

# Graduate Study at the University of Oxford



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A guide to applying for **international students** 2016-17

[www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/internationalstudents](http://www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/internationalstudents)



# Welcome to Oxford

**1st** in the UK and  
**2nd** in the world\*

**1st** in the UK  
for research  
quality\*\*

**100+** libraries,  
including the  
world-famous  
Bodleian  
Library

**62%** of current  
graduate  
students are  
from outside  
the UK



Oxford is only 60 miles (95 km)  
from London and is a great base  
for exploring Europe

**10,173** graduate students  
representing  
**145** nationalities

Graduate students  
make up around  
**45%** of Oxford's  
student body



**5,637** students on graduate research degrees  
(eg DPhil, MSc by Research)



**4,536** students on graduate taught degrees  
(eg MSc, MSt, MPhil)

\*Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2015-16

\*\*Research Excellence Framework 2014

# Life as an Oxford graduate student

# 300+

graduate courses

Oxford's graduate courses are short, high-quality and in a wide range of disciplines, facilitating students' swift career progression.

- **Around 200 master's-level courses** (usually 9-12 months; some courses take 2 years). Students attend lectures and seminars, and are typically assessed by exams and coursework.
- **Around 120 DPhil (PhD) courses** (3-4 years). Students complete a major research project and thesis, meeting regularly with a supervisor.

See our **online course pages** for detailed information about all of Oxford's graduate courses including course content, selection criteria and how to apply:  
[www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/courses](http://www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/courses)

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colleges and halls accepting graduate students

As an Oxford graduate student, you will belong both to a department which will provide your teaching and supervision and also to one of the University's world-famous colleges. This is a unique aspect of studying at Oxford and offers you a multidisciplinary, supportive community of fellow students and academics from all over the world. All colleges offer meals and many provide accommodation too.

[www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/colleges](http://www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/colleges)

Applying for a college is part of the same application form as applying for your course. You can either let us find you a college or let us know your preferred college. If you receive an offer for your course, you are guaranteed a college place (although it may not be at your preferred college).

**36** colleges and halls accept both undergraduate and graduate students

**7** colleges accept only graduate students

# 400+

clubs and societies

Graduate students are well catered for by Oxford's student groups and societies which cover music, sport, performing arts, faiths, opportunities for volunteering and much more.

[www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/studentsocieties](http://www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/studentsocieties)



## Where will I live?

There is a wide range of University and college accommodation available to graduate students, including accommodation for couples, families and students with disabilities.

[www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/accommodation](http://www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/accommodation)



# Life after Oxford

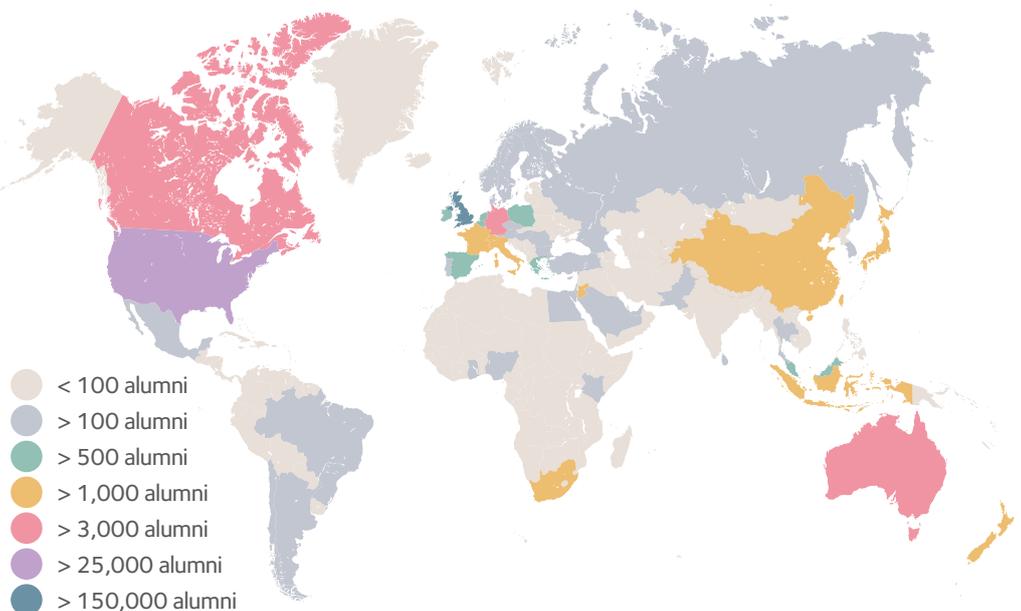
**92%** of Oxford graduate students are in **work or further study** six months after graduating\*

Oxford offers comprehensive careers advice and support to all students and alumni. The **Careers Service** provides access to hundreds of UK-based and international internships, and work experience whilst you are studying, plus a wide range of employers and job opportunities for the next stage of your career.

[www.careers.ox.ac.uk](http://www.careers.ox.ac.uk)

**200** alumni groups worldwide

Oxford has more than **230,000 alumni across the world**, supported by alumni groups in over 90 countries. Alumni can access a range of benefits and services, from exclusive social events to academic talks, networking and continuing education opportunities.



Aung San Suu Kyi

Oxford alumni include British Prime Ministers and international leaders, Nobel Prize winners, business leaders, renowned academics and everything in between.

