

STUDENT NEWS

POSTGRADUATE - WEEK 4



Coronavirus update - information for students

The University is continually updating its advice for students and staff on the [University website](#). The risks to individuals in the UK remains low. The [recommended steps](#) people should take to protect themselves against Coronavirus are the same as those to avoid flu and any other similar respiratory infections.

We understand that students may be worried about friends and family members in China, and our thoughts go to all those affected by this outbreak. Oxford has a strong history of welcoming Chinese students and staff to the UK, and they are an integral part of our international community. Harassment and discrimination of any kind, including racial harassment, are totally unacceptable at the University.

If you are travelling from China or other affected areas soon, or know someone who is, further information on what to do can be found on the [University website](#).

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Industrial action - information for students

Industrial action will take place at Oxford and other Universities in February and March. A total of 14 days of strike action is planned by the UCU, starting Thursday 20 February. A full list of dates and further information is now available on the dedicated [web page](#). While recognising our colleagues' right to strike, the University is working to minimise disruption for students - and steps are being taken to ensure students are not disadvantaged in examinations and assessments. The page includes background information about the strike; an overview of its effects on teaching, and how this is being managed; and answers to many of the questions that you may have. You can find the page on the [Oxford Students website](#).

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Academic Life



Get to grips with Oxford degree ceremonies

Some of the traditions in Oxford's degree ceremonies are hundreds of years old, and parts of them take place in Latin. This can mean it's hard for students to know what to do and when on the day. That's why the University has developed a short animated video – to help you make the most of your graduation day. The animation gives an overview of what to wear, the format of the event, and where you need to be at which points of the ceremony. The animation can be found on the [Oxford Students website](#).

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Alternative exam arrangement applications

The deadline to apply for alternative exam arrangements for Trinity Term exams is Friday, 14 February. The deadline to apply for adjustments to timetables has now passed and it may no longer be possible to accommodate such requests. Further guidance on how to apply for alternative exam arrangements is [available online](#).

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Oxford Life



Win a trip to Berlin with #LoveOXBER

Berlin is full of fascinating places to visit. Want to win a free trip there? Well you should enter the #LoveOXBER photo competition. All you need to do is upload a photo to social media in the run-up to Valentine's Day (3-16 February 2020) showing how you're supporting the community, using the hashtags #LoveOXBER and #Oxford. The competition celebrates the [Oxford-Berlin Research Partnership](#). Find out more and read the full terms and conditions on the [Oxford Students website](#).

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LGBT History Month Lecture with Louise Wallwein MBE

Attend the 2020 LGBT History Month Lecture with the renowned and award winning poet, playwright and performer, Louise Wallwein MBE on 12 February at 7.30pm. Louise will host her lecture 'Being a working class queer in theatre' in the Sheldonian Theatre.

[Book here](#)



Graduate access programmes for 2020: Applications for UNIQ+ and Wellcome Biomedical Vacation Scholarships now open

Designed for talented individuals from areas and groups under-represented at postgraduate level, these internships offer research experience in state-of-the-art facilities with supervision from Oxford academics and mentoring from graduate students. A generous stipend and free accommodation is provided in colleges. You will have the opportunity to improve your research skills and find out more about postgraduate study and research careers. Applications are open to

UK residents in their second year or above of undergraduate study at a UK or Irish university. The deadline is Monday 24 February at 12pm. If you or anyone you know might be interested in these programmes, visit the [Graduate Access microsite](#) for eligibility criteria, subject areas and more information.

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Make sure you vote in the Oxford SU Elections

It's easy to watch SU elections go by and not engage with the brave individuals who have put their hat in the ring to lead your Students' Union, but it's important that you vote to help set the agenda for the next academic year. Your Sabbatical Team make a real positive change to the lives of students at Oxford. Choosing your favourite candidate for each position will help to shape Oxford for current and incoming students. Voting opens tomorrow. Please [go online and vote](#).

