

# Postgraduate Study at the University of Oxford

A guide to applying for students from India



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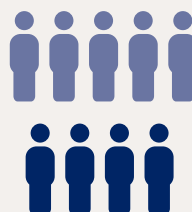
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The University of Oxford is ranked first in the UK and joint second in the world\*, and is renowned for its teaching and research across the arts and sciences. Oxford seeks to attract the best students from around the world. Currently, over 300 Indian postgraduate students are studying in Oxford's historic libraries, conducting research in our state-of-the-art laboratories and enjoying membership of our world-famous colleges. Oxford's connection with India dates back to 1579.

\*Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2013-14



Postgraduate students make up around **45%** of Oxford's student body.



**5,403**  
Students on Postgraduate Research Degrees (eg DPhil, MSc by Research)

**4,447**  
Students on Postgraduate Taught Degrees (eg MSc, MSt, MPhil)



# Scholarships

*Over 900 fully-funded scholarships are available for new master's and doctoral students in 2015-16 from the University, our colleges and supporters.*

Oxford offers full scholarships covering tuition fees and living costs to give the brightest candidates from around the world the opportunity to pursue postgraduate study. Scholarships are available for the full academic range of Oxford's postgraduate courses and are usually awarded on the basis of academic excellence. You will be automatically considered for most of Oxford's scholarships if you apply by the relevant January deadline.

## Clarendon Fund

The Clarendon Fund offers over 130 full scholarships every year. Clarendon scholarships cover full fees as well as a generous grant for living expenses – funded by Oxford University Press, Oxford's colleges and other external partners. All applicants are automatically considered. [www.clarendon.ox.ac.uk](http://www.clarendon.ox.ac.uk)

## Felix Scholarships

Felix Scholarships have been supporting Indian postgraduate students since 1991. There are up to six full scholarships available for new Indian students studying at Oxford each year. [www.felixscholarship.org](http://www.felixscholarship.org)

## Rhodes Scholarships

The Rhodes Scholarships are the oldest and most prestigious international postgraduate scholarships in the world, awarding 83 full scholarships each year, including five to students from India. Since the first Indian Rhodes Scholars came to Oxford in 1947, over 200 Indian students have been awarded this scholarship. [www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk](http://www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk)

## Other scholarships available for students from India include:

- Ertegun Graduate Scholarship Programme in the Humanities
- British Chevening Scholarships
- Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan
- Commonwealth Shared Scholarship Scheme
- Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies (OCIS) Scholarship
- Hilla Ginwala Scholarships
- Louis Dreyfus-Weidenfeld Scholarship and Leadership Programme
- Oxford-Indira Gandhi Graduate Scholarship

## Automatic consideration for most scholarships

You will be automatically considered for most of Oxford's scholarships if you apply for your course by the relevant January deadline.

[www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/scholarships](http://www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/scholarships)



## See our scholarships

Use our online tool to find postgraduate scholarship opportunities: [www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/fundingsearch](http://www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/fundingsearch)



## Oxford's courses

Oxford's postgraduate courses are short and high quality, facilitating students' swift career progression. Oxford offers around 200 master's-level courses (usually 9–12 months; some courses take 2 years) and 120 DPhil (PhD) programmes (3–4 years), across a wide range of disciplines. Students on master's-level courses attend lectures and seminars, and are typically assessed by exams and coursework. Students on doctoral courses complete a major research project and thesis, meeting regularly with a supervisor.

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## Oxford's colleges

As an Oxford postgraduate student, you will belong to a department which will provide your teaching and supervision. You will also be a member of one of the University's world-famous colleges. Belonging to a college is one of the most unique aspects of studying at Oxford and offers you access to a multidisciplinary community of fellow students from all over the world, with whom you can socialise. You can also enjoy stimulating discussions with students and academic staff from a variety of subjects. Some colleges are for postgraduates only, whereas others accept both undergraduates and postgraduates. All colleges offer meals and many provide accommodation too.

[www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/colleges](http://www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/colleges)



## Life in Oxford

Living in Oxford is a truly special student experience where centuries of tradition sit alongside a bustling and modern cosmopolitan city. There is a vibrant community of friendly and dynamic people from all parts of the world and a multitude of events take place on a daily basis, including art exhibitions, sports competitions, film screenings and concerts, as well as student-organised social and cultural events. Oxford is 60 miles from London and is a great base for exploring Europe.



## Oxford India Society

The Oxford India Society (OIS) was established in 2003 to celebrate the diverse culture of India. OIS has since developed into a large and active student-run organisation. OIS organise a number of events each year, including talks, cricket matches, festival celebrations and other cultural events.

[www.oxfordindiasociety.org.uk](http://www.oxfordindiasociety.org.uk)



## Frequently asked questions

- Q.** Do I need to contact a supervisor?
- A.** For PhDs, usually yes. See the selection criteria on your course page.
- Q.** Do I need a master's?
- A.** Many PhD courses require a master's degree in a relevant subject. See the selection criteria on your course page.

