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Council and Main Committees

Congregation 10 February

Approval of a Resolution authorising the allocation of space called the Garden Land to Kellogg College

A meeting was held at 2pm on 10 February in the Sheldonian Theatre.

The Chair announced that a notice of opposition signed by 10 members of the School of Anthropology and Museum Ethnography had been received, but the signatories had since withdrawn their opposition to the resolution. In accordance with regulation Part 4.2 of Congregation Regulations 2 of 2002, it was her opinion that the withdrawal of the signatories to the opposition meant that opposition had fallen away and that the resolution was carried. Since no member of Congregation present at the meeting challenged the Chair's opinion, the resolution was declared carried.

The transcript of the meeting is published below and on the Congregation website: <https://governance.admin.ox.ac.uk/congregation>.

Transcript of the meeting

Professor Heidi Johansen-Berg, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Strategic Initiatives)

There is one item of business before Congregation today. Would you please be seated?

The agenda item is a resolution authorising space called the Garden Land to Kellogg College. The resolution, together with an explanatory note, was placed on the agenda of this meeting in the *University Gazette* published on 15 January.

A notice of opposition signed by 10 members of the School of Anthropology and Museum Ethnography was received. We have since had notice that these signatories have withdrawn their opposition to the resolution.

I shall first call on members to move and second the resolution. I call on Gillian Aitken, Registrar, to move the resolution.

Gillian Aitken, Registrar

I am Gillian Aitken, the Registrar of the University, and I am moving the resolution published in the *Gazette* on 15 January, authorising space called the Garden Land to Kellogg College. The text of the resolution is:

‘the site comprising approximately 1773 sqm of land currently forming the rear gardens of 2–6 Winchester Road and 47–55 Banbury Road ([and by that I will refer to it as] the Garden Land), be allocated to Kellogg College for a term of 21 years from a commencement date provided for in the Heads of Terms (after Kellogg has evidenced funding for the project and obtained necessary University governances for the allocation and Heads of Terms, and entered into a building contract), for the construction of 3 new build graduate accommodation blocks, together with associated landscaping works.

In addition, that further land comprising approximately 602 sqm at the rear of 2–6 Winchester Road and front and rear of 45 Banbury Road be allocated to Kellogg College on a temporary basis for the period of the construction works, for use by the contractor and to undertake landscaping works as part of the project.’

Following the notice of opposition, constructive dialogue between the School of Anthropology and Museum Ethnography, the Office of the Registrar, the Social Sciences Division, Estates Services and the Winchester Road Project Board has resulted in an agreement which addresses the concerns raised by the school, and the withdrawal of the opposition published in the *Gazette* on 5 February.

Estates Services are working closely with the school to identify alternative spaces for teaching, research and other activities to mitigate disruption caused by the development. In addition, a Neighbour Forum will be established that will act as an important conduit for information exchange and consultation between the Project Board, the school and other local stakeholders such as St Antony's College and OSGAR, ‘O-S-G-A-R’. Thank you.

Professor Heidi Johansen-Berg

Thank you. I call on Iain Critchlow, Deputy Director of Estates Services, to second the resolution.

Iain Critchlow, Deputy Director of Estates Services

I am Iain Critchlow, Deputy Director of Estates, and I second the resolution.

Professor Heidi Johnsen-Berg

In accordance with regulation 4.2 of Congregation regulations 2 of 2002, it is my opinion that the withdrawal of the signatories to the opposition means that opposition has fallen away and that the resolution is carried. A vote will only be required if my opinion is

challenged by at least 6 members of Congregation rising in their places.

I declare the resolution carried. That concludes the meeting of Congregation, thank you for your attendance today.

Congregation 16 February

Degree by Resolution

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Council of the University

Register of Congregation

The Vice-Chancellor reports that the following names have been added to the Register of Congregation:

Alice Channer, Reuben
Digby Chappell, St Anne's
Kendra McKechnie, Estates Services

Divisional and Faculty Boards

For changes to regulations for examinations see 'Changes to Examination Regulations' below.

