

Empowering the next generation to tackle global challenges

Supporting postgraduate scholarships in the Social Sciences

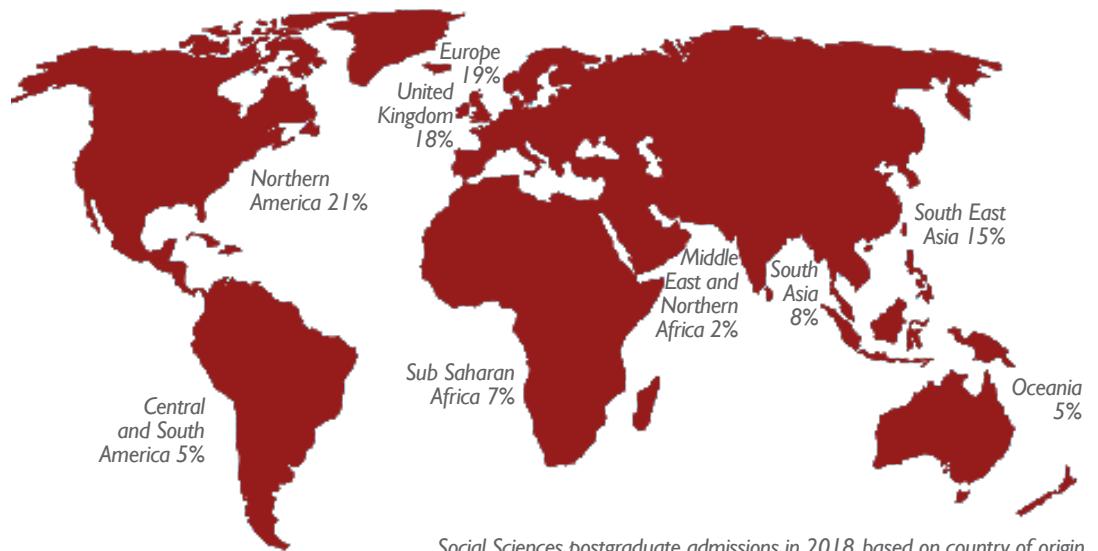


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Social Sciences postgraduate admissions in 2018, based on country of origin

The Challenge

Societies across the world face increasingly complex challenges such as inequality, sustainability, governance and migration. The University of Oxford is committed to addressing these types of challenges on a global scale, especially within the Social Sciences division.

Our division is home to just under 1,000 academics and researchers and almost 5,700 students (undergraduate and postgraduate) within 14 departments and is consistently ranked first globally for its research and teaching. Collectively, our work has global impact in terms of improving governance and security, business and employment, democracy and the rule of law.

Our postgraduate teaching uniquely equips students with the advanced analytical skills that these challenges require and prepares them for leading roles in government and policy agencies, legal and commercial practices, and non-governmental and civil society organisations, as well as academic research.

Scholarships are vital to enabling our students to use their talent and skills gained at Oxford for the benefit of their societies around the globe without the burden of debt. Each year our departments invest £5m back into supporting students of all backgrounds. Along with our current scholarships, this enables 18% of our students to receive a fully funded place.

However nearly 60% of our postgraduate students receive no financial support and over half of those who do not take up their place at Oxford cite the lack of financial resources.

Over the next five years our goal is to increase the number of scholarships available to support the next generation of global leaders, in partnership with benefactors who share our commitment to creating a better world.



“Our mission is to ensure that the very best students can come to Oxford and use their studies to create a positive impact on the world. We are seeking visionary donors and alumni to partner with us to ensure that this opportunity is available to all with the talent and ambition, regardless of means.”

Dame Sarah Whatmore, Head of Social Sciences Division, Professor of Environment and Public Policy and Fellow of Keble College, Oxford

Social Sciences degrees at the University of Oxford

Our departments deliver high quality taught and research degrees at the undergraduate, Master's and doctoral level. The expertise within these departments is immense and we draw our world-class scholars and researchers from across the globe.

Of all the postgraduate applications to Oxford University, 40% are for Master's programmes within the the Social Sciences. These degrees enable students to acquire advanced skills and specialist knowledge, the capacity for independent study and thinking, and teamwork and problem solving skills.

Our Master's student body is highly diverse. Students on these courses come from 126 countries, and almost half are women. A high proportion are aged 30 or older and bring both outstanding academic qualifications with practical work experience. The decision to do further study at Oxford to enhance their careers or enter a new field is well-informed and made in competition with other leading universities

Our Master's alumni secure senior leadership roles across the globe in government and diplomatic services, NGOs, think tanks, education and justice systems, social and market research organisations, finance, corporate organisations, arts and heritage, and the media.

