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From the Financial Aid Officer

The amount of financial aid money allocated by the College each year has increased dramatically over the last decade. A generation ago financial aid in College consisted mainly of making small loans or grants to individuals facing unexpected difficulties. This sort of loan or grant is still very pertinent: there is information about how to apply for one on page 11. However, given the Government’s policy concerning student maintenance (consisting primarily of loans and top-up fees for the majority of undergraduates) and the high cost of living in Oxford, the College has been encouraged to set aside greater resources for financial aid and to seek new sources of aid through benefactions. The Development Office has done a wonderful job in securing each year more and more money from Old Members and from other sources to strengthen Balliol’s financial aid offerings.

In this booklet we try to outline what is on offer for several types of financial aid—Government maintenance funds; College and University grant and loan schemes for maintenance assistance; assistance for academic or academic-related projects; and other forms of financial support.

It is hard to make a financial aid booklet ‘a good read’. Therefore, if you have any questions regarding your own finances whilst at Balliol, or if you would like to explore what financial assistance is available to you—please drop into the College Office and have a word with my Secretary Catherine Willbery who can explain what is available in more detail and steer you in the right direction. I retired at the end of September 2014 so alas, I will not have the opportunity to assist you personally. My successor, Bruce Kinsey, will be in office and taking over financial aid as of 1 November 2014. Until then, and especially if you have any urgent financial questions or needs on arrival or shortly after the Term starts—please do contact my Secretary Mrs Willbery (catherine.willbery@balliol.ox.ac.uk). When my successor does arrive, you will find him very approachable about discussing financial aid—what is available and your specific needs.

No one likes to talk about financial need. I recognise this in doing my job for the College looking after financial aid for the last thirty years. The only thing I can say to try and alleviate this feeling is that I was assisted at University by both loans and grants. I know what it feels like both to need and to ask. Secondly, there is often a feeling that one should not ask for help because there must be ‘someone more deserving’ in College. There may be ‘someone more deserving’—but there may also be some financial assistance with your name on it. So let us hear from you.

Douglas Dupree

How to manage your finances

You should have your basic funding provision in place at the beginning of each term and the income you receive should remain the same throughout your time at Oxford. This means that it is relatively straightforward to manage and budget your resources effectively. If your circumstances do change, then there are ways to alter your income accordingly.

University can lead to a high degree of impulsive spending. With so much to do and the independent learning afforded through university, it often seems that the best thing to do on a night off is to go out and enjoy yourself. This means it is very easy to spend money. The following pages offer some suggestions for keeping your finances under control.

Are you in control of your finances?

- Do you know what your current balance is or do you wait until your bank sends you a statement and hope for the best?
- Are you always confident that you will be able to withdraw money when you want to?
- Do you find you are using ‘cash-back’ as a way of bridging the gap between one payment into your account and another?
- Do you use a credit card when you are short of money because you think you will have more next month?

The only way you can be in control of your money is if you are aware of how much you have and how you are spending it. Although this may seem tedious, in this way you can avoid the worry of not knowing, and the anxiety that comes when you run out.

*Be in control of your own spending and finances and then you will avoid worrying about them.*

**Good ways to manage your money:**

1. **Pay all bills at the start of term.** Pay your battels, clear any credit card bills, insurance, etc. These should always be priority because they do not go away. Credit card interest is a drain on your current resources.

2. If you ‘live out’, **work out how much you will need for essential bills until your next termly instalment** and put that much aside in a savings account attached to your current account. This way, you can avoid spending it.

3. Work out how much money is remaining and divide it between the weeks you will need money before the next income.

4. **If you receive funds monthly, set up all your bills to be paid by standing order.** This should include your credit card (if you have one), your mobile phone, and any other costs. Calculate how much remains for each month.

5. Once you know how much disposable income you have, find a method that suits you best to ensure that you do not overspend. Methods might include:
   - Writing every withdrawal down, either on an Excel spread-sheet, or in a notebook. Always get receipts when you withdraw money or put something on your card (even if it is a small amount). This will allow you to ensure that you do not overspend.
   - If you do not like to write everything down, get into a habit of asking to see your balance when you withdraw money. Most students avoid this question because when you are withdrawing money for a night out, you do not want to know how little you have to spend. This is avoiding the problem, and you will only worry about it anyway. Check as a matter of course, and then you will be in control.
   - If any of the above options are too tedious, withdraw the amount of money you are able to spend at the beginning of a week. Then, put all cards away until you can make the next withdrawal. In this way, you can keep complete control over your finances and ensure that you know what is happening.

