Balliol Students' Scholarship 2017

Further Details
Balliol College Oxford is delighted to invite applications for the Balliol Students'
Scholarship, which intends to support a refugee student in studying for an
undergraduate degree at the University of Oxford commencing October 2017. This
fully-funded Scholarship is supported by the generosity of undergraduate and
postgraduate students at the College, the Governing Body of Balliol College, and
alumni and other donors. The Scholarship is a student-led initiative that aims to
provide a talented undergraduate with the opportunity to study for a degree
without disruption, so that they can achieve their full academic potential.

Balliol College
Balliol College is a thriving academic community in the heart of Oxford. It exists to
advance education at both undergraduate and graduate levels, to facilitate and to
encourage scholarship and research at the very highest levels, and to promote
excellence in learning, as one of the colleges within the University of Oxford.

Founded in 1263, Balliol is one of Oxford's oldest colleges; the oldest academic
institution in the English-speaking world still on its original site; and almost certainly
the oldest co-founded by a woman anywhere. Balliol is also a very international
college at the undergraduate, postgraduate and fellows' levels, with approximately
25% of the most recent intake of undergraduates coming from outside the UK.

We offer a superb academic environment and a vibrant, supportive and inclusive
community. The College is located in the heart of historic Oxford and houses an
excellent library as well as other facilities and resources including sports grounds.
We can ensure the successful applicant College accommodation for the duration of
their degree, and also offer many generous grants and prizes.
Further information about the College may be found at:
www.balliol.ox.ac.uk
Further information regarding the University may be found at:
www.ox.ac.uk

What does the Scholarship cover?
The Scholarship covers:
• full tuition fee (currently worth £15,295-£22,515 per annum depending on course)
• full College fee (currently worth £7,135 per annum)
• full maintenance award (£8,556-£12,641 per annum). This amount is sufficient to
cover accommodation and food costs as well as other general living costs.
• one return flight per year up to a maximum value of £500 per annum.

What Course May I Apply For?
Applicants may apply for any three or four-year course which Balliol College offers at undergraduate level except for Medicine. This course must be full time leading to a qualification. If you wish to apply for Medicine, please contact Victoria Holt, (whose email address is below), as partial funding may be possible.

We offer the following courses which applicants may apply for:
- Ancient and Modern History
- Biological Sciences
- Biomedical Sciences
- Chemistry
- Classical Archaeology and Ancient History
- Classics
- Classics and Modern Languages
- Classics with Oriental Studies
- Computer Science
- Computer Science and Philosophy
- Economics and Management
- Engineering Science
- English
- English and Modern Languages
- History
- History and Economics
- History and English
- History and Modern Languages
- History and Politics
- Law
- Mathematics
- Mathematics and Computer Science
- Mathematics and Philosophy
- Modern Languages
- Modern Languages and Linguistics
- Oriental Studies
- Philosophy and Modern Languages
- Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE)
- Physics
- Physics and Philosophy

Details about all courses at the University of Oxford may be found at:
www.ox.ac.uk/courses
and further information about these courses at Balliol College may be found at:
www.balliol.ox.ac.uk/courses

Am I Eligible?
Candidates are expected to have excellent grades and to have met, or be predicted to meet, the minimum academic entry requirements for their chosen course (see the 'Requirements' tab for your chosen course at www.ox.ac.uk/courses). Consideration

will be given to the specific challenges that may arise for refugee students in terms of presenting a complete academic transcript, but every effort should be made to give as much information as possible.

Candidates must also satisfy one of the English language conditions listed at www.ox.ac.uk/englang. If you have not achieved the required grade in a listed qualification at the time of application, this will form part of any conditional offer that you might receive and must be met by 31 July 2017 for entry in October 2017.

Visas
The University has a dedicated Visa and Immigration service which works to help all offer holders with their visa application. If you get offered a place at the University of Oxford and are selected for a scholarship, we would be able to help you in collaboration with that service.

Please note that all students who require a visa to study in the UK will need to meet an additional UKBA requirement for English language proficiency that was introduced on 21 April 2011. More details regarding the Tier 4 visa process can be found here: www.ox.ac.uk/students/visa/before/tier4?wssl=1

How Do I Apply?
We first ask that you complete the Balliol College 'Expression of Interest' form here: https://goo.gl/forms/idYMba1KJZdSsXeQ2, in order to signal to the College your wish to apply for this Scholarship. This will also make you eligible for funding assistance if required for the application and visa process. A full university application must then be submitted through the UCAS system.

UCAS
UCAS is the online system used by all UK universities to process their undergraduate applications. All applicants must apply for a place through the online UCAS website, and Balliol College will consider eligible applicants for the Scholarship. Please ensure you apply for Balliol (code O on the UCAS system) on your UCAS application.