Equally, students on our Postdoctoral courses (known as Dphil's) are contributing solutions to pressing questions on a range of issues throughout the world, as early career academics.

Policy-makers engage with these scholars through seminars, commissioned research and advisory groups. Corporations seek our advice on productivity, efficiencies, legal and regulatory regimes and more.

The world's media regularly turn to our experts for authoritative comment, and communities also engage our researchers to analyse complex issues and co-develop practical solutions.



"If I hadn't been offered the scholarship, I would simply have had to give up this incredible chance I was given. When I finish my studies, I will go back to my country to become an impact-maker; to tackle some of the biggest problems in my country, and ultimately to address global challenges facing us now and in the future."

Phyu Phyu Thin Zaw, 2017 Master of Public Policy and Oxford University Burma Graduate Scholar





Investing in tomorrow's leaders

To continue Oxford's mission of addressing global challenges through targeted research and innovation, we must continue to invest in the education of the most talented and promising individuals of all backgrounds.

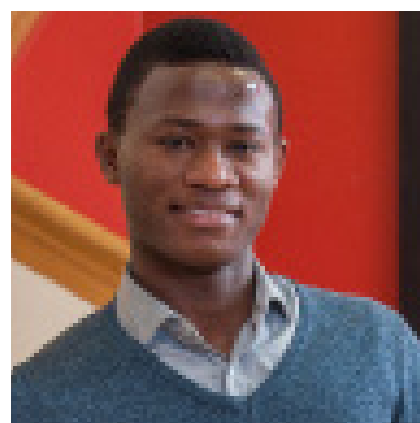
Our ultimate goal is to be able to provide full financial support packages for all social science postgraduate students who are in need and qualify. The costs for graduate study vary based on the course being studied and the fee status of the student (i.e. UK/EU or overseas). Including course fees and a grant for living expenses, a one-year Master's scholarship can cost between £26,000 and £73,000, while a three-year doctoral programme can require support of between £80,000 and £132,000.

Our departments collectively invest over £5m each year back into supporting students, but philanthropic support is absolutely critical in this quest.

Scholarships for Master's programmes in social sciences at Oxford enable us to compete effectively for the very best candidates, extend the opportunity of an Oxford education to talented students whatever their circumstances and allow students to accelerate their careers and gain the skills necessary to effect lasting change in their fields.

Scholarships for Postdoctoral programmes ensure that the world's most talented students have the opportunity to pursue academic careers and carry out pioneering research across these different areas.

Equally, we are also seeking visionary funders who are willing to support combinations of Masters + Dphil's, which will ensure the brightest minds can get both the skills and deep academic expertise needed to address some of the most complex challenges.



Saviour plans to address the problems of power supply in Ghana, where blackouts of a week's duration are not uncommon and rural areas are not even on the grid. His ambition is to create employment for others by starting his own company.

Saviour Amanyo (2014, MSc Environmental Change and Management and Norman & Ivy Lloyd Scholar)

Support us

By investing in social science postgraduate students at the University of Oxford, you will play a key part in ensuring the brightest minds are provided with the opportunities to make a real difference to the world we live in.

Benefactions, no matter the size, can be tailored to support a specific purpose as agreed with the donor. We would be delighted to discuss naming opportunities with benefactors, for expendable or endowed scholarships. To make your support go further, each of our departments is offering to match expendable scholarships on a 1:1 basis, for a limited time.

We hope you will consider partnering with us to widen the circle of opportunity for the most talented students in the world, to transform their lives and the lives of those around them now, and for generations to come.

A gift well invested

The University of Oxford invests its endowments in the Oxford University Endowment Management Fund (OUEM), which is administered by industry-leading professional fund managers. The investment committee seeks to achieve maximised sustainable investment through a diversified portfolio of assets constructed to achieve net returns above the Higher Education Pay and Prices Index.

OUEM currently manages £2.6 billion in assets across the collegiate University. Since its inception, it has generated an annualised return of 10.1%, which is double its original investment objective.

Tax-efficient giving internationally

The University of Oxford has a number of tax-efficient vehicles across the world. Please contact us for specific details about tax-efficient giving in your country.



“Through the scholarship I have received from One Essex Court I have been able to gain invaluable experience from completing a mini-pupillage at a chambers in London. This enabled me to work closely with a variety of barristers and has given me a great insight to what life at the Bar would entail. The opportunities the scholarship has opened for me are immense.”