Be realistic about your expenditure. If you smoke, then budget for cigarettes and accept that this will mean that you cannot spend money on other things. Don’t justify spending more money because you have had a good/bad/indifferent tutorial. Be honest with yourself about what you are spending and why you are spending it.

**Other tips:**

- Do not get a store card (interest rates are very high), and use a credit card only if you pay it off *in full* each month. Though your bank may understand about you overdrawing on your account, failure to pay credit/store card bills of this sort will affect your credit rating and may have an impact on you in the future.

- A student loan is a highly controlled, sensible form of debt. But do not think that borrowing an extra £1000 from private resources does not matter because you are already borrowing from SLC. Private loans have a far more rigorous repayment method that is not income related. This is the type of debt that will be difficult to control once you graduate.
• If you do not have a regular income, then switch your mobile phone to a Pay as You Go contract. This way, if you cannot afford it, you will not buy it. Let others phone you.

• Don’t spend large sums on CDs in bookshops and convince yourself that it was for your degree.

• Don’t agree to eat out with friends if you cannot afford it. Bills are customarily split on these occasions, however frugal you have been.

• If you drink, drink in the College bar. This does not necessarily have to be followed by a night out.

• Never lend money to someone else. It causes resentment and awkwardness and an Oxford college is too small for that sort of problem.

• Get a vacation job. Visit the Careers Service and find well-paid employment in the long summer vacation. This makes a huge difference to your term-time fun and earns you valuable CV points.

From The Drs WHO (the JCR Welfare and Housing Officers)

Balliol, as a college, is adamant that once you are here you will not have to leave due to your financial circumstances.

Particularly given the raising of tuition fees, many students have concerns about their finances during their degree. If you ever get into difficulties, there will always be someone in College to talk to, who will offer advice and who will do their very best to help you out of dire straits.

Obviously prevention is better than cure. Lack of planning and organisation is a common cause of students getting into difficulty. We do not want this to happen to you! Getting into financial difficulties can be extremely stressful. Please do not think you have to deal with this by yourself. College has an extensive welfare network, with both College Officers and JCR Officers available to help. They are only too willing to see you. All the officers realise that people prefer to keep their financial situation confidential. Each of us mentioned below will respect this.

The Financial Aid Officer is our Chaplain and Welfare Officer, Bruce Kinsey, who will join us in November. He will be armed with plenty of information and advice about available grants, debt management and budgeting, and is also the person who, with the Student Finance Committee, decides how money is allocated. He will be able to assist or advise with any financial difficulties and after 1 November will be available to meet or assist any member of College in Staircase XXI, Room 8; tel. [01865 2]77716 or by email at chaplain@balliol.ox.ac.uk. If you are in any difficulties then please do not hesitate to go and talk to him. He will do his best to help you. It is often handy to go with an outline of your income and expenditure, so he can see how College could best help you, i.e. whether it be in the form of a grant or a loan. The FAO can only administer discretionary loans of up to £300; anything above that he deals with in consultation with the Student Finance Committee, though in emergencies he can clear it with them after the event. Any financial aid enquiries prior to 1 November should be addressed to the Chaplain’s Secretary, Mrs Catherine Willbery chaplain.secretary@balliol.ox.ac.uk.

Remember, all information is kept confidential. The FAO will also be willing to offer advice on how to control your finances and budget if you are having difficulty.

The Drs WHO (JCR Welfare and Housing Officers) can also be approached at any time. The Drs WHO are willing to go and see the Financial Aid Officer with you or on your behalf, as well as helping to explain the basics of the financial aid system.

The JCR Ethnic Minorities and International Students Officers have lots of information about the educational funding systems of other countries and also which University and College grants/funds overseas students would be eligible for.

College wants to help those who are in need. Please, please do not think that you need to deal with financial difficulties on your own. College has plenty of funds / grants / loans available for those in difficulty. Don’t think that everyone is much worse off than you. If your financial situation begins to become too stressful, it is time to approach someone and see what support is available. Remember that as well as offering advice on what grants / funds you could apply for, we offer advice on how to manage your finances, and hopefully help you not
to get in a tight situation in the first place. However, we do realise that this is sometimes unavoidable and in that case we are on hand to help.

