



# PREPARING FOR OXFORD

APRIL



## Offer Holder Support

We're back to provide you with information and advice about funding, as well as some useful information on coronavirus and reminders for international students.

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## **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 you. We will support you in the best possible way through the admissions process.

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](#).

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## Managing the cost podcast

Undergraduate students Helena, Joe and Dan, have teamed up with our Undergraduate Admissions team to discuss the financial support available to students and how they manage the cost of studying at Oxford. [Listen to the podcast.](#)

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## Oxford Funding

The University has generous non-repayable bursaries for full-time Home (UK) and EU students with qualifying household incomes, including additional support for UK students requiring extra help. Our Crankstart scholarships for UK students provide a higher level of bursary support, access to funded internships and volunteering opportunities. [Find out more on the University website.](#)

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## Government Funding

[Government funding](#) is available to UK and EU students – apply as soon as possible so that any funding you are entitled to is in place when you start your course.

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## Applications for the Oxford-Arlan Hamilton & Earline Butler Sims Scholarship opening this week

Applications will shortly be open for the [Oxford-Arlan Hamilton & Earline Butler Sims Scholarship](#)- a scholarship available to UK undergraduates of Black African and Caribbean heritage who come from disadvantaged backgrounds. The scholarship covers course fees (at the Home rate) and a grant towards living costs. An internship grant of up to £3,000 will also be available during your course. To find out whether you are eligible and for more information on applying, [visit the official scholarship page](#). Applications will close on 17 June 2020.

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## Accommodation at Oxford

All first year students are offered college accommodation either on the main site of their college or in a nearby college annexe. This means that your neighbours will also be 'freshers' and new to life at Oxford. This accommodation is guaranteed, so you don't need to worry about finding somewhere to live after accepting a place here. All this will be organised for you before you arrive. To find out more about the accommodation offered by specific colleges, visit the college website.

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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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### European Health Insurance Card (EHIC)

If you are a non-British student from the European Economic Area (EEA) or

### Health Charge for visa holders

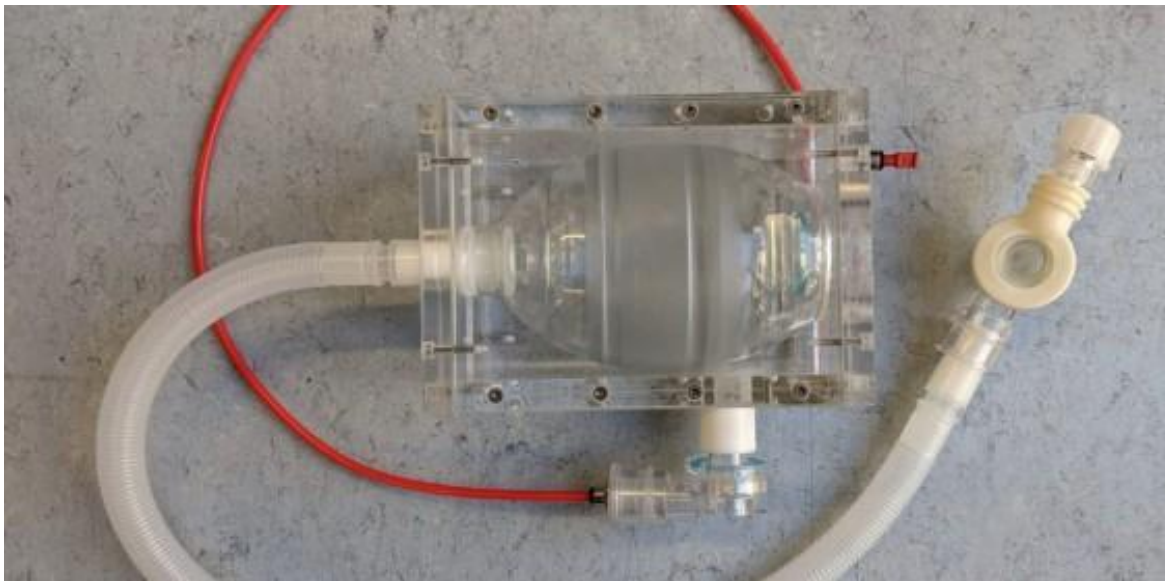
International students from outside the UK or EEA must apply for a UK student visa (Tier 4). When you apply for a Tier 4 visa, you will

Switzerland, you need to apply for a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC). The card will entitle you to medical care from the National Health Service (NHS) during your studies. You should apply for it before arriving in Oxford, as you will need to show the card if you need medical treatment. You can find out more about applying for an EHIC card from the government website in your home country.

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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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