



# GRADUATE ADMISSIONS STATISTICS ENTRY 2015–16

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The figures in the tables refer to candidates who applied for admission to graduate programmes commencing in the academic year 2015–16. Graduate programmes offered by the University of Oxford fall into two broad categories: research and taught. Students on research programmes engage in research under the supervision of an academic with whom they meet regularly. Supervisors provide advice about the specific project, the nature of research, data collection methods, and the standards expected. As part of their research degree, students often attend courses on specific research skills as well as a range of seminars and lectures. Taught programmes usually involve a range of core and optional courses and the submission of a dissertation. Assessment may be by coursework, as well as by examination papers and a dissertation. Study is supported by seminars and lectures. Figures for offers include all conditional or unconditional offers made by academic departments or faculties of the University of Oxford. Oxford's departments and faculties are organised into four academic divisions and the Department for Continuing Education. Figures for acceptances represent the number of candidates who returned a signed University contract indicating their acceptance of a place on a graduate programme. All graduate students at the University of Oxford are members of both a department or faculty, and a college. Candidates are permitted to submit applications for more than one graduate programme of study per year; hence the number of applications submitted exceeds the number of individuals who applied in any one year.



Erica Bower, Graduate Photography Competition

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- 24,645 graduate applications were received for entry in the academic year 2015–16. Of these, 8,602 applications (34.9%) were for graduate research degrees and 16,043 were for graduate taught degrees (65.1%).
- 18,537 applications (74.5%) were received from candidates with a country of citizenship outside of the UK. Of these, 4,725 (19.2%) were citizens of EU countries and 13,632 (55.3%) were citizens of non-EU countries. 6,288 (25.5%) of applications were from candidates with citizenship of the UK.
- 21,977 individuals applied to one or more graduate programme.
- The total number of acceptances was 5,312. Of those accepting a place at Oxford in 2015–16, 2,843 (53.5%) were male and 2,469 (46.5%) were female.

Division	Applications	Offers	Acceptances
Social Sciences	11,498	4,143	2,533
Humanities	4,018	1,651	880
Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences	4,820	1,437	904
Medical Sciences	3,146	715	545
Department for Continuing Education	1,163	546	450
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24,645</b>	<b>8,492</b>	<b>5,312</b>

\* Where a candidate is a citizen of more than one country, only one citizenship is taken into account: UK citizenship takes precedence over citizenship of an EU country, and citizenship of an EU country takes precedence over citizenship of a non-EU country.

## Divisions, Departments and Faculties

Figure 1a. Graduate research applications by Division

Division	Applications	Offers	Acceptances
Social Sciences	1,826	551	287
Humanities	1,231	555	251
Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences	3,392	994	590
Medical Sciences	2,079	468	365
Department for Continuing Education	74	12	12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,602</b>	<b>2,580</b>	<b>1,505</b>

Figure 1b. Graduate taught applications by Division

Division	Applications	Offers	Acceptances
Social Sciences	9,672	3,592	2,246
Humanities	2,787	1,096	629
Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences	1,428	443	314
Medical Sciences	1,067	247	180
Department for Continuing Education	1,089	534	438
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16,043</b>	<b>5,912</b>	<b>3,807</b>