CONTACTS FOR COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY FINANCIAL AID

Financial Aid for Maintenance Needs

Financial Aid Officer
The Financial Aid Officer is Bruce Kinsey, the Chaplain and Welfare Officer, who will be available to discuss financial problems by appointment after 1 November in his room on Staircase XXI; please contact him via his Secretary.

Chaplain’s Secretary
The Chaplain’s Secretary is Mrs Catherine Willbery, located in the College Office; she will deal with financial aid enquiries prior to 1 November, after which an appointment with the Financial Aid Officer can be made via her by email at chaplains.secretary@balliol.ox.ac.uk or by telephone Monday to Friday, 9 am to 5 pm, on [01865 2]77733.

Academic Related Financial Aid

Senior Tutor
The Senior Tutor is Dr Nicola Trott. You can contact her by email at senior.tutor@balliol.ox.ac.uk, but in the first instance please contact the Academic Administrator.

Academic Administrator
The Academic Administrator is Ms Glynis Price, located in the College Office. You can contact her by email at academic.administrator@balliol.ox.ac.uk or by telephone [01865 2]77758 from Monday to Friday, 9 am to 5 pm.

JCR Financial Aid Contacts

The Drs WHO (the JCR Welfare and Housing Officers) and the MCR Welfare Officer
The JCR Welfare and Housing Officers are Anna Hufton and Joe Mansour. You can contact them by email at jcr.welfare@balliol.ox.ac.uk. The MCR Welfare Officer for 2014-15 is Ioanna Antcheva: ionna.antcheva@balliol.ox.ac.uk.

JCR Ethnic Minorities and International Students Officers
The JCR Ethnic Minorities and International Students Officers are Tom Posa and Eniola Oyesanya. You can contact them by email at jcr.overseas.rep@balliol.ox.ac.uk.

University Financial Aid Contacts

PLEASE NOTE that the University’s Fees and Funding website is currently being incorporated into the Admissions and Student websites, as a consequence of which some of the urls given in this guide will change. We understand that redirects will be put in place to enable you to reach the correct page.

Student Funding Office Enquiries
You are encouraged to look at the Student Funding website which contains a wealth of useful information: see http://www.ox.ac.uk/feesandfunding/ for undergraduate and postgraduate funding information. For queries relating to the Oxford Opportunity Bursary scheme email oxford.opportunity@admin.ox.ac.uk, and for all other student financial support enquiries email student.funding@admin.ox.ac.uk. The Finance Guide for Undergraduates http://www.balliol.ox.ac.uk/sites/default/files/2014-2015_ug_finance_guide.pdf published jointly by the University and College is also very helpful.
FACTORS THAT COULD AFFECT EXISTING FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Transferring University Course
There are provisions so that you will not necessarily lose your financial support. If this situation applies to you, please talk to the Financial Aid Officer or to the JCR/MCR officer.

Leave of Absence
Sometimes you can be granted this on academic or personal grounds. The Senior Tutor will help you deal with the procedure with your regional funding agency; please contact the Academic Administrator in the first instance.

GOVERNMENT FUNDS FOR UK AND EU STUDENTS

Mainstream government funding has three parts: loans for fees, loans for maintenance and non-repayable maintenance grants: see http://www.balliol.ox.ac.uk/sites/default/files/2014-2015_ug_finance_guide.pdf. You must apply for every year of your course. It is your responsibility to ensure that you apply early – we recommend no later than the Easter Vacation before the start of the next academic year. You can apply online at www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance.

Reassessment for Government Support
UK undergraduates not in receipt of full government maintenance support may contact their regional funding body for reassessment at any time during the year if their household income changes drastically, i.e. by more than 15%. This could entitle them to receive an increased grant, and to be eligible for an Oxford Bursary.

ACCESS TO LEARNING FUND: New and Continuing Students

What is it?
The Access to Learning Fund is a hardship fund provided by the UK Government for full-time undergraduate and postgraduate students; it is therefore not available to all students. It is designed to provide financial aid to Home (i.e. UK) students who experience hardship and require extra help to meet their living costs; awards are made to students who are most in need. We strongly encourage any of our students eligible to apply to do so.

Who’s eligible?
Home students, i.e. only those from the UK, those with settled status or those who are recognised by the Home Office to be legitimate refugees can apply to the Fund. Students from the Channel Island and Isle of Man are not eligible to apply. ELQ students are not entitled for support from the Access to Learning Fund.

