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Opportunities for collaboration with the University of Oxford – an overview



Opportunities for students to spend some time at Oxford

Joint programmes with the Department for Continuing Education

Oxford's Department for Continuing Education (OUDCE) runs many accredited and non-accredited summer schools of between one and three weeks' duration held at the department's home, Rewley House, or at one of Oxford's historic colleges. Some, such as the Oxford Experience programme, are open to all, while others are organised in conjunction with overseas partners.

The Department enjoys many long-standing partnerships with leading universities including the University of Chicago, New York University, Tsinghua University, and Kyoto University. Each year, a number of residential study programmes in a wide variety of subjects are offered for undergraduate and graduate students, as well as for university alumni. While most take place between June and September, several are also held at other times of the year. In addition to short (2–6 week) courses, OUDCE regularly hosts a number of visitors, both academics and students, who engage in research at Oxford for a minimum period of three months. The Department would be pleased to discuss partnerships with potential collaborators.

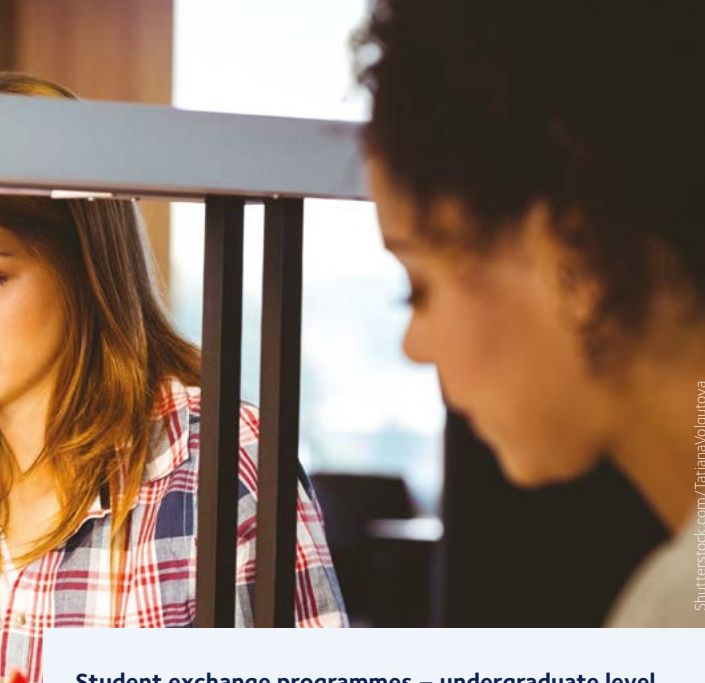


Summer research placements in departments – undergraduate level

Some of Oxford's academic departments, for instance the Nuffield Department of Medicine and the Department of Biochemistry, host undergraduate and Master's students from universities across key collaborating countries on a summer research programme. This gives interns the opportunity to work in a laboratory environment with an Oxford University Principal Investigator for a period of 6–8 weeks. These placements are not associated with a college, although college accommodation is often arranged. New partnerships are developed on a regular basis.

Visiting Student programme – undergraduate level

Visiting Student status is typically intended for undergraduate students who spend a year at Oxford. The programme is organised and run at the college level, with most colleges developing links with specific institutions abroad. Visiting Students become a member of an Oxford college, and it is that college that will arrange tuition and supervision. Oxford does not award a qualification for this year of study, but colleges can provide transcripts for credit purposes at home institutions. Students are usually undergraduates and follow the curriculum of an Oxford undergraduate course. University tuition fees and college fees are payable, so this is the most expensive option for students wishing to visit Oxford.



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Recognised Student programme – postgraduate level

Institutions are able to approach individual Oxford departments to discuss setting up a Recognised Student programme. These programmes enable students from another institution to stay in Oxford for a minimum of one term and a maximum of three terms. While at Oxford, the students receive a mentor who meets them regularly and directs them on a study programme. As part of the scheme, they have access to lectures, seminars, and libraries across Oxford. The status of Recognised Student is intended primarily for postgraduates of some years' standing engaged in research elsewhere who wish to work in Oxford on a specific topic under the guidance of an academic familiar with the chosen area of study. Recognised Students are not affiliated to a college and will not receive a University of Oxford qualification or formal accreditation for their studies here.



