded of any UK university.
- ◆ Oxford's **#1 position** in the Times Higher Education's World University Rankings is driven in part by a high rating for 'International Outlook', which is based on the proportion of international students and staff and the proportion of internationally co-authored publications. Only two universities in the THES global top 25 score higher than Oxford on this measure.



*A Syro-Egyptian astrolabe, used to measure time and location. Dating from the 9th century, this is the oldest astrolabe in Oxford's Museum of the History of Science*



# International Oxford: new developments in 2015–16

## International students, staff, and alumni

The total number of **undergraduate applications** for 2017 entry exceeded 20,000 for the first time, led by an 8% increase in overseas (non-EU) applications.

The number of **international students** at Oxford reached a new high of 9,249, up from 8,890 in 2014–15. Our fastest growing source country is Brazil, which sent 140% more students to Oxford in 2015–16 than it did in 2010–11. Other fast-growing source countries include Romania, Spain, Italy, and Singapore.

Oxford hired a number of **leading academics** from abroad in 2015–16, including Wale Adebunwa, Rhodes Professorship in Race Relations, and Mihaela van der Schaar, Man Professor of Quantitative Finance.

Oxford welcomed 9 **visiting academics** from India and southeast Asia in 2015–16 through the Erasmus-funded NAMASTE and EXPERTS4Asia exchange programmes, coordinated by the International Strategy Office.

The Alumni Relations and International Strategy Offices launched a programme to connect **international alumni groups** with academics travelling to the region. The initiative enables alumni groups to arrange talks and social events focused on Oxford academics' current research. Starting with inaugural talks in India, the programme now has more than 20 participating academics across 9 countries.



## International research collaborations

Among the hundreds of research and related developments involving Oxford and international partners in 2015–16:

- ◆ The **Bodleian Library and China Publishing Group (CPG)** launched a major collaboration to create facsimiles of the Bodleian's antique Chinese texts. The link also supports academic exchanges.
- ◆ Oxford's **Nuffield Department of Medicine** has expanded its research in **Mexico** by signing six new agreements with Mexican institutions over the last year. NDM's work in Mexico began with research on malaria and dengue, and is now expanding into several other diseases endemic in Mexico, including chikungunya, Chagas and most recently the Zika virus. The aim is to develop scientific infrastructure and research capacity for vaccine development and genomic research across Mexico.
- ◆ During a visit to Beijing in August, the Vice-Chancellor met with Dr Li Bin, the Chair of **China's National Health & Family Planning Commission**, to discuss how to build on thriving Oxford health research links with Chinese partners.



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## International philanthropic funding

42% of the £273 million Oxford raised in philanthropic contributions in 2015–16 came from **international sources**, including 28% from North America and 14% from the rest of the world.

The **Rhodes Scholarships** will enjoy a substantial expansion, including new Scholars for Africa, the Middle East, and Southeast Asia, along with the creation of a new institute to support global leaders, thanks to a gift of £75 million from Atlantic Philanthropies.

The **Bonavero Institute for Human Rights Law** will be established at Mansfield College as a result of a gift from the Yves Bonavero family.

The **Laudian Chair in Arabic** has been re-endowed by Mr Abdulaziz Saud Al-Babtain. Established in 1636, the Laudian Chair remains one of the pillars of the Faculty of Oriental Studies and one of the most important chairs in Humanities at Oxford.

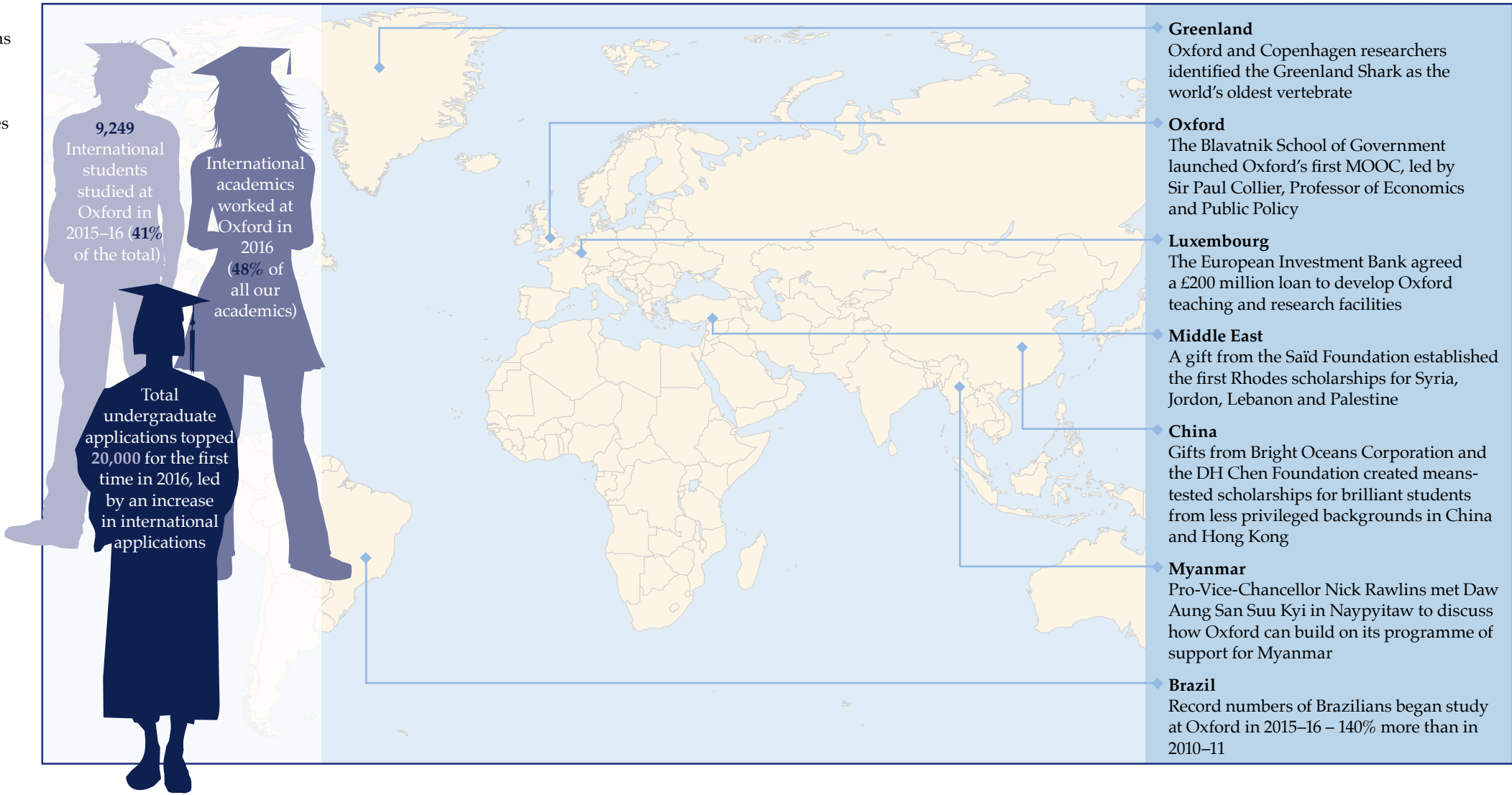
Oxford was able to establish new **graduate scholarship programmes** for students from multiple countries, via gifts from the Pershing Square Foundation, the Taiwanese Ministry of Education, the Hong Kong Jockey Club, and the Creat Group.