Before applying for a grant, full-time undergraduates must have taken out the maximum Government Student Loan to which they are entitled. The government also expects students to earn some money during the vacation. Undergraduates are able to apply for support for term time and short vacations only.

How and when do I apply?
These awards are administered centrally by the Student Funding and International Office on a rolling basis. Applications may be made throughout the year; application forms are available from the Chaplain’s Secretary in the College Office: catherine.willbery@balliol.ox.ac.uk; please contact student.funding@admin.ox.ac.uk with any queries. The deadline for applications is usually the middle of June.

How much?
Grants are given in amounts assessed according to need, up to a maximum of £2,000 in exceptional circumstances.
How is it paid?  These grants are paid directly from the University.

Is it repayable?  No, you do not have to repay an Access to Learning Fund grant.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SUPPORT FOR UK AND EU UNDERGRADUATES

OXFORD TUITION FEE REDUCTIONS FOR STUDENTS STARTING IN OR AFTER 2012

Fee reductions are available to students from England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and the EU, who commenced their undergraduate course in or after 2012, depending on household income. If you are assessed as having a household income of £25,000 per year or less and you are studying for your first undergraduate degree, you are likely to be eligible for a fee reduction.

Students from Wales are eligible to access a tuition fee loan of £3,685, and will receive a partial tuition fee grant of up to £5,315 to cover the tuition fee charged.

Further information is available at http://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate_courses/student_funding/index.html.

OXFORD BURSARIES & OXFORD OPPORTUNITY BURSARIES

The University has a generous bursary scheme for Home students from lower-income households, to cover some of the costs associated with living in Oxford, and also to enable students to take advantage of the many opportunities Oxford has to offer. To be automatically considered, undergraduates must elect to be financially assessed when they apply for UK government maintenance support and must not opt out of giving the University permission to view their data; there is no direct application to the University for an OB or OOB. Students entitled to an award will be notified by Student Funding Services from mid-September onwards. For further information, please see section 2.2.2 of the Financial Guide for Undergraduates at http://www.balliol.ox.ac.uk/sites/default/files/2014-2015_ug_finance_guide.pdf.

Students from the UK who started their course before 2012 are eligible to be assessed for an Oxford Opportunity Bursary based on their household income: see http://www.ox.ac.uk/feesandfunding/ugcurrent/oob/oobpre2012/.

Students from the UK and the EU who started their course in 2012 or 2013 are eligible to be assessed for an Oxford Bursary and a reduction in their tuition fees based on their household income: see http://www.ox.ac.uk/feesandfunding/ugcurrent/oob/.
THE MORITZ-HEYMAN SCHOLARSHIP

Some UK undergraduate Freshers from the lowest-income households may be eligible for additional support. The Moritz-Heyman Scholarship programme provides a higher level of funding, opportunities to take part in volunteering activities, and access to internships during the summer vacations. There is no need to apply; selected first-year students will be offered a Scholarship from mid-September each year. For information on the scheme and full eligibility criteria, visit www.ox.ac.uk/mh.

INFORMATION FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

Funding information for students hoping to come to Oxford in 2015 may be found here: http://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate_courses/student_funding/index.html.

UNIVERSITY FINANCIAL AID FOR MAINTENANCE NEEDS

UNIVERSITY HARDSHIP FUND

What is it? This funding is provided by the University to help any student who experiences unexpected financial hardship. You must be able to demonstrate that something that you did not and could not foresee at the start of your course has occurred which means that your original budget is no longer valid. Applicants must also demonstrate that they have insufficient funds to cope with the unexpected change. Certain scenarios are not considered ‘unforeseen’, e.g. fluctuations in exchange rates. Guidelines are attached to the application form giving a full explanation.

Who’s eligible? Any junior member (undergraduate or graduate) faced with unexpected financial hardship. UK students must apply to the Access to Learning Fund prior to applying to the UHF, or their UHF application will not be considered.

How and when do I apply? The application must be processed through the College. Application forms can be obtained from the Chaplain’s Secretary in the College Office and should be discussed with the Financial Aid Officer before completion. Each application must be supported by a letter from the applicant’s personal tutor or supervisor, and the College will submit the completed application to the UHF committee.

Deadline for applications to be returned to the Chaplain’s Secretary: Michaelmas and Hilary Terms – Thursday of 3rd week. Trinity Term – Friday of 1st week. The Hardship Committee meets once a term.

How much? Awards may range from £100 to £5,000; awards at the highest level will usually be a combination of a grant and a loan.

