



Studentships and Scholarships 2026-27

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Introduction

Univ has a stated strategy of expanding the number of graduate studentships that it can provide, and in as many cases as possible we seek to make fully-funded awards to the most academically excellent applicants to Oxford. This is accomplished by leveraging the College's own funds (in most cases provided generously by alumni of the College) by linking them to other schemes throughout the University. These include University-held block grants from the UK's main research funding councils (RCUK awards); the prestigious Clarendon Awards offered by the University; and departmental or faculty funds that might be available.

In addition to these, the College has also formed links with the Rhodes Trust and co-funds up to three fully-funded Univ-Rhodes Trust studentships at any one time. These will be in any of the subject areas for which University College and the Rhodes Trust admits students.

Details of all our studentship and scholarship funds are provided below.

Fully-funded Studentships

Almost all of our linked studentships will be awarded as part of the partner department/faculty's (or division's) main annual studentship competition. These generally take place early in the calendar year and typically use the December or January deadline relevant to your chosen course for application to the University. Please keep looking at the College's web site, since details of any new studentships will be added throughout autumn as they are confirmed.

For 2026 entry we plan to offer approximately 30 fully-funded studentship packages, some for Masters programmes and some for Doctoral programmes. They are intentionally spread across academic disciplines and course durations. These studentships will cover all costs for your study (course fees plus a maintenance/living cost/stipend), and will be awarded by departments, faculties and the academic divisions to the most academically excellent applicants. Note that the University's main December/ January online applications deadline is the one used for the award of almost all of these fully-funded studentships.

For most of our studentships and scholarships, we will consider all eligible applicants to Oxford, regardless of whether or not you state University College as your preferred college on your graduate application form. If we offer you a University College scholarship or studentship we will also offer you a place at University College, which will take the place of any earlier college offer you may have received. There is no separate application process for these scholarships; you simply need to apply for your graduate course by the relevant December/January deadline detailed at www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/graduate

Information on how to apply for graduate study at Oxford can be found at www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/graduate

Univ Beacon Programme

For 2026 entry, the College will offer one fully-funded graduate [Beacon studentship](#) to a British student with Black African or Black Caribbean heritage who is accepted on to a master's degree course from which Univ accepts candidates (for a one or two year course). The studentship will cover course fees and stipend. An additional £2000 per year will be available to holders of Beacon studentships who undertake an approved internship or academic placement which is either unpaid or modestly paid, so long as it is compatible with their academic commitments.

All eligible graduate students who are admitted to the College in the usual way will be considered for a Beacon studentship. Priority will be given to applicants who do not have alternative funding.

Humanities Division Studentships

All eligible applicants will be considered for these scholarships, regardless of which college (if any) they state as their preference on the graduate application form. However, successful applicants will be transferred to Univ in order to take up the scholarship.

Fully-Funded Studentships in partnership with University Departments and Faculties in the Humanities Division:

Clarendon Awards (Humanities Division)

University College contributes each year College-linked awards to the Clarendon Fund competition. For entry in October 2026, there will be one University College-Clarendon Studentship in any of the courses for which the College admits in the [Humanities Division](#). Award-holders will receive a fully-funded studentship. All nationalities are eligible for Clarendon Awards. For further details of the scheme and of the application procedure please consult the [Clarendon Fund website](#).

Oxford-Swire Studentship in History (Faculty of History)

A fully-funded studentship is available for entry in October 2026. This will provide full funding open to outstanding students who apply for entry to one of the 1-year Master's courses offered by the [Faculty of History](#) for which Univ admits. The studentship will be awarded as part of the Faculty of History's annual studentship competition and will cover living costs and course fees.

Oxford-Anderson Studentship in Humanities (Humanities Division)

A fully-funded studentship is available for entry in October 2026. This will provide full funding open to outstanding students who are accepted for entry to one of the 1-year Master's courses for which the College admits in the [Humanities Division](#), with a preference for English, Philosophy, Modern Languages (especially Russian and Czech) and Oriental Studies. The studentship will be awarded as part of the Humanities Division's annual studentship competition and will cover living costs and course fees.

Oxford-Edward Orsborn Studentship (American History)

A fully-funded DPhil studentship is available for entry in October 2026, open to an outstanding student who is resident in the UK who applies for entry to undertake a DPhil in the area of American History ([Faculty of History](#)).

Ilchester Studentship in Slavonic Studies in association with University College

A fully-funded studentship is available for entry in October 2026. This will provide full funding open to one outstanding student who is accepted for entry to the [MSt in Slavonic Studies](#).

Partially-Funded Studentship in partnership with the Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies in the Humanities Division:

Edwin Davis Arnold and Run Run Shaw Scholarship

This is a joint award with the [Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies](#) of £16k pa towards the course fees for the period of fee liability. The scholarship is available for applicants to a graduate course in the area of Chinese studies from which the College admits.

Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences Division Scholarships

All eligible applicants will be considered for these scholarships, regardless of which college (if any) they state as their preference on the graduate application form. However, successful applicants will be transferred to Univ in order to take up the scholarship.