Figure 1c. Graduate research and taught applications by Department or Faculty

Department/Faculty	Research			Taught		
	Apps	Offers	Accept	Apps	Offers	Accept
<b>SOCIAL SCIENCES DIVISION</b>						
African Studies Centre	0	0	0	106	45	27
Archaeology	55	40	20	134	81	45
Blavatnik School of Government	95	6	5	590	187	120
Centre for Criminology	44	15	9	113	51	34
Contemporary China Studies	0	0	0	82	34	22
Economics	163	60	25	521	156	54
Education	118	40	25	1,154	465	341
International Development	155	27	15	1,006	258	135
Japanese Studies	0	0	0	35	16	12
Latin American Centre	0	0	0	61	30	16
Law	370	119	70	1,341	363	255
Oxford Internet Institute	86	10	6	200	39	28
Politics & International Relations	247	84	37	457	123	70
Russian & East European Studies	0	0	0	88	34	16
Saïd Business School	134	13	9	2,480	1,234	804
School of Geography and the Environment	115	49	24	609	166	100
Social & Cultural Anthropology	76	35	10	276	131	62
Social Policy and Intervention	96	29	18	247	102	63
Sociology	72	24	14	131	50	24
South Asian Studies	0	0	0	41	27	18
<b>Social Sciences Total</b>	<b>1,826</b>	<b>551</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>9,672</b>	<b>3,592</b>	<b>2,246</b>
<b>HUMANITIES DIVISION</b>						
Ancient History & Classical Archaeology	32	19	6	38	22	15
Classical Languages & Literature	37	19	9	70	38	23
English	225	77	30	527	185	100
History	338	188	82	668	266	157
Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics	24	13	10	81	40	25
Medieval & Modern Languages	78	58	28	270	134	87
Music	48	19	10	83	43	22

Department/Faculty	Research			Taught		
	Apps	Offers	Accept	Apps	Offers	Accept
Oriental Studies	151	60	32	385	127	72
Philosophy	121	46	18	322	90	41
Ruskin School of Art	68	6	5	94	20	12
Theology and Religion	109	50	21	249	131	75
<b>Humanities Total</b>	<b>1,231</b>	<b>555</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>2,787</b>	<b>1,096</b>	<b>629</b>
<b>MATHEMATICAL, PHYSICAL AND LIFE SCIENCES DIVISION</b>						
Astrophysics	113	17	14	0	0	0
Atmospherics, Oceanic and Planetary Physics	28	11	3	0	0	0
Atomic & Laser Physics	90	34	18	0	0	0
Chemical Biology	30	18	10	0	0	0
Computer Science	289	86	60	469	179	135
Condensed Matter Physics	97	30	17	0	0	0
Doctoral Training Centre	502	119	84	0	0	0
Earth Sciences	71	17	9	0	0	0
Engineering Science	458	154	82	0	0	0
Inorganic Chemistry	78	57	36	0	0	0
Materials	168	76	34	0	0	0
Mathematical Institute	460	109	60	567	174	108
MPLS Division	189	36	29	0	0	0
Organic Chemistry	240	63	41	0	0	0
Particle Physics	53	19	16	0	0	0
Physical & Theoretical Chemistry	75	40	26	56	18	18
Plant Sciences	36	14	2	0	0	0
Statistics	114	23	18	336	72	53
Theoretical Physics	191	13	7	0	0	0
Zoology	110	58	24	0	0	0
<b>Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences Total</b>	<b>3,392</b>	<b>994</b>	<b>590</b>	<b>1,428</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>314</b>
<b>MEDICAL SCIENCES</b>						
Biochemistry	116	32	21	0	0	0
Clinical Neurosciences	63	24	16	0	0	0
Doctoral Training Centre	489	46	38	0	0	0
Experimental Psychology	115	33	20	111	17	12
Clinical Psychology - DCLinPsych**	0	0	0	24	24	24
Clinical Medicine	259	73	66	85	22	18
Orthopaedics, Rheumatology and Musculoskeletal Sciences	79	31	27			
Neuroscience	151	7	6	330	29	22
Obstetrics & Gynaecology	13	8	8	55	37	22
Oncology	158	39	34	32	17	14
Paediatrics	11	9	6	0	0	0
Pathology	74	14	9	0	0	0
Pharmacology	25	18	11	71	28	23
Physiology, Anatomy and Genetics	71	25	15	0	0	0
Primary Care	33	6	6	0	0	0
Psychiatry	60	22	16	0	0	0
Population Health	81	24	19	271	39	27
Radcliffe Department of Medicine	257	41	33	0	0	0
Surgical Sciences	24	16	14	88	34	18
<b>Medical Sciences Total</b>	<b>2,079</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>1,067</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>180</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION</b>	74	12	12	1,089	534	438
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,602</b>	<b>2,580</b>	<b>1,505</b>	<b>16,043</b>	<b>5,912</b>	<b>3,807</b>

