

# Oxford's first DPhil students

#### The first 50 DPhil students to graduate from Oxford, 1920-1924

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		Name	College	Thesis
	1920	James Brontë Gatenby Lakshman Sarup	Magdalen Balliol	Some modern aspects of the cell in development, general metabolism and inheritance Critical edition of the Nighantu and Nirukta
	1921	Frank Streatfield	Christ Church	Constitutional history of the French church, 1438–1682, with special reference to the
		William Davies	Lincoln	relations of Church and State  1. An investigation of the cumulative effect of chlorine, methyl and sulphonic groups in the benzene ring, 2. Synthetical experiments with the aid of beta-beta-dichlorethylsulphide
)		Edgar Gerard Croker Poole	Queen's	Some linear differential equations and the corresponding integral equations which arise from the treatment of wave motions in elliptic co-ordinates
		Karm Narayan Bahl	Merton	The development of the nephridial system in Pheretima, the blood-vascular system in Pheretime, and the gametogenesis in scorpions
		Anantaprasad Banerji Sastri William Russell Burwell	Non-collegiate Merton	Origin and development of Maghadi Differential equations
	1922	Mangal Deva Shastri	Non-collegiate	A critical edition of the Rigveda Pratisakhya and Uvata's commentary thereon with the translation of the Pratisakhya, introduction, notes and several appendices
		Shundo Tachibana Aiyadurai Jesudasem Appasamy	Non-collegiate Queen's	Ethics of Pali Buddhism The mysticism of Hindu Bhakti literature, considered especially with reference to the mysticism of the Fourth Gospel
		Tara Chand	Queen's	The influence of Islam on Indian culture
		William Montgomery McGovern	Christ Church	A study in the cosmological and causal theories found in Buddhist philosophy with special reference to the Chinese sources
		Walter Edwin Peck	Exeter	A re-examination of Shelley's life, 1792–1818, with especial [sic] reference to new evidence
		Hyam Leon Roth	Exeter	A critical discussion of the sources of Spinoza, with special reference to Maimonides and Descartes
		Alan Francis Titley  Boson Gabriel De Montgomery	Trinity	A study of the derivatives of epicamphor  British and continental labour policy - the political labour movement and labour legislation
			Trinity	in England, France and the Scandinavian countries 1900–1920
		Evelyn Mary Simpson	St Hugh's	The prose works of John Donne
		Subimal Chandra Sarkar	Non-collegiate	Some aspects of the earliest social history of India (especially the Buddhistic ages)
	1923	Erwin Ramsdell Goodenough	Lincoln	The theology of Justin Martyr
		Sydney Glenn Preston Plant	Magdalen	Some investigations into the chemistry of tetrahydrocarbazole and its derivatives
		Victor Albert Bailey	Queen's	On the diffusion of ions in gases Kant's treatment of causality
		Alfred Cyril Ewing Norman Sykes	University Queen's	Edmund Gibson, Bishop of London 1669–1748
		William Norman Thomas	Brasenose	The investigation of the effect of scratches upon the fatigue strength of metals
		Paul Robinson Norton	Christ Church	Sancti Johannis Chrysostomi Vita Scripta a Palladio Episcopo: An edition with revised text, introduction, commentary and an English version
		Ernst Roscoe Baltzell	Queen's Lincoln	Administrative legislation and adjudication in Great Britain and the United States  The political relations between England and Germany during the Thirty Years' War: with
		Elmer Adolph Beller  Wyszie Shionyu Chang	Non-collegiate	an introductory chapter on their relations between 1603–1618  Hegel's ethical teaching
		David Owen Evans	Jesus	The French Romantic Drama on Modern Subjects
		Calvin Jennings Overmyer	Oriel	A synthesis of substitution derivatives of indigo
		William Ray Dennes	Corpus Christi	Methods and aims of the principal recent works in group psychology
		William Yandell Elliott	Balliol	Some social reactions of the revolt against intellectualism with special reference to the American Pragmatists
		Frank Vigor Morley Crane Brinton	New New	An analytical treatment of the three-bar curve The political thought of the English Romanticists
		Kenneth Stuart Sandford	University	River gravels of the Oxford district
		James Cornelius Morrice	Corpus Christi	Social conditions in Wales under the Tudors
		Etienne Maurice Roux	Magdalen	Synthetic indigo
		Ernest Fraser Jacob	All Souls	Baronial reform and rebellion in the time of Simon de Montfort
		Denis Herbert Scott	Balliol	The determination of the vapour pressures of the alkali metals and a calculation of their chemical constants
		Thomas Lidyard Rosgyll Ayres George Roger Clemo	Exeter Queen's	lonization by electrons travelling with small velocities in various gases The introduction of the beta-chloro-ethyl group into phenols, thiophenols, aromatic bases etc
	1924	Kenneth Guy Blaikie	St John's	Synthesis of indole derivatives and allied compounds and their connection with naturally occurring products
		Robert Douglas Reid	St John's	Isomerism in metallic oxides
		Charles Reginald Schiller Harris		The philosophical doctrine of Duns Scotus Studies on the configuration beta-beta-Dibromo-dibasic acids and related substances
		Harry Raymond Ing Chittenjoor Kunhan Raja	New Non-collegiate	Studies on the configuration beta-beta-Dibromo-dibasic acids and related substances A rigvedic index: being a complete collection of Sayana's interpretation of rigvedic words, both when those words are inconsistent with one another,
		Lennox Algernon Mills	Magdalen	and when they differ from the interpretations of Western scholars  The growth of British power in the 19th and 20th Centuries in Malaya and the East Indies, with special attention to the Straits Settlements and protected Malay States
		Murray Fontaine Skinker	Exeter	Motions of electrons and ions in carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, nitrous oxide and natric oxide
		Robert Kent Gooch	Christ Church	The committee (commissions) in the chambers of the French parliament (1875 to present

time) and their influence on ministerial responsibility

## The first scholars

### A 'world university'

The first two DPhil students to graduate were Dr Lakshman Sarup and Dr James Brontë Gatenby, coming to Oxford from India and New Zealand.

The DPhil was designed to encourage aspiring research academics from around the world to come to Oxford. Around half of all Oxford's DPhil awards in the first decade of the DPhil were made to international students.

#### Women at Oxford

Though women had studied at Oxford since the late nineteenth century, they were not admitted as full members of the University until 1920. The first DPhil awarded to a woman, Dr Evelyn Simpson, came two years later in 1922.

### Academia and beyond

Many of the first DPhil alumni went on to become renowned in their fields, and some made an impact in other areas as well:

- 2019 Nobel laureate John B Goodenough is the son of one of the first DPhil students, theologian Dr Erwin R Goodenough (grad. 1923) who specialised in Hellenistic influences on Judaism and early Christianity.
- Dr William M McGovern (grad. 1922) is thought to be the real-life inspiration for Indiana Jones. By 30 he had explored uncharted parts of the Amazon and Himalayas, studied at Oxford and the Sorbonne, and became a Buddhist priest in a Japanese monastery. He was a war correspondent and US military agent in WWII, later teaching politics at Harvard and Northwestern University.
- Dr EGC Poole (grad. 1921) started studying mathematics at Oxford in 1910. When the First World War broke out he served with British military intelligency, using his mathematical skills to work on ciphers and code. He returned to undertake the DPhil and went on to teach at New College.
- Rhodes scholar, poet and historian Dr William Yandell Elliott (grad. 1923) worked at Harvard for 41 years after his DPhil. During this time he served as a political adviser and speech-writer for six US presidents, both Democrat and Republican.