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Visit the University of Oxford Museum of Natural History from home

The University's online collection has revolutionised how you can access the items and artefacts at Oxford. A new programme from IT Services means that you can see museum items online at the touch of a button. Find out more on the [IT Services website](#).

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Wellbeing & Welfare



Don't fall for the money mule scam

Fraudsters may approach you and ask you to receive money into your bank account and transfer it into another account, keeping some for yourself. People who do this are often referred to as 'Money Mules'. If you let this happen, this is classed as money laundering which is a crime. The Financial Fraud Action UK [website](#) offers further guidance on how to avoid unwittingly becoming involved in 'money mule' scams.

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EXAM WELLBEING
WWW.OX.AC.UK/EXAMWELLBEING

Exam Wellbeing - resources for all students

Navigating exams can be difficult, but the University is committed to supporting you through the process. A new Exam Wellbeing hub has been created to help when you have exams ahead. It offers a range of practical advice – giving you a chance to take charge of your revision; prepare and practice for exams; manage anxiety; and think about your physical care. The resources are now live on the Exam Wellbeing page on the Oxford Students website. This advice has been developed in conjunction with the Counselling Service in line with Wellbeing at Oxford - the University's campaign focused on student mental health and wellbeing.

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Careers & Entrepreneurship



Last chance to apply for Summer Internships

The Summer Internship Programme is open for applications until Monday 17 February. All opportunities are available exclusively to Oxford students, and can be applied to through CareerConnect. The deadline is midday on Monday 17 February. Applications for UK placements will open on Tuesday 18 February. The Internship Office is offering application support sessions for prospective applicants to discuss internship ideas; and get advice on CVs and applications. These sessions are taking place now and can be booked through CareerConnect. Email internships@careers.ox.ac.uk with any questions.

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12 FEBRUARY
OX AND
START-UPS FAIR

The H B Allen Centre, OX2 6NN
 Exhibitors: 16:30–18:00




www.careers.ox.ac.uk/fairs

OX and Start-up Careers Fair on Wednesday

Looking for a job in or around Oxford? Organisations with an OX postcode from a range of fields and sectors will beat this special event. On Wednesday, 12 February from 4-6pm at the HB Allen Centre, Keble College, Banbury Road, OX2 6NN. There will be an opening talk in the lecture theatre for students at 4pm, with the fair officially opening at 4.30pm.

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Get your Social Enterprise project off the ground

Take action and make Oxford a better place with help and funding. Students with a social enterprise idea or project can apply for grant funding of up to £5,000, support and training and connections with a community of ambitious individuals tackling social and environmental issues in Oxford. The Oxford Hub, in collaboration with Enterprising Oxford, is



All-Innovate Idea Competition

All-Innovate, Oxford's inter-college idea competition, is now open. Get together to form teams and then pitch your entrepreneurial ideas for a chance to win a top prize of £10,000, and two runner-up prizes of £5,000 each. All-Innovate is led by Oxford Colleges, in partnership with The Oxford Foundry. It encourages students at Oxford, regardless of discipline, to develop an entrepreneurial skill-

offering is opportunity. Find out more on the [Oxford Hub website](#). Applications close 28 February.

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set and generate entrepreneurial ideas. [Find out more on the official website](#). Applications close Sunday 16 February.

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Bursaries & Scholarships



Australian National University Study Exchange **[PG]**

There is an opportunity for a current graduate research student, studying any subject, to undertake a period of study or research at one of Australia's top universities. A travel grant is available to cover economy return travel and a visa. Applications close at 12pm on Friday 21 February. Please visit the [ANU Study Exchange](#) website for further information on eligibility and how to apply.

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Research & Innovation



Research highlight: Hardcore football fans experience intense levels of physical stress during matches

Football fans who are 'fused' with their team are more likely to experience intense – potentially dangerous – levels of stress while watching live football a study by Oxford researchers has found. The study which was conducted on Brazilian spectators during the 2014 World Cup found that particularly zealous fans are more at risk of experiencing high levels of the 'fight or flight' hormone cortisol.

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