

# Balliol College



## Feedback on Undergraduate Admissions December 2018

### Subject: Classics

About 325 applications to read Classics and its associated joint degrees were received across the University. Nineteen of these applications were considered directly by Balliol, reflecting applicants who had either selected Balliol, or open applications allocated to Balliol. Allocation of open offers is performed in such a way as to balance the number of applications reviewed by each college.

Applicants were expected to sit the Classics Admissions Test (CAT). Shortlisting for interview was based on the criteria set out in <http://www.classics.ox.ac.uk/criteria-classics.html>, and included consideration of CAT performance as well as evaluation of data in the UCAS form, plus consideration of relevant contextual information. The large majority of applicants were eventually shortlisted for interview, both across the University and within Balliol.

Shortlisted applicants were invited to Oxford for interview. All applicants had at least two interviews in Balliol, with a number also having interviews at other colleges. Following completion of the interviews each applicant was reconsidered, adding interview performance to CAT scores and evaluation of the UCAS form, again considering relevant contextual information. Following this process 144 offers were made across the University, with Balliol making eight offers.