Christopher Monaghan, (2018, BCL in Bachelor of Civil Law and scholarship recipient)



Overview of the 14 Social Sciences departments

The School of Anthropology and Museum Ethnography is renowned for its research in the anthropology of visual and material culture, medical and ecological anthropology, migration studies, evolutionary anthropology, cognition and culture, and science and technology studies.

www.anthro.ox.ac.uk/about-us

The Blavatnik School of Government is a global school pursuing a vision of a world better served and better governed. Our mission is to inspire and support better government and public policy around the world.

www.bsg.ox.ac.uk

The Oxford School of Global Area Studies boasts the largest community of area studies scholars anywhere. We have research and teaching programmes dedicated to the Middle East, Africa, Latin America, South Asia, China, Israel, Japan, Russia and Eastern Europe.

<http://www.area-studies.ox.ac.uk>

The Department of Economics is one of Europe's leading economics departments, undertaking innovative research that extends the frontiers of modern economic analysis, and have forged close links between academic research and policy-making.

www.economics.ox.ac.uk

The Department of Education has been making a major contribution to the field of education for over 100 years and our research and teaching span the early years, through schooling, higher and further education and learning in the workplace.

www.education.ox.ac.uk

The School of Geography and the Environment is internationally recognised for its teaching, research and engagement across the breadth of human and physical geography and environmental studies.

www.geog.ox.ac.uk/about/

The Oxford Internet Institute (OII) is the world's leading centre of research, teaching and policy impact on the personal, collective and institutional impact of the evolving relationships between information, technology and people.

www.oii.ox.ac.uk



After finishing her Masters at Oxford, Maria stayed on to do a DPhil researching inequality and unemployment in her home country of Slovakia. She says her scholarship “enables us to help our home countries. It's great to do well academically, but it's even better to do well academically in something that matters for society.”

Maria Balgova (2015, DPhil Economics and Dulverston Trust Scholar)

The Department of Sociology has a long and distinguished tradition of sociological research in studying social inequality, social mobility, and political sociology. Over the last decade, the department has expanded its substantive expertise to include demography, socio-genetics, and crime and governance.

www.sociology.ox.ac.uk

The Department of International Development is engaged in teaching and research across issues in international development, including the anthropology, history and politics of the global south, the study of migration and global governance, and the economics of emerging markets and low-income countries.

www.qeh.ox.ac.uk

The Department of Politics and International Relations has a strong interdisciplinary ethos across the three areas of international relations, comparative politics and political theory, and our academic expertise spans every major region in the world.

www.politics.ox.ac.uk/about

The Faculty of Law is of the most prestigious law schools in the world, consistently ranked among the top three law schools worldwide, and are unique in our use of personalised tutorials at all levels of instruction. , including the Bonavero Institute of Human Rights, the Centre for Criminology, the Centre for Socio-Legal Studies, the Institute of European and Comparative Law and the Oxford Intellectual Property Research Centre.

www.law.ox.ac.uk/about-us

The Department of Social Policy and Intervention focuses on research and teaching in social policy and the development and systematic evaluation of social interventions. The department's work has had a significant impact on policy and

practice, from the way in which government funds are allocated, to the delivery of local programmes.

www.spi.ox.ac.uk

The School of Archaeology explores fundamental themes about the human past across Eurasia, Austronesia, Africa and the Americas. They include everything from human origins to classical, historical and contemporary archaeology, and from theoretical approaches to scientific methods related to diet, domestication, technology, and chronology.

www.arch.ox.ac.uk

Saïd Business School educates people for successful business careers, and as a community we seek to use our business acumen and global network to address long-horizon phenomena such as demographic change, new technologies and natural resource scarcity.

www.sbs.ox.ac.uk



'I started learning how to code and started working with local startups while at Oxford. I really love the building process, so thought it would be good to build something of my own. Accomable is going from strength to strength and is making a real difference to people with mobility issues.

Srinivas Madipalli (2012, MBA and Founder of Accomable)



Acknowledging our benefactors

The University of Oxford would not exist without the generosity of its benefactors, and we are delighted to recognise them in a variety of ways, both formal and informal. A significant donation as outlined in the previous pages would involve naming opportunities which we would be delighted to discuss with potential donors. Some of the other means of acknowledgement are outlined below.

The Vice-Chancellor's Circle

The Vice-Chancellor's Circle recognises benefactors who have provided support of between £250,000 and £1.5 million, cumulatively, to the University and/or colleges. The Circle engages members in the life and work of the University, and meets each year in Oxford.

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The Chancellor's Court of Benefactors

Philanthropic contributions which cumulatively total more than £1.5 million by an individual benefactor, or £3 million by an organisation, once received in full, may enable the Chancellor to invite the benefactor to join the Chancellor's Court of Benefactors. The Court meets annually in Oxford for the ceremony of admission, business meeting and dinner.

Encaenia

Encaenia is the annual ceremony in which honorary degrees are awarded to distinguished individuals and benefactors are celebrated. Major benefactors are often invited to attend this occasion, which has been held at the Sheldonian Theatre since 1670.