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Dear FIRSTNAME,

If you have not already started, now is a good time to think about funding your studies; the April newsletter provides you with information about a range of funding opportunities at the University. Oxford offers generous financial support packages to Home/European Union undergraduate students in conjunction with UK government funding; use the Fees, funding and scholarship search to find out more.

Read on to find out more about the funding that may be available to you as you prepare to start university.

With best wishes,

Den Moore
Director of Student Affairs

Government funding

To access government funding, make sure that you apply to your government funding agency as soon as possible and request that anyone supporting your application also provides their financial information promptly. This will help to ensure that any government funding you may be entitled to is in place as close to the start of term as possible. Find details of your funding agency on the government support webpages.
If you are unsure about your eligibility to access UK government funding, visit the eligibility webpages of the Gov.uk student finance website.

**Oxford funding**

You will be automatically assessed for Oxford’s non-repayable bursaries, but you and anyone supporting your application must give your funding agency consent for the University to see your household income as part of your student finance application. You will be automatically notified if you qualify for Oxford funding from September onwards.

**Enhanced funding**

If you are a UK student from a lower-income household, you might be entitled to enhanced funding:

- **Moritz-Heyman Scholarship Programme**: open to UK residents from a household with an income of £16,000 or less. Provides additional funding, as well as access to volunteering and paid internship opportunities. If you are eligible, you will be automatically considered for this programme and notified from September onwards.
- **Lloyds Scholars’ Programme**: open to UK students from a household with an income of £25,000 or less. Provides additional annual bursaries, rewards outstanding academic performance, offers mentoring and paid internship opportunities and encourages involvement in the local community. Applications to the programme open on 3 May 2017 and you are encouraged to apply as early as possible.

**External funding opportunities**

You can review major sources of funding provided by organisations external to the University via the External scholarships webpage of the Oxford Students website.

**Managing your finances**

You should make sure that your basic funding provision is in place before the start of the academic year. Taking the time to think about your spending each academic year can make a real difference to your financial situation. Courses usually consist of three eight-week terms, but you may wish to budget for spending nine months in Oxford to ensure you can also cover essentials during the holidays. The Living costs webpage provides estimated costs of living in Oxford which should help with budgeting, while external resources, such as the Brightside Student Calculator, are also very useful.

**Your financial declaration**
Your college will require you to complete a Financial Declaration form to confirm that you are fully aware of the expected fees and living costs associated with your chosen course of study. It is your opportunity to consider very carefully the financial commitment you are entering into and to take full responsibility for it. Your college will contact you directly regarding your Financial Declaration and will confirm the date by which you will need to return the completed form.

Be aware of phishing scams

Phishing scams targeting prospective students are very common, so please be mindful whenever you are contacted about finances or asked for your personal details. If you have concerns about a potential scam you may contact the relevant team at the University (e.g., Student Funding; Student Immigration). To read more about phishing and how to stay safe online, visit the University’s Information Security website or the Student Loans Company website.

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