Congregation

Congregation 24 February

Voting on Suspension of Congregation Regulations 3 of 2002: Regulations of Congregation for the Conduct of Ceremonies in Congregation, and certain other Ceremonies

Meeting Information

The meeting of Congregation is cancelled. The sole business comprises questions to which no opposition has been notified and in respect of which no request for adjournment has been received, and the Vice-Chancellor will accordingly declare the [resolutions/legislative proposals/changes to regulations] carried without a meeting under the provisions of Sect 7 (1) of Statute VI.

For explanatory note and full text of regulations to be suspended see *Gazette* No 5480, 29 January 2026, p271.

Congregation 10 March

(1) Voting on a Resolution to approve the University's Strategic Plan 2025–2030

Explanatory Note

The development of the University's 2025–30 Strategic Plan has been led by the Strategic Plan Programme Board (a group including the Vice-Chancellor, Pro-Vice-Chancellors and Chief Officers of the University, the Registrar, Heads of Division, and representatives of the Conference of Colleges) working closely with Council and its main committees. The priorities identified in the plan acknowledge and build on the strengths of the University, while being responsive to potential future challenges and opportunities. Several of the priorities form part of the University's response to mitigating medium-term strategic risks.

The Strategic Plan 2025–30 articulates the University's outward-facing strategic ambitions for the next 5 years and makes clear the priorities for how we operate as an institution – the enablers that will underpin the University's ambitions across Education, Research, Innovation and Partnership.

The plan has undergone extensive consultation and revisions over the last 18 months. Initial content was developed over the summer of 2024 by small groups which included the relevant Pro-Vice-Chancellor or Chief Officer for each plan theme, working alongside college and divisional representatives. This initial content was reviewed by Council in December 2024, then by the relevant committees overseeing each part of the plan, before being reviewed again by Council in April and May 2025.

(2) Voting on changes to Regulations of Congregation for the Conduct of Ceremonies in Congregation, and certain other Ceremonies

Explanatory Note

The proposed changes are made, on the recommendation of the Committee for the Nomination of Select Preachers, to modernise the regulations, align them with current practice, introduce greater flexibility regarding the management of the University Sermons programme, and diversify the membership of the Committee for the Nomination of Select Preachers. Numbers are also being written as numerals rather than words, in line with Oxford style guidance.

Text of Regulations

In Part 6 of Congregation Regulations 3 of 2002, concerning Religious Services and Sermons, amend as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

A draft version of the University's Strategic Plan 2025–30 was shared with all collegiate University staff via the Bulletin and *Gazette*, for consultation and feedback. The consultation was open for 2 months, from 2 June to 3 August 2025. Over this period, in addition to detailed group responses received on behalf of whole departments, divisions and colleges, responses were received from individuals working in divisions and departments, GLAM, Oxford Lifelong Learning, colleges and UAS.

The consultation feedback was reviewed by relevant committees of Council during Michaelmas term 2025. Further revisions were made to the plan on the basis of this feedback. In addition to University-wide consultation (and subsequent discussion at committees) the Vice-Chancellor consulted with Conference of Colleges in both Hilary and Michaelmas terms 2025.

Council approved the University's next Strategic Plan at a meeting held on 19 January 2026. The approval of Congregation is now sought.

Text of Resolution

That the Strategic Plan for 2025–30, published as a starred supplement to this *Gazette* (and also available at <https://governance.web.ox.ac.uk/draft-strategic-plan-2025-30-consultation>), is approved.