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# Applying to Oxford

Every postgraduate course has a main application deadline in **January**. You will need to submit a complete application by the January deadline if you want to be considered for most of Oxford's scholarship schemes:

- **Friday 9 January 2015** – Courses offered by the Medical Sciences Division, the Department of Computer Science, the Faculty of Philosophy, the Department of Politics and International Relations, and the Saïd Business School.
- **Friday 23 January 2015** – Courses offered by all other departments and faculties.

Some courses may accept applications for the other two main application deadlines – Friday 21 November 2014 and Friday 13 March 2015 – and/or after the main deadlines if funding or places are still available. Some also offer separate application deadlines for specific studentships, so check our online course pages for full course-specific information.

A complete application will include your CV, your official transcript(s), three academic references and a statement of purpose or research proposal. Some courses also require samples of written work, admissions tests, or a GMAT/GRE score.

*Everything you need to know about applying can be found on our course pages: [www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/courses](http://www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/courses)*

**Apply online: [www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/apply](http://www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/apply)**

## English language requirements

As part of meeting the selection criteria for your course, you will need to demonstrate your ability to study in English. Evidence needs to be in the form of a certificate of an English language test taken within two years before your course starts. The following table shows the accepted tests and required scores for admissions and visa purposes. Please check the online course page to determine whether your course requires Standard or Higher scores.

	Standard overall score	Additional requirements	Higher overall score	Additional requirements
IELTS	7.0	Minimum 6.5 per component	7.5	Minimum 7.0 per component
TOEFL ibt (internet-based)	100	Minimum component scores: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Listening – 22</li><li>• Reading – 24</li><li>• Speaking – 25</li><li>• Writing – 24</li></ul>	110	Minimum component scores: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Listening – 22</li><li>• Reading – 24</li><li>• Speaking – 25</li><li>• Writing – 24</li></ul>
Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency	C		B	
Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English	A		Not accepted	

[www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/englishproficiency](http://www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/englishproficiency)

## Essential requirements for postgraduate study

A first or strong upper-second class undergraduate degree, usually between 3.5 – 3.8 GPA (US) or a First Class/ Division in India

and

a number of requirements specific to your course, listed under Selection Criteria on each online course page.

## Visa support

We offer help and support throughout the student visa process for all our international students. Our website contains further details and you can also contact one of our Visa and Immigration advisers for guidance: [www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/visa](http://www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/visa)

**Challenger Mishra**, DPhil in Theoretical Physics (Exeter College), Rhodes Scholar, previously studied at IISER Kolkata.



*“The most surprising thing about being in Oxford is the ease with which I have engaged*

*in multiple disciplines, both academic and non-academic, enabling a multi-dimensional development of character. Oxford has provided me with world class facilities and has paved the path for a successful career for me in academia.”*

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## Careers

To help students on their way to exciting and fulfilling careers, Oxford offers comprehensive careers advice and support to all our students and alumni. This helps them to develop the necessary skills for applying for jobs, further study, and success in the workplace. The Careers Service provides access to UK-based and international internships, and work experience whilst you are studying, plus a wide range of employers and job opportunities for the next stage of your career.

[www.careers.ox.ac.uk](http://www.careers.ox.ac.uk)

## Alumni

The University of Oxford has a long history of providing students with the skills, experience, and confidence to follow their passions. Oxford has more than 1,300 alumni in India, supported by several local alumni groups including in New Delhi, Bangalore, Kolkata and Pune. Alumni in India can access a full range of benefits and services from exclusive social events to academic talks, networking opportunities and access to continuing education opportunities.

Oxford's distinguished Indian alumni include:

- Dr Manmohan Singh, Prime Minister of India from 2004 – 2014
- Indira Gandhi, first female Prime Minister of India
- Cornelia Sorabji, India's first female lawyer
- Amitav Ghosh, award-winning novelist
- Girish Karnad, playwright and film director

[www.alumni.ox.ac.uk](http://www.alumni.ox.ac.uk) | [www.oxbridgeindia.com](http://www.oxbridgeindia.com)

## Contact Details


Contact the Graduate Admissions and Funding Team:

Online: [www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/ask](http://www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/ask)

Phone (admissions): +44 (0)1865 270059

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**Neha Khanna**, MBA (Hertford College),  
previously studied at the University of Delhi.



*"I don't think you realise that you're in Oxford when you just look at the people because it's*

*so diverse, but when you look at the architecture and engage in conversation, that's when you realise you're in Oxford with the best in the world. During this year we've had some excellent speakers – the founder of Blackstone, the CEO of Burberry, the founder of Twitter. I really like the college system, I think it's one of the things that makes this experience so unique."*

[www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/india](http://www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/india)

### Undergraduate Admissions

If you are interested in studying for an undergraduate degree at Oxford, please look at the undergraduate admissions website:

[www.ox.ac.uk/undergraduate](http://www.ox.ac.uk/undergraduate)

or contact the team at:

[undergraduate.admissions@admin.ox.ac.uk](mailto:undergraduate.admissions@admin.ox.ac.uk)

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