Fully-Funded Studentships in partnership with University Departments in the MPLS Division (including the Oxford-Radcliffe studentship scheme):

Oxford-Radcliffe EPSRC Mathematics of Random Systems CDT Studentship (Mathematical Institute)

A fully-funded Oxford-Radcliffe Studentship is available to an outstanding candidate who is accepted onto the EPSRC Mathematics of Random Systems Centre for Doctoral Training in the [Mathematical](#) Institute. The studentship will offer 4 years' full funding in partnership with the annual CDT studentship funding competition. Please apply to the CDT using the details outlined at <https://www.randomsystems-cdt.ac.uk/applying-oxford>).

Oxford-Radcliffe Studentship in Theoretical Physics (Dept of Physics)

A fully-funded Oxford-Radcliffe Studentship is available to an outstanding candidate who applies for a DPhil position at the Theoretical Physics Sub-Department within the Department of Physics. There is no restriction on the programme of study but preference will be given to a multi-disciplinary project. The studentship will offer 3.5 years' full funding in partnership with the Department. Please apply for graduate entry to the Physics Dept using the details outlined at www2.physics.ox.ac.uk/study-here/postgraduates).

Oxford-Radcliffe Studentship in iMAT (Inorganic Materials for Advanced Manufacturing (Dept of Chemistry)

A fully-funded Oxford-Radcliffe Studentship is available to an outstanding candidate who applies for a DPhil position on the Inorganic Materials for Advanced Manufacturing (EPSRC CDT). The studentship will offer 4 years' full funding in partnership with the annual CDT studentship funding competition. Please apply to the CDT using the details outlined at <https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/graduate/courses/inorganic-materials-advanced-manufacturing>.

Oxford-Radcliffe EPSRC Statistics and Machine Learning CDT Studentship (Department of Statistics)

A fully-funded Oxford-Radcliffe Studentship is available to an outstanding candidate who is accepted onto the EPSRC Statistics and Machine Learning Centre for Doctoral Training in the Department of Statistics. The studentship will offer 4 years' full funding in partnership with the annual CDT studentship funding competition. Please apply to the CDT using the details outlined at <https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/graduate/courses/statistics-machine-learning>

Oxford-Radcliffe Interdisciplinary Life and Environmental Science Landscape Award (ILESIA) Graduate Scholarship

A fully-funded Oxford-Radcliffe Studentship is available to an outstanding candidate who is accepted onto the DPhil in ILESIA. The studentship will offer 4 years' full funding. Please apply to the programme using the details outlined at <https://iles.web.ox.ac.uk/how-apply>

Oxford-Radcliffe Chemical Synthesis For a Healthy Planet (CSHP) Graduate Scholarship

A fully-funded Oxford-Radcliffe Studentship is available to an outstanding candidate who is accepted onto the DPhil in Chemical Synthesis for a Healthy Planet. The studentship will offer 4 years' full funding. Please apply to the programme using the details outlined at <https://cshp-cdt.chem.ox.ac.uk/>

Oxford-Ashton Studentships in Engineering (Dept of Engineering Science)

A fully-funded Oxford-Ashton-Engineering Studentship is available to an outstanding candidate who is accepted onto a DPhil Programme in the Department of Engineering for 2026 entry. The studentship will offer 3.5 years' full funding in partnership with the [Dept of Engineering Science's](#) annual studentship funding competition. Please apply for graduate entry to the Dept of Engineering Science using the details outlined at www.eng.ox.ac.uk).

Oxford-Berman Studentship in Physics (Physics Dept)

A fully-funded Oxford-Berman-Physics Studentship is available to an outstanding candidate who is accepted onto a DPhil Programme in the Department of Physics for 2026 entry. The studentship will offer 3.5 years' full funding in partnership with the Dept of Physics' annual studentship funding competition. Please apply for graduate entry to the Physics Dept using the details outlined at www2.physics.ox.ac.uk/study-here/postgraduates).

Oxford-Bob-Thomas Studentship in Chemistry (Dept of Chemistry)

A fully-funded Oxford-Bob-Thomas Studentship is available to an outstanding candidate who applies for a DPhil position at the [Dept of Chemistry \(with a preference for Physical Chemistry\)](#). The studentship will offer 3.5 years' full funding in partnership with the annual Dept of Chemistry funding competition. Please apply to the Dept of Chemistry using the details outlined at postgraduate.chem.ox.ac.uk/home).

Oxford-Radcliffe Studentships in Earth Sciences (Dept of Earth Sciences)

A fully-funded Oxford-Radcliffe Studentship is available to an outstanding candidate who is accepted onto a DPhil Programme with the [Dept of Earth Sciences](#) for entry in 2026. The studentship will offer 3.5 years' full funding in partnership with the Dept of Earth Sciences annual studentship funding competition.

Medical Sciences Division Studentships

All eligible applicants will be considered for these scholarships, regardless of which college (if any) they state as their preference on the graduate application form. However, successful applicants will be transferred to Univ in order to take up the scholarship.

