

Frequently Asked Questions

What is VR?

VR (Virtual Reality) is the use of computer technology to create a simulated, 3D environment. Our VR app will make you feel like you are actually visiting Univ; you turn your head and the world turns with you.

Where can I get the Univ VR app?

Both IOS and Android users can download it – the Univ VR App is available in the Apple App Store (search “Univ VR App”) and via Google Play

Why have you done this?

The Univ, North Oxford project represents a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for the College; we have not seen an expansion like this since the Radcliffe Quad was completed in 1719. As not everyone is in a position to visit the College, we want to bring the College to you. VR is also a great way to showcase the architects’ plans in North Oxford.

Who made the app?

The app is the product of a collaboration between the Development Office, two University of Oxford postdocs, and the team at Neil McLaughlin Architects, who have provided the 360° images.

How do I get a headset?

We have created a limited number of our own branded VR headsets, which we can post to you free of charge (please email development@univ.ox.ac.uk) but, as these are limited in number, please also note that they may be purchased online from a range of retailers including Amazon.

How do I use the App?

When you open the Univ VR App on your device, you will have a choice between visiting a) the College, b) Univ North or c) our website. Navigation is very similar in both VR tours. To visit any of the locations, simply align the white dot with the location you would like to visit, it will open up to a circle, then tap the screen to enter. Our Univ headset has a space (marked “screen tap hole”) at the bottom, which allows you to insert your finger and touch the screen.

If at any point you would like to revisit the App’s home screen, look down and select the blue exit square – this will bring you back home. When visiting one of the 360 images at Univ North, you can always find your way to the main Univ North navigation page by looking down and selecting the house icon.

In many of the locations you visit in the Univ VR App, we have arranged for someone to tell you a bit more about the site. To get the full effect please make sure to have the sound on your device set to “on”.

We hope you enjoy the app.

If you have a question which is not listed, please get in touch - development@univ.ox.ac.uk