You need to register on the UCAS system before completing an online application. The online application can be commenced from 1 September 2016, but you can register on UCAS well before this date and are advised to do so. Full details on how to use the online UCAS system may be found at: www.ucas.com/students/apply

There is a UCAS application fee of £12 (for applicants applying to one university) payable online with a debit or credit card. If you are unable to pay this fee, please note this on your initial Expression of Interest form, as financial support and/or credit card assistance may be arranged.

Personal Statement: you are invited in the personal statement section to explain why you are applying for the course and why you are suited to it. We advise you to concentrate on your academic abilities and potential rather than extra-curricular pursuits.

Reference: applications are invalid without an academic reference so please ensure that you ask someone to write a reference for you well in advance of the application deadline. The referee should write about your academic abilities and potential and suitability for the course. We recognise that there may be difficulties in obtaining a reference from a school teacher, in which case a UNHCR official or equivalent refugee aid worker could complete this reference if they can attest to your academic interest and aptitude. This potential referee should contact Balliol College's Undergraduate Admissions and Academic Administrator, Victoria Holt, by email at undergraduate@balliol.ox.ac.uk if they have any questions about what is required.

The deadline for your application to be submitted online via UCAS (including the academic reference) is strictly **15 October 2016**. No applications received after this date will be considered. You are strongly recommended to give yourself sufficient time to complete your application, including collecting references, paying your application fee and resolving any queries so that your application can be sent to us before the relevant deadline passes.

Aptitude Tests
The Following courses will require you to sit an aptitude test:
- Ancient and Modern History
- Biomedical Sciences
- Chemistry
- Classics; Classics and Modern Languages; Classics with Oriental Studies
- Computer Science; Computer Science & Philosophy
- Economics and Management
- Engineering Science
- English; English and Modern Languages
- History; History & Economics; History & English; History & Modern Languages; History & Politics
- Law
- Mathematics; Mathematics & Computer Science; Mathematics & Philosophy
- Modern Languages; Modern Languages & Linguistics; Philosophy & Modern Languages
- Oriental Studies
- Philosophy, Politics & Economics
- Physics; Physics and Philosophy

Further information about registering for an aptitude test, sitting the test, and specimen papers may be found at: www.ox.ac.uk/tests. You must be registered by the registration deadline for the appropriate test. If you are not registered for the test by the deadline you will not be able to sit the test and your application is unlikely to be considered further.

If there are substantial barriers that would prevent travel to an established test centre, please contact Victoria Holt, (undergraduate@balliol.ox.ac.uk), as far in advance of the 15 October registration deadline as possible. We will endeavour to support alternative arrangements where possible.

Written work
The following courses require you to submit written work to Balliol College by a specified deadline of **10th November 2016**:
- Ancient and Modern History
- Classical Archaeology and Ancient History
- Classics; Classics and Modern Languages; Classics with Oriental Studies
- English Language and Literature; English and Modern Languages
- History; History & Economics; History & English; History & Modern Languages; History & Politics
- Modern Languages; Modern Languages and Linguistics; Philosophy and Modern Languages
- Oriental Studies

Further details regarding submitting written work may be found at: www.ox.ac.uk/writwork. Applicants must ensure that their written work will reach the College by the deadline.

Shortlisting and interviews
Once the tutors have received all UCAS applications, aptitude test results, and written work they assess each applicant. The College will invite all applicants we wish to consider for a place to for an interview. At this stage, all applicants are notified of whether they are to be invited for an interview or whether their application has been unsuccessful. Shortlisted applicants for this Scholarship would normally be offered an interview(s) via Skype, which would take place as close to the scheduled dates for interviews taking place in Oxford for the relevant subject.
Please see www.ox.ac.uk/interviews for further details.

Offers
Shortlisted candidates will be told whether or not their application has been successful on 11 January 2017.

Visas
Once an offer has been made to an applicant and all conditions satisfied, the University will supply the recipient of the Scholarship with a CAS Number for their visa application. Please note that CAS number can only be issued three months before commencing the course in October 2017.

Who May I Contact If I Have A Question About This Scholarship?
In the first instance, all queries should go to the College's Undergraduate Admissions and Academic Administrator, Victoria Holt. You may contact her via her email address (undergraduate@balliol.ox.ac.uk) with any questions about the Admissions process.

Specific questions about the scholarship provision should be directed to the JCR President, anne.williamson@balliol.ox.ac.uk, or Stacy Toupouzova (Oxford DPhil student in Refugee Law and co-founder of the Sofia Refugee Centre) stacytopouzova@gmail.com