## Worldwide Distribution of Applications

Figure 2a. Applications, offers and acceptances by citizenship type

Division/Department		UK			EU (Non-UK)			Non-EU		
		Apps	Offers	Accept	Apps	Offers	Accept	Apps	Offers	Accept
SOCIAL SCIENCES	Research	235	114	62	420	182	101	1,171	255	124
	Taught	1,957	949	667	1,677	675	421	6,038	1,968	1,158
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,192</b>	<b>1,063</b>	<b>729</b>	<b>2,097</b>	<b>857</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>7,209</b>	<b>2,223</b>	<b>1,282</b>
HUMANITIES	Research	419	238	108	239	125	52	573	192	91
	Taught	960	507	320	422	167	103	1,405	422	206
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,379</b>	<b>745</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>661</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>1,978</b>	<b>614</b>	<b>297</b>
MPLS	Research	1,135	338	239	806	268	173	1,451	388	178
	Taught	224	105	81	309	135	99	895	203	134
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,359</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>1,115</b>	<b>403</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>2,346</b>	<b>591</b>	<b>312</b>
MEDICAL SCIENCES	Research	633	184	152	502	115	92	944	169	121
	Taught	259	76	66	195	48	33	613	123	81
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>892</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>697</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>1,557</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>202</b>
CONTINUING EDUCATION	Research	18	8	8	7	2	2	49	2	2
	Taught	448	270	233	148	83	73	493	181	132
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>542</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>134</b>
<b>All postgraduate research</b>		<b>2,440</b>	<b>882</b>	<b>569</b>	<b>1,974</b>	<b>692</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>4,188</b>	<b>1,006</b>	<b>516</b>
<b>All postgraduate taught</b>		<b>3,848</b>	<b>1,907</b>	<b>1,367</b>	<b>2,751</b>	<b>1,108</b>	<b>729</b>	<b>9,444</b>	<b>2,897</b>	<b>1,711</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>6,288</b>	<b>2,789</b>	<b>1,936</b>	<b>4,725</b>	<b>1,800</b>	<b>1,149</b>	<b>13,632</b>	<b>3,903</b>	<b>2,227</b>

Table 2b. Applications, offers and acceptances by continent and programme type

	Research			Taught			All		
	Apps	Offers	Accept	Apps	Offers	Accept	Apps	Offers	Accept
Africa	428	56	32	984	246	143	1,412	302	175
Americas	1,070	352	169	2,877	1,207	668	3,947	1,559	837
Asia	2,386	471	251	4,970	1,212	752	7,356	1,683	1,003
Europe	4,558	1,614	1,010	6,905	3,105	2,150	11,463	4,719	3,160
Oceania	160	87	43	307	142	94	467	229	137
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>8,602</b>	<b>2,580</b>	<b>1,505</b>	<b>16,043</b>	<b>5,912</b>	<b>3,807</b>	<b>24,645</b>	<b>8,492</b>	<b>5,312</b>



## Gender

Figure 3. Applications, offers and acceptances by sex, Division and programme type

Division/Department		Female			Male		
		Apps	Offers	Accept	Apps	Offers	Accept
SOCIAL SCIENCES	Research	899	272	143	927	279	144
	Taught	4,761	1,691	1,075	4,911	1,901	1,171
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,660</b>	<b>1,963</b>	<b>1,218</b>	<b>5,838</b>	<b>2,180</b>	<b>1,315</b>
HUMANITIES	Research	593	244	121	638	311	130
	Taught	1,508	544	320	1,279	552	309
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,101</b>	<b>788</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>1,917</b>	<b>863</b>	<b>439</b>
MPLS	Research	957	307	177	2,435	687	413
	Taught	414	102	76	1,014	341	238
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,371</b>	<b>409</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>3,449</b>	<b>1,028</b>	<b>651</b>
MEDICAL SCIENCES	Research	1,104	247	189	975	221	176
	Taught	619	153	118	448	94	62
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,723</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>1,423</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>238</b>
CONTINUING EDUCATION	Research	34	7	7	40	5	5
	Taught	638	301	243	451	233	195
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>672</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>200</b>
<b>All postgraduate research</b>		<b>3,587</b>	<b>1,077</b>	<b>637</b>	<b>5,015</b>	<b>1,503</b>	<b>868</b>
<b>All postgraduate taught</b>		<b>7,940</b>	<b>2,791</b>	<b>1,832</b>	<b>8,103</b>	<b>3,121</b>	<b>1,975</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>11,527</b>	<b>3,868</b>	<b>2,469</b>	<b>13,118</b>	<b>4,624</b>	<b>2,843</b>