How is it paid? These loans or grants are usually paid in the form of a cheque.

Is it repayable? This depends upon the UHF Committee’s decision to make a loan or a grant.
COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID FOR MAINTENANCE NEEDS

JUNIOR MAINTENANCE GRANTS

What are they?
A College-based scheme to assist any Balliol student experiencing hardship. This scheme is the largest maintenance grant exercise that occurs in College so it is worth making an application. It occurs at the start of the year so that you have an opportunity to plan your finances ‘up-front’ and present an application for aid if there is a foreseeable shortfall between your projected income and expenditure for the year ahead of you.

Who’s eligible?
All resident junior members (undergraduates and graduates, Home, EU and Overseas) except undergraduates and graduates in their first year. Graduates who have completed their residence requirements may apply. N.B. First-year graduates are eligible to apply for a Balliol Graduate Bursary in Trinity Term: see page 11.

How and when do I apply?
Download an application form for this scheme at the start of Michaelmas Term from the Balliol website at www.balliol.ox.ac.uk/current-members/financial-aid or collect a form from the Chaplain’s Secretary in the College Office.

Deadline for applications: 5 pm on Monday of 3rd week in Michaelmas Term.
We aim to notify applicants of the outcome of their application before the end of Michaelmas Term, probably during 8th week.

How much?
Grants range from £100 - £1,000. They are awarded on the basis of financial need.

How is it paid?
Grants are paid via battels credit. If your battels account is clear you may ask the Bursary to transfer any surplus to your bank account.

Is it repayable?
No, you do not have to repay a Junior Maintenance Grant.

BALLIOL SHORT TERM LOANS

What are they?
These loans are designed for students with minor cash-flow problems. Nothing is too trivial – not infrequently a student’s problem will be due to a late grant cheque or loss of a bank card when a loan is needed until a replacement is made.

Who’s eligible?
Any Balliol undergraduate or graduate student in any year of study, Home, EU or Overseas.

How and when do I apply?
You can apply at any time during the year for assistance by downloading an application form from the Balliol website at www.balliol.ox.ac.uk/current-members/financial-aid or collecting a form from the Chaplain’s Secretary in the College Office.

How much?
These are small amounts of money of £100 or less. For anything over £100 an appointment must be made with the Financial Aid Officer.

How is it paid?
The loan is paid either in cash or by bank transfer from the Bursary.

Is it repayable?
These loans are to be repaid by the start of the next term, i.e. if you apply in Michaelmas you will need to repay the amount by the start of Hilary.
## COLLEGE LOANS AND GRANTS FOR UNEXPECTED HARDSHIP

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<th>What are they?</th>
<th>The financial aid described elsewhere in this booklet has largely to do with ‘expected’ or projected financial need after having made a budget for the academic year. Sometimes need arises that is not anticipated but is just as real and pressing. Aid is given by the Student Finance Committee on the recommendation of the Financial Aid Officer.</th>
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<td>Who’s eligible?</td>
<td>Any Balliol undergraduate or graduate student in any year of study, Home, EU or Overseas.</td>
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<td>How and when do I apply?</td>
<td>You can apply at any time during the year for assistance by making an appointment with the Financial Aid Officer.</td>
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<td>How much?</td>
<td>The College sets aside some £15,000 per year to anticipate this type of need. The amount is decided on a discretionary basis.</td>
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<td>How is it paid?</td>
<td>This financial aid is given in the form of a loan or grant for an amount that is appropriate to helping relieve the need. It is paid in whatever form is necessary.</td>
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<td>Is it repayable?</td>
<td>This depends upon whether the assistance is given as a loan or a grant. This too will be decided by the Student Finance Committee on a discretionary basis.</td>
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## BALLIOL GRADUATE BURSARIES

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<td>Who’s eligible?</td>
<td>All graduates in any year of research or advanced study who are in good academic standing.</td>
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<td>How and when do I apply?</td>
<td>These bursaries will be advertised towards the end of Hilary Term and graduates will be able to download an application form from the College website or collect one from the Chaplain’s Secretary in the College Office. <strong>Deadline for applications: Friday of 2nd week in Trinity Term.</strong></td>
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<td>How much?</td>
<td>These bursaries tend to be between £150 and £750 in value.</td>
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<td>How is it paid?</td>
<td>Grants are paid via battels credit. If your battels account is clear you may ask the Bursary to transfer any surplus to your bank account.</td>
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<td>Is it repayable?</td>
<td>No, you do not have to repay a Graduate Bursary.</td>
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ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR CHILDCARE SUPPORT AND DISABILITY

Please note that UK Government funds are only available to UK students, but University funds are available to all students.