[www.alumni.ox.ac.uk](http://www.alumni.ox.ac.uk)

**51** Nobel Prize winners are linked to Oxford



*'I plan to pursue a research career in statistics. I believe that graduating from a top university like Oxford will open many doors, regardless of what the future brings.'*

Jeremy Heng, DPhil in Statistics – Clarendon Scholar (St Cross College)

# Scholarships

**1,000+** full scholarships are available to new graduate students in 2016-17 from the University, its colleges and supporters

Oxford offers a wide variety of fully-funded scholarships, covering tuition fees and living costs, to give the brightest candidates from around the world the opportunity to pursue graduate study. Scholarships are available for the full academic range of Oxford's graduate courses and are usually awarded on the basis of academic excellence.

Use our **online scholarship search tool** to find scholarships you may be eligible for: [www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/fundingsearch](http://www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/fundingsearch)

## Applying for scholarship funding

For the vast majority of University scholarship funding, you will need to apply to Oxford for your course by the relevant January deadline. For **over 70%** of scholarships, nothing more than the standard course application is usually required. If you fulfil the eligibility criteria, you will be automatically considered. However, some scholarships may have different deadlines or require additional application materials so check the fees, funding and scholarship search.

Clarendon Weidenfeld Rhodes  
Santander Marshall  
Frost  
Fulbright  
China Scholarship Council  
Oxford graduate scholarships  
Ertegun Commonwealth  
Kobe  
Wolfson  
Oxford Australia

**44%** of new graduate students have full or partial scholarship funding\*

Our graduate funding website contains full details about Oxford's scholarship schemes: [www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/scholarships](http://www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/scholarships)

\*Students starting a new graduate course in 2013/14 only.

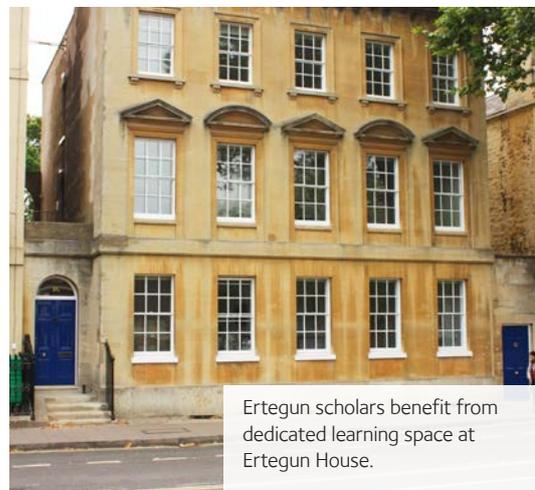


The 2014 Clarendon Fund Scholarships Annual Reception at the Museum of Natural History.



The 2014-15 Weidenfeld scholars' visit to Blenheim Palace.

Scholarships can provide additional benefits including academic and social events, and membership of interdisciplinary communities which span departments and colleges.



Ertegun scholars benefit from dedicated learning space at Ertegun House.

# Applying to Oxford

**January:** main **application deadline** for all graduate courses and most scholarship schemes

**Friday  
8 January  
2016**

Courses offered by the Medical Sciences Division, the Department of Computer Science, the Faculty of Philosophy, the Department of Politics and International Relations and the Saïd Business School.

**Friday  
22 January  
2016**

Courses offered by all other departments and faculties.

**You need to submit a complete application by the relevant January deadline to be considered for most of Oxford's scholarship schemes.**

Some courses accept applications for the other two application deadlines – **Friday 20 November 2015** and **Friday 11 March 2016**, and/or after the March deadline if funding or places are still available. Some also offer separate application deadlines for specific studentships. Check the course page to see which deadlines apply to your course: [www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/courses](http://www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/courses)

## English language requirements

The University accepts all the following tests for admissions and visa purposes. Please check the online course page to see whether your course requires standard or higher scores.

Test	Standard overall score	Minimum component scores	Higher overall score	Minimum component scores
IELTS Academic	7.0	6.5	7.5	7.0
TOEFL iBT (Internet-based)	100	Listening - 22 Reading - 24 Speaking - 25 Writing - 24	110	Listening - 22 Reading - 24 Speaking - 25 Writing - 24
Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English*	185	176	191	185
	*CPE taken before Jan 2015: Grade C		*CPE taken before Jan 2015: Grade C	
Cambridge Certificate of Advanced English*	185	176	191	185
	*CAE taken before Jan 2015: Grade B		*CAE taken before Jan 2015: Grade A	

[www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/englishproficiency](http://www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/englishproficiency)

## Essential entry requirements

UK Grade	US Grade
First/strong upper-second class undergraduate degree	3.5 – 3.8 GPA (4.0 system)

There are also specific requirements for each course, listed under **entry requirements** on each online course page.

## How do I get a visa?

We offer help and support throughout the student visa process for all our international students and you can contact our Visa and Immigration advisers for guidance.

[www.ox.ac.uk/students/visa](http://www.ox.ac.uk/students/visa)

## A complete application includes\*:

- Application form
- CV/résumé
- Official transcript(s)
- Three academic references
- A statement of purpose/personal statement or research proposal

\*Some courses also require samples of written work, portfolios, admissions tests, or a GMAT/GRE score.

Our online course pages contain full course-specific information on how to apply:

[www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/courses](http://www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/courses)

## What should my statement of purpose include?

The statement of purpose should be academically-focused, explaining why you chose the course at Oxford and what relevant experience you can bring to the course.

## Do I need to contact a supervisor?

For master's - usually no; for DPhils - usually yes. See the selection criteria on your course page.

## Do I need a master's?

Many DPhils require a master's in a relevant subject. See the selection criteria on your course page.



### Photos by our graduate students:

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### Graduate Admissions and Funding:

[www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/ask](http://www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/ask)

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[oxfordgradstudy](https://www.instagram.com/oxfordgradstudy)

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### Undergraduate Admissions:

[www.ox.ac.uk/undergraduate](http://www.ox.ac.uk/undergraduate)