The University also created new **undergraduate scholarship programmes** to support students from China and Hong Kong, thanks to gifts from Bright Oceans Corporation and DH Chen.

**WildCRU**, Oxford's Wildlife Conservation Research Unit, crowdsourced over £750,000 to protect endangered species after the widely-reported illegal shooting of Cecil the Lion. WildCRU had been closely observing Cecil since 2008.



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## Connections with people and institutions around the world

The University's programme of support for **Myanmar** continued to expand, most notably through the launch of a new fund provided by the Blakey Foundation to support capacity-building visits by Oxford researchers to the University of Yangon and other Myanmar institutions. A delegation led by Pro-Vice-Chancellor Nick Rawlins met with State Counsellor Aung San Suu Kyi and several ministers in Myanmar in July 2016, while deepening collaboration with multiple partners.

Oxford launched the **Africa-Oxford Initiative**, supported by a network of more than 200 researchers across Oxford, and received support to fund a series of academic visits between Oxford and African universities. The Initiative is led by Professor Kevin Marsh and supported by the International Strategy Office.

Oxford announced the launch of its first **Massive Open Online Course (MOOC)**. 'From Poverty to Prosperity: Understanding Economic Development', led by Sir Paul Collier, Professor of Economics and Public Policy at the Blavatnik School of Government, is available on edx.org.

The **European Investment Bank (EIB)** agreed to provide £200 million for Oxford University's programme of improvement and expansion of research and teaching facilities. This represents the largest ever single loan for university investment by the EU's long-term lending institution.

In 2015–16 more than 9.1 million people made over 16.3 million visits to the University's **website**, viewing nearly 51.5 million pages. Almost 55 percent of these visitors were from outside the UK, with the biggest numbers of foreign visits coming from the US, India, China and Canada.

In the same period, the number of followers of the University's **Facebook** page grew by about 12 percent to an average of more than three million by summer 2016; in September alone, Oxford Facebook posts received more than three million likes. Twitter followers grew by 25 percent to over 300,000. In China, the University's Sina Weibo page had almost 34,000 followers by the end of October 2016.

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## Visiting delegations

Each year hundreds of guests and delegations visit Oxford to carry out joint work, to explore new links, or to learn about how Oxford works. Here is a sample of visits facilitated by the International Strategy Office:

- ♦ The Vice-Chancellor of **Hong Kong University** visited in February 2016 and signed an MOU to send Visiting Students to Pembroke College (adding to existing arrangements with Wadham and Hertford Colleges).
- ♦ The Vice-Chancellor and the Registrar of the **University of Canterbury**, New Zealand, visited in May 2016 to re-new the successful Oxford-Canterbury Academic Staff Exchange Programme for a further five years. Canterbury has also created a new summer programme for 20 Oxford students.
- ♦ The Hon. Mr Zhou Qiang, **Chief Justice of the People's Republic of China** & President of the Supreme People's Court, visited in June 2016. Mr Zhou visited the Bodleian Library to view the Magna Carta and other treasures and then met with colleagues in the Law Faculty.
- ♦ The **Minister of Science & Technology of India**, Harsh Vardhan, visited in June 2016. He visited the Oxford Institute of Biomedical Engineering (IBME), highlighting a joint project on prosthetic limbs with the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore and the Global Jet Watch astronomy project, supported by girls at a boarding school in rural India.
- ♦ A delegation of ten **Indian student politicians** in December 2015 met with colleagues from Blavatnik School of Government and Oxford India Centre, had a tour of the Weston Library, visited Exeter College for lunch and met with student politicians from Oxford.
- ♦ Eight members of the **Saudi Shura Council** (sometimes referred to as the Saudi parliament) visited in December 2015 with a view to learning about Oxford research relevant to Saudi Arabia. The delegation visited the Middle East Centre, the Blavatnik School of Government and the School of Archaeology and interacted with academics from a wide range of departments engaged in research relevant to Saudi Arabia.

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