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Congratulations on your offer

We're really excited that you have been successful in your application. We'll keep you informed on important news and anything you need to do throughout the process as quickly as we can.



Coronavirus (COVID-19): advice and support for offer holders

We hope this message finds you, your family and friends well, as coronavirus (Covid-19) continues to affect our lives.

We recognise that the current situation regarding coronavirus is causing uncertainty and difficulties, but please rest assured that we are committed to limiting any impact this will have on progressing your application. We will support you in the best possible way through the admissions process, and are committed to the highest standards of education, despite the ongoing pandemic.

We have created a page which provides a range of [information and advice for offer holders](#), related to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. Updates will be posted to this page, and we would encourage you to check this page regularly. Additional information about the University's wider response can be found on the [main University coronavirus advice page](#).

[Read more](#)



Scholarships and funding timeline

For the 2020-21 academic year, the University is offering over 1,100 [full or partial scholarships](#) for new graduate students. Most awards are made between late February and June. You can find out more in our quick explainer on [scholarship outcomes](#).

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English language tests

If you have been sent a condition of meeting the English language test requirement, we will now accept the TOEFL IBT (Special Home Edition), alongside the other accepted tests. You will need to achieve the same scores as for the standard IBT, as [detailed on our website](#).

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Up next: Colleges

If you have an offer of a place at Oxford, you're also guaranteed a college place (unless you're applying for one of a very small group of courses which are 'non-matriculated' - check your [course page](#) if you're not sure). Your application automatically goes on for college placement and you don't need to contact colleges yourself - for details on how it works, visit our [decision timeline](#).

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International Students



Online Summer Pre-sessional English Course

Are you an international student whose first language is not English? [The Language Centre](#) encourages you to join their Online Summer [Pre-sessional English Course](#) to develop your research skills, improve your spoken and written academic English and get to know the University. The five-week online course will boost your confidence in communicating your ideas effectively, interpreting and following academic instructions and time management. It's also a chance to make some new virtual friends from across the globe, with live sessions and group work all part of the course. [Find out more about registering.](#)

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International graduates at Oxford

Over half of Oxford's graduate students come from outside the UK. We often get questions about what it's like to live in Oxford – if you're curious, start with this [two-minute video about our international community](#).

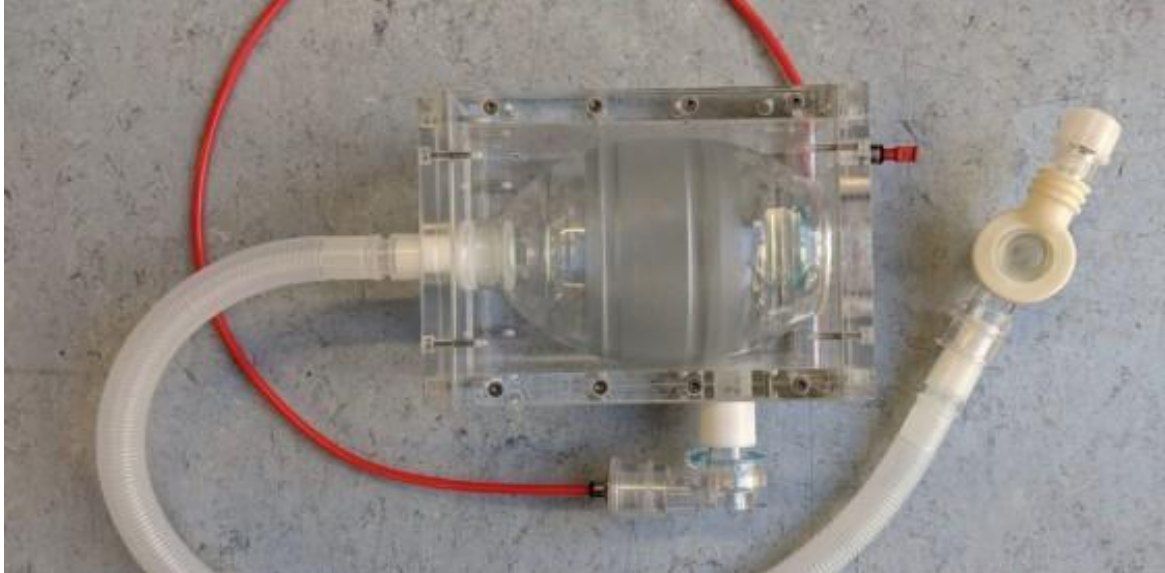
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Health Charge for visa holders

International students from outside the UK or EEA, must apply for a UK student visa (Tier 4). When you apply for a Tier 4 visa, you will also have to pay the Immigration Health Surcharge (IHS). This must be paid even if you don't expect to need any medical care from the National Health Service (NHS). The IHS is currently £300 per year, plus £150 for part of a year that is less

than six months, and is paid up-front at the time you apply for your visa for the number of years of your course/visa. For full details on how charging is administered, visit the [Home Office website](#).

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Leading the way for coronavirus research

Researchers across the University of Oxford are at the forefront of global efforts to understand the coronavirus (COVID-19) and protect our communities. You can find out more about our latest research and analysis from our official [Coronavirus Research Hub](#).

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