CHILDCARE FUNDS

For information on Government and University support with childcare expenses, please see http://www.ox.ac.uk/feesandfunding/graduates/targetedsupport/studentswithdependants/ (Graduates) or http://www.ox.ac.uk/feesandfunding/ugcurrent/targeted/studentswithdependants/ (Undergraduates).

College assistance: The Georgina Horlick Childcare Bursaries
An Old Member of Balliol, Nicola Horlick, has donated to the College funding for two child-care bursaries, in memory of her daughter Georgina. The bursaries are available to children at the Balliol Day Nursery whose parents are undergraduate or postgraduate students at Balliol. The bursaries will be awarded by the Nursery Committee. Anyone interested in applying for one of the bursaries should contact the Chair of the Nursery Committee, Dr Rosalind Thomas, at rosalind.thomas@balliol.ox.ac.uk.

FUNDING FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

See http://www.ox.ac.uk/students/welfare/disability/funding

OTHER UNIVERSITY FUNDING SCHEMES

Details of other University funding schemes may be found on the University’s website http://www.ox.ac.uk/feesandfunding/search/. These details may also be found in the supplement of the University Gazette entitled ‘Notices of University Scholarships, Fellowships, Studentships, Exhibitions, Grants and Prizes’, issued in October/November each year.
UNDERGRADUATE PROJECT GRANTS

What are they? Grants to help finance well defined academic and other valuable projects (possibly, but not necessarily involving travel). Decisions will be made on the basis of the merits of the project, which need not necessarily be related to the student’s subject.

Who’s eligible? All undergraduate members of the College. Students cannot apply for project grants after Finals, and only one project grant is awarded per student per year.

How and when do I apply? Application forms are emailed to all undergraduates in 1st week of Hilary Term and should be returned to the Academic Administrator by Wednesday of 3rd week. Personal Tutors are invited by the Academic Administrator to comment on the proposals. **Successful students are required to submit a brief written report, together with evidence of expenditure in the form of receipts, to the Academic Administrator after the project has been completed.** Authorisation for payment of any grant awarded will only be made once both the report and the receipt(s) have been provided. Only one project grant is awarded per student per academic year.

**Apply:** 1st week in Hilary Term. **Deadline:** 12 noon on Wednesday of 3rd week in Hilary Term.

How much? Project grants are in the order of £100-£500 maximum. All students are urged to seek funding assistance from their departments where applicable.

How is it paid? Grants are paid via battels credit. If your battels account is clear you may ask the Bursary to transfer any surplus to your bank account.

GRADUATE GRANTS

What are they? The College is able to make a small number of grants towards the expenses of academic research which cannot be financed from any other source. On production of receipts to the Academic Administrator, graduates may also apply for assistance towards costs involved in the production of a thesis.

Who’s eligible? All graduate members of the College. Graduates cannot apply for project, research or travel grants after they have received leave to supplicate for their degree, and only one project, research or travel grant is awarded per year. **Those on Taught Courses are not eligible to apply for funding towards the cost of attending conferences.**
Graduates may apply once a year, at any time in the course of an academic year, for research/conference grants. There is no application form. Students should provide the Academic Administrator with an account of the project, an estimate of the costs involved, and details of any funding already provided or in prospect. They should also ask their College Adviser to send an email of support for the project to the Academic Administrator (academic.administrator@balliol.ox.ac.uk). Wherever appropriate, application for funding should also be made to the relevant University department/faculty. **Successful students are required to submit a brief written report to the Academic Administrator after the project has been completed, together with evidence of expenditure in the form of receipts.** Authorisation for payment of any grant awarded will only be made once both the report and the receipt(s) have been provided.

**Apply:** Any time during term. Applications must be made in advance of the project to be undertaken.

College awards, usually between £50 and £250, will be made by the Senior Tutor. Funds are normally released once the student has submitted a report and receipts to the value of the award; but advance payment can be arranged on request. All students are urged to seek funding assistance from their departments where applicable.

**How is it paid?** Grants are paid via battels credit. If your battels account is clear you may ask the Bursary to transfer any surplus to your bank account.