## Disability and Ethnic Background

Figure 4. Applications, offers and acceptances by Division and programme type: candidates with a declared disability.

Division/Department		One or more disabilities		
		Applications	Offers	Acceptances
SOCIAL SCIENCES	Research	106	40	25
	Taught	451	216	160
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>557</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>185</b>
HUMANITIES	Research	112	46	23
	Taught	284	125	83
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>106</b>
MPLS	Research	257	76	52
	Taught	59	27	21
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>73</b>
MEDICAL SCIENCES	Research	132	41	32
	Taught	48	15	13
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>45</b>
CONTINUING EDUCATION	Research	3	0	0
	Taught	103	45	37
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>All postgraduate research</b>		<b>610</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>132</b>
<b>All postgraduate taught</b>		<b>945</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>314</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1,555</b>	<b>631</b>	<b>446</b>

Figure 5. Applications, offers and acceptances by known ethnic group

	Applications	Offers	Acceptances
Arab	470	100	64
Asian	4,095	1,056	647
Black	1,323	261	170
Chinese	3,367	822	497
Mixed	1,302	452	302
Other	531	150	80
White	12,260	5,209	3,338
Information Refused	829	309	170
Not known	468	133	44
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>24,645</b>	<b>8,492</b>	<b>5,312</b>

## College

Figure 6. Candidates accepting a graduate place by College or Permanent Private Hall

### Non-Matriculated

Students on certain postgraduate certificate and diploma programmes (mainly within the Department for Continuing Education) are not affiliated to a college and do not attend a matriculation ceremony to become members of the University.

### Permanent Private Hall (PPH)

Permanent Private Halls are licensed by the University to matriculate students for degrees. They were founded by various Christian denominations and still retain their religious character.

COLLEGES	Research	Taught	All
All Souls	1	0	1
Balliol	58	59	117
Brasenose	34	69	103
Christ Church	32	39	71
Corpus Christi	19	17	36
Exeter	27	46	73
Green Templeton	54	215	269
Harris Manchester	9	62	71
Hertford	34	73	107
Jesus	28	46	74
Keble	32	87	119
Kellogg	42	366	408
Lady Margaret Hall	31	84	115
Linacre	79	116	195
Lincoln	51	94	145
Magdalen	43	38	81
Mansfield	24	49	73
Merton	46	35	81
New	40	76	116
Nuffield	19	13	32
Oriel	22	56	78
Pembroke	36	80	116
Queen's, The	29	33	62
St Anne's	45	138	183
St Antony's	46	205	251
St Catherine's	56	158	214
St Cross	101	117	218
St Edmund Hall	64	64	128
St Hilda's	39	47	86
St Hugh's	24	208	232
St John's	39	32	71
St Peter's	37	63	100
Somerville	30	55	85
Trinity	27	24	51
University	39	35	74
Wadham	30	58	88
Wolfson	108	99	207
Worcester	20	46	66
<b>PERMANENT PRIVATE HALLS</b>			
Blackfriars	7	21	28
Campion Hall	1	1	2
Regent's Park College	1	39	40
St Benet's Hall	0	14	14
St Stephen's House	1	31	32
Wycliffe Hall	0	15	15
<b>RECOGNISED INDEPENDENT CENTRE</b>			
Ripon College Cuddesdon	0	4	4
Non Matriculated	0	580	580
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,505</b>	<b>3,807</b>	<b>5,312</b>



### Further information

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