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Student exchange programmes – undergraduate level

Full student exchanges are substantial and complex programmes, which require careful negotiation and preparation. They are usually based on existing academic collaborations within specific departments and are initiated by Oxford academics proposing an exchange link with an institution abroad that they think would be of particular interest and benefit to their students. Exchanges can be up to a year and can include formal assessment which will count towards the final Oxford degree classification. The cost to the incoming student is minimal, as these programmes are based on a direct exchange. Incoming students are members of colleges while at Oxford. Tuition fees are waived in exchange for the outgoing Oxford student continuing to pay their fees at Oxford (although reduced). Currently, Oxford runs undergraduate student exchanges in a limited number of subject areas, including Modern Languages, Law with Law Studies in Europe, Biochemistry, and Engineering.

Doctoral research visit or placement – postgraduate level

Many Oxford departments host doctoral visitors on an ad hoc basis, mostly on the basis of personal connections with academic colleagues at other institutions. These visits can be either one-way or organised as part of an exchange, and logistical issues such as bench fees need to be discussed with the host department. Occasionally, external funding is available to support such visits. For instance, Oxford recently participated in two Erasmus Mundus programmes supporting visitors from South East Asia and from India.

Opportunities for partners to host Oxford students

Student exchange programmes – undergraduate level

As explained in the previous section, these two-way exchange programmes require institutional support, and careful negotiation at the departmental level, based either on established programmes such as Erasmus or close academic ties between the two institutions.

Oxford University Internship Programme – undergraduate and postgraduate level

Oxford's Careers Service runs the University's flagship internship programme, providing over 500 summer internship experiences for Oxford students in 40 countries. The programme includes opportunities for Oxford students to undertake funded research or summer school programmes at partner institutions abroad. The programme currently enjoys successful working relationships with many global research universities, such as Perm State University, Beijing Normal University, Huazhong University of Science and Technology, Tomsk Polytechnic University, and Aix Marseilles University. Research projects are varied in scope. Two examples are the Okinawa Institute of Science



and Technology hosting Oxford students for 12 week scientific research internships in areas such as Neuroscience, Mathematics and Physics; and Beijing Normal University running a 4 week certified internship, which in 2015 saw Oxford students helping with the curriculum design of an International Youth Leadership course. The internship programme is interested in expanding its links with institutions abroad in order to be able to offer more such opportunities to its students. Host universities are asked to provide partial or full financial support in order to ensure that a student's financial background is no bar to participation.

Opportunities for academics, including faculty and postdoctoral researchers



Departmental visits

Oxford departments host academic visitors on a regular basis and these visits are often arranged and supported at the departmental level. Again, they are based on existing academic links and partnerships. Arrangements for them are local and vary widely.

Centrally supported academic mobility programmes

There are also a number of University-level opportunities for academic exchange, including the Oxford/Canterbury Exchange Programme or the Wiener Anspach Foundation supported link with the Université Libre de Bruxelles. In addition, funded programmes, such as the Association of Commonwealth Universities' Titular Fellowship Programme or the Erasmus Mundus programme mentioned above, provide support for one-way academic visits. While these programmes are facilitated at a central level, visitors are hosted by individual departments and most practical arrangements are taken care of by the hosting department.

Professional development through the Department for Continuing Education

In addition to residential study programmes for students, bespoke professional development courses for university staff (academic and administrative) can also be arranged in areas such as management, leadership, and education. And, as outlined above, research visits can be arranged. The Department is always pleased to discuss potential partnerships, new course provision, and research opportunities with representatives of overseas universities at any point during the year.

Opportunities for research partnerships

Collaborative research

At Oxford, as in many other universities, collaborations are based on academic interest and partnerships are established as a result of individual contacts or colleagues across institutions having successfully worked together. Research collaborations are typically led by the relevant academic department and its researchers.

In order to explore possible avenues of international cooperation and collaboration, institutions are encouraged first to contact individual departments with which they know their academics would have research interests in common.

Joint research seed-funding

Oxford regularly runs small programmes in partnership with other institutions which see both partners disbursing seed-funding for collaborative research. Current programmes include a five-year link with the São Paulo Research Foundation, (FAPESP), launched in 2015, and the department-based partnership in Neuroscience with ETH Zurich and McGill University. Past partnerships have been run with Princeton University and the CNRS (the French National Centre for Scientific Research).



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