**MISCELLANEOUS GRANTS (TRAVEL, ETC.)**

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<th>What are they?</th>
<th>Whilst some Trust Funds are general, certain College Trust Funds are available for assistance for special academic purposes. For example, some financial assistance is available from the Brackenbury Trust for medical assignments and electives; other Trust Funds provide materials grants for Fine Art students, or small discretionary top-up grants for Modern Languages students embarking on their year abroad.</th>
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<td>Who’s eligible?</td>
<td>All graduate and undergraduate members of the College. However, grant applications for projects that take place after Finals and receipt of leave to supplicate will not be considered.</td>
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<td>How and when do I apply?</td>
<td>Students seeking information should consult the Academic Administrator. <strong>Apply:</strong> Graduate members may apply at any time during the academic year. Graduates on taught courses are not eligible for funding towards the cost of conferences. In the case of undergraduate members, applications are preferred in 1st week of Hilary Term when the annual advertisement for undergraduate project grants is emailed out and posted in the JCR. The applications are then considered at the mid-term meeting of Student Finance Committee.</td>
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<td>How much?</td>
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# BRASSEY ITALIAN SCHOLARSHIPS

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<th>Up to four awards from the will of the late Earl Brassey of Bulkeley are funded annually to enable students to travel to Italy and reside there for academic purposes. Preference is given to students whose knowledge of Italian is good, but applications are welcomed from others provided they can demonstrate sufficient competence in the language to follow lectures, or carry out any other project they are planning.</th>
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<td>Undergraduate members of the College. Preference may be given to students studying Modern Languages.</td>
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<td>How and when do I apply?</td>
<td>Applications should be made to the Academic Administrator in writing. <strong>Apply:</strong> 1st week in Hilary Term. <strong>Deadline:</strong> 12 noon on Wednesday of 3rd week in Hilary Term.</td>
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<td>How much?</td>
<td>Each Scholarship is of a value of at least £200.</td>
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## NETTLESHIP INSTRUMENTAL EXHIBITION

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<th>Instrumental Exhibitions for students who do not already hold an instrumental award. They are renewable annually.</th>
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<td>Who's eligible?</td>
<td>All first-year undergraduate students.</td>
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<td>How and when do I apply?</td>
<td>Candidates should apply to the Academic Administrator in writing by the date given below, stating their instrument (excluding voice) and giving details of their musical experience and achievements. Selection will be based partly on auditions, which take place early in Trinity Term, and partly on general contribution to the musical life of the College. Interviews are held at the end of either 6th or 7th week. <strong>Apply:</strong> Hilary Term. <strong>Deadline:</strong> Friday of 0th week in Trinity Term.</td>
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<td>How much?</td>
<td>£150.</td>
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## PHIZACKERLEY SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP

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<th>What is it?</th>
<th>One Phizackerley Scholarship restricted to graduate members in the Medical Sciences is awarded annually on the basis of academic merit, for a maximum of two years.</th>
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<td>Who's eligible?</td>
<td>Graduates currently working in Oxford who are reading or intend to read for a DPhil. Applicants will normally be in at least their first year and not later than their second year of graduate work at the time of application.</td>
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<td>Applications should be made to the Academic Administrator. <strong>Apply:</strong> Hilary Term. <strong>Deadline:</strong> 3rd week in Hilary Term.</td>
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How much? The value of the Scholarship is £1,750 year and carries with it a College meal-deal entitlement package and also accommodation in the Graduate Centre at Holywell Manor (for which the Scholar will be charged). The Scholarship is provided for a maximum of two years.

VICE-CHANCELLORS’ FUND AWARDS 2015

What are they? The Vice-Chancellors' Fund, established in honour of three recent Vice-Chancellors, is intended to assist eligible DPhil students in the final stages of their degree who require extra funding to complete their research.

Who’s eligible? Outstanding DPhil students who require extra funding to complete their research. Students must fulfil all the following criteria in order to be considered for a Vice-Chancellors’ Fund Award:

Students should:
- Be planning to submit their DPhil thesis between 1 September 2015 and 31 March 2016.
- Have their Confirmation of Status completed by 30 April 2015.
- Be able to demonstrate that they are in financial need.
- Be able to demonstrate that they are academically outstanding.
- Not be beyond their fourth year of funded study at the time of application.