Fully-Funded Studentships in partnership with University Departments in the Medical Sciences Division (including the Oxford-Radcliffe studentship scheme):

Oxford-Radcliffe Studentship in Medical Sciences (Medical Sciences Division)

A 3.5 year fully-funded Oxford-Radcliffe Studentship is available as part of the [Medical Sciences Graduate School](#) annual studentship competition to an outstanding candidate offered a DPhil place within one of the constituent departments of the Medical Sciences Graduate School for entry in October 2026. The studentship will be awarded on the basis of outstanding academic merit and is restricted to programmes of study to which University College admits. Eligible candidates must have submitted their application for graduate study in the Medical Sciences Graduate School by the relevant deadline.

Oxford-Radcliffe Studentship in Neuroscience, Clinical Neuroscience or Experimental Psychology (Medical Sciences Division)

A 3.5 year fully-funded Oxford-Radcliffe Studentship is available to an outstanding candidate who applies to a DPhil in either [Neurosciences](#), [Clinical Neurosciences](#) or [Experimental Psychology](#). The studentship will be awarded on the basis of outstanding academic merit. Eligible candidates must have submitted their application for graduate study in the Medical Sciences Graduate School by the relevant deadline.

Oxford-Radcliffe Studentship in Oncology (Dept of Oncology)

A 3.5 year fully-funded Oxford-Radcliffe Studentship is available to an outstanding candidate who applies to one of the DPhil programmes within the [Dept of Oncology](#) for entry in October 2026. The scholarship is available in partnership with the Dept of Oncology's annual studentship funding competition. Eligible candidates must have submitted their application for graduate study in the Medical Sciences Graduate School by the relevant deadline.

University College War Memorial Studentship in Medical Sciences (Medical Sciences Division)

A fully-funded War Memorial Studentship will be awarded as part of the [Medical Sciences Graduate School](#) annual studentship competition to an outstanding candidate offered a DPhil place within one of the constituent departments of the Medical Sciences Graduate School for entry in October 2026. The studentship will be awarded on the basis of outstanding academic merit, is restricted to programmes of study to which University College admits. There is no separate application process, however to be eligible candidates must have submitted their application for graduate study in the Medical Sciences Graduate School by the relevant deadline.

Henni Mester Studentship in Orthopaedics or Rheumatology (Nuffield Dept of Orthopaedics, Rheumatology and Musculoskeletal Sciences)

A fully-funded Henni Mester studentship is available to an outstanding candidate who applies for DPhil study in the area of arthritis or rheumatism within the [Nuffield Dept of Orthopaedics, Rheumatology and Musculoskeletal Sciences \(NDORMS\)](#) for entry in October 2026. 3.5 years of full funding is available in partnership with the NDORMS annual studentship funding competition. The studentship is open to UK students.

Social Sciences Division Studentships

All eligible applicants will be considered for these scholarships, regardless of which college (if any) they state as their preference on the graduate application form. However, successful applicants will be transferred to Univ in order to take up the scholarship.

Fully-Funded Studentships in partnership with University Departments and Faculties in the Social Sciences Division (including the Oxford-Radcliffe studentship scheme):

Clarendon Award (Social Sciences Division)

University College contributes each year College-linked awards to the Clarendon Fund competition. For entry in October 2026, there will be one University College-Clarendon Studentship in any of the courses for which the College admits in the [Social Sciences Division](#). Award-holders will receive a fully-funded studentship. All nationalities are eligible for Clarendon Awards. For further details of the scheme and of the application procedure please consult the [Clarendon Fund website](#).

Oxford-Radcliffe Studentship in Politics and/or International Relations (Dept of Politics and International Relations)

A fully-funded Oxford-Radcliffe Studentship is available to an outstanding candidate who applies to the [Dept of Politics and International Relations for DPhil](#) entry in October 2026. The field of proposed study must be in one of the following areas: public policy; comparative political economy; comparative political development; global economic governance; or international relations. 3 years' full funding is available in partnership with the Department's annual studentship funding competition.

Oxford-University College-Burma Graduate Scholarship

One fully-funded studentship is available to a postgraduate candidate demonstrating exceptional academic merit and/or potential, who is either a national of or who was born in Myanmar (Burma) and who commences a course of study at the University, with a preference for the MPP at the [Blavatnik School of Government](#).

The Duke of Cambridge Scholarship

One fully funded scholarship is available to outstanding candidates who apply to the [Master of Public Policy \(MPP\)](#) for entry in October 2026. The scholarship is open to residents of the UK.

Oxford-Finnis BCL Studentship (Law Faculty)

A fully-funded BCL studentship is available for entry in October 2026, open to an outstanding student who applies for entry to undertake a BCL or MJur in the [Law Faculty](#). The studentship will be awarded in association with the Law Faculty as part of its annual studentship competition.

Oxford-Chellgren Studentships in Economics (Dept of Economics)

A fully funded Oxford-Chellgren Studentship is available to an outstanding candidate who applies to the [Dept of Economics](#) for either the 2-year MPhil programme or the joint MPhil/DPhil programme, for October 2026 entry. The studentship will be awarded as part of the Department of Economics' annual studentship competition, and will cover living costs and course fees. The studentship is financed by college funds and from sources available to the Department of Economics, either from the ESRC or elsewhere. Depending on the source of funding, additional terms and conditions may apply. The successful applicant will be informed of these at the time the award is offered.