How and when do I apply? Details for 2014/2015 are not yet available. Eligible graduates should email student.funding@admin.ox.ac.uk early in Hilary Term for an application form; see http://www.ox.ac.uk/feesandfunding/graduates/targetedsupport/hardship/vcf/. Supervisors will be asked to provide a reference and to predict a realistic date of completion for the student. Students must ask their College Adviser to email a brief reference to academic.administrator@balliol.ox.ac.uk. Applications must first be sent to the Academic Administrator, at least two weeks before the closing date on the application form, in order for the College’s sections of the form to be completed.

How much? Awards vary and will not exceed £3,000. Students should be aware that there is intense competition for these awards. Often only one award, of a lesser value than this, is made per college.

Further information on academic related financial aid can be found in the College Handbook, which is available online at http://www.balliol.ox.ac.uk/current-members/balliol-college-handbook. A selection of academic-related grants and funds are advertised here in accordance with the terms of the Trust Funds and in order to reach as wide an audience as possible. Information on College Prizes, Scholarships and Exhibitions is also available in the College Handbook.

OVERSEAS SCHOLARSHIPS

There are a number of scholarships offered to overseas graduate and undergraduate students by the University as a whole. They are usually conditional on the particular origin of the student concerned or his/her specific financial need. You usually apply for them before coming to Oxford. For further details of deadlines check the Student Funding Office website at http://www.ox.ac.uk/feesandfunding/search/.
OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

The Oxford University Society runs an annual awards scheme for current resident University members working for a degree or diploma. A number of regional alumni groups in the UK and overseas offer special awards to students from their area currently studying at Oxford. Awards are made annually in Trinity Term for the following academic year, and the application deadline is usually early March. Please see the University’s alumni website for further information and details of how to apply: https://www.alumni.ox.ac.uk [select Groups/Student Awards].

BALLIOL SPORTS FINANCE

College sports management and finance is in the hands of a Sports Committee. Enquiries should be addressed to the Domestic Bursar: domestic.bursar@balliol.ox.ac.uk.

The Dean, Dr Rachel Quarrell, administers the Cadle Fund, which was established by Dr Don Cadle (Balliol 1950) to assist Balliol students who participate in sport at University/Blues level and who may have difficulty with essential expenditure. Details will be advertised in Michaelmas Term; urgent requests for financial assistance with individual expenses, especially in the instance of representing the University, may be considered at other times and should be sent via the Dean’ Secretary: catherine.willbery@balliol.ox.ac.uk.

USEFUL WEBSITES

| Balliol Financial Aid | www.balliol.ox.ac.uk/current-members/financial-aid |
| Funding at Oxford | www.admin.ox.ac.uk/feesandfunding/ |
| From the Proctors | www.admin.ox.ac.uk/proctors/info/pam/section2/ |
| Oxford University Student Union | www.ousu.org or 01865 288452 |
| Vice-President (Welfare and Equal Opportunities) | welfare@ousu.org |
| Vice-President (Access and Academic Affairs) | access@ousu.org |
| Vice-President (Women) | women@ousu.org |
| Prospective Students | www.ox.ac.uk/feesandfunding/search/ |
| www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate_courses/student_funding/ |

| UK Student Finance | Local rate phone numbers: |
| UK Government Student Finance: | Student Finance England: 0300 100 0607 |
| England: www.gov.uk/student-finance | |

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<th><strong>Northern Ireland</strong></th>
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<td><a href="http://www.studentfinanceni.co.uk">www.studentfinanceni.co.uk</a></td>
<td><a href="http://www.saas.gov.uk">www.saas.gov.uk</a></td>
<td><a href="http://www.studentfinancewales.co.uk">www.studentfinancewales.co.uk</a></td>
<td><a href="http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/students">www.hmrc.gov.uk/students</a></td>
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**Student Finance Northern Ireland:** 0300 100 0077  
**Students Awards Agency for Scotland:** 0300 555 0505  
**Student Finance Wales:** 0300 200 4050


### Channel Islands & the Isle of Man

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<td><strong>Guernsey, Alderney and Sark</strong></td>
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### International Students

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<td><strong>Oxford University/s International Student Advisory Service</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Scholarships</strong></td>
<td><a href="http://www.scholarship-search.org.uk">www.scholarship-search.org.uk</a></td>
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<td><strong>UK Council for International Student Affairs</strong></td>
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### Miscellaneous

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<td><strong>NUS website:</strong> general advice on saving money, discounts available to students and specialist information about areas such as income tax.</td>
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<td><strong>Money for Medical Students</strong></td>
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