'Committee for the Nomination of Select Preachers

6.1 Select Preachers shall be nominated by a committee consisting of:

- (1) a person appointed by the Vice-Chancellor, who shall be chair of the committee;
- (2), ~~one~~¹ of the Proctors or the Assessor, as may be agreed between them;
- (3), (4), ~~two~~² professors in the Faculty of Theology and Religion elected by the professors in that faculty;
- (5), (6) ~~two~~² members of Congregation elected by Congregation;
- (7) the Vicar of St Mary's Church;

(8)–(10) the ~~C~~committee may co-opt up to ~~three~~³ additional members, who may be internal or external, who shall hold office for ~~one year~~^{3 years} and shall be re-eligible;

(11) a student member representative appointed by the Oxford University Student Union, who shall hold office for 1 year.

6.2 The elected members of the committee shall hold office for ~~four~~⁴ years and shall be re-eligible.

6.3 The committee shall normally meet annually to nominate Select Preachers~~nominate Select Preachers in each Michaelmas Term~~; and the consent of ~~four~~⁴ members of the committee, ~~one~~¹ of whom must be the chair, shall be required for a nomination. The committee shall also nominate the preachers of the Court Sermon, the Sermon on the Sin of Pride, the Macbride Sermon, the Sermon on the Grace of Humility, and the Ramsden Sermon.

6.4 The names of the preachers shall be published in the *University Gazette*.

The summons of preachers

6.5 A person shall be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor to summon those who are to preach.

6.6 The summoner of preachers shall act as secretary to the Committee for the Nomination of Select Preachers.

6.7 If an individual who has undertaken to preach is prevented by sudden illness or other urgent cause from preaching, the Vice-Chancellor shall appoint some other qualified individual to replace that preacher.

The qualification of preachers

6.8 With the exception of the University Sermon on Interfaith Relations, the Vice-Chancellor and the committee may use such liberty in nominating preachers as may be exercised by a Diocesan Bishop in accordance with resolutions of the Convocations of the Church of England.

6.9 For the University Sermon on Interfaith Relations, the Vice-Chancellor and the committee may nominate a preacher of any faith community in the venue for the sermon.

6.10 At least ~~three~~³ sermons each year shall be preached by members of Congregation.

The payment of preachers

6.11 ~~Council~~The Committee for the Nomination of Select Preachers shall determine the payments to be made to preachers nominated under these regulations, including travelling expenses if any preacher is not resident in Oxford, except those nominated under regulations 6.18 (1) and 6.18 (2) below.

Holy Communion

6.12 In the week before each Full Term, the Holy Communion according to the Liturgy of the Church of England shall be celebrated in the Church of St Mary the Virgin, by an individual appointed by the Vice-Chancellor.

Sermons to be preached in Full Term in St Mary's Church

6.13 Sermons shall be preached before the University in St Mary's Church on certain days, namely:

(1) on ~~two~~² Sundays during Michaelmas Full Term, to be determined by the Committee for the Nomination of Select Preachers;

(2) on ~~two~~² Sundays during Hilary Full Term, excepting the first day of Hilary Full Term, to be determined by the Committee for the Nomination of Select Preachers;

(3) on the first day of Hilary Full Term, the Latin Sermon (to be preached in accordance with Regulations 6.14 and 6.15 below); and

(4) on no more than ~~two~~² Sundays during Trinity Full Term:

(a) ~~one~~¹ to be on the third Sunday of term, or such date as the Committee for the Nomination of Select Preachers shall determine, the Commemoration Day Sermon; and

(b) ~~one~~¹, if any, to be determined by the Committee for the Nomination of Select Preachers.

Latin Sermon

6.14 On the first day of Hilary Full Term a Latin Sermon (to be preceded by the Litany read by ~~one~~¹ of the Proctors or by another member of Convocation appointed by them) shall be preached in the Church of St Mary the Virgin by individuals nominated by the Faculty of Classics.

6.15 If the Faculty of Classics should fail to nominate the preacher, or if the preacher nominated should be prevented by sudden illness or other urgent cause from preaching, the Vice-Chancellor shall appoint some other qualified individual to replace that preacher.

Sermons on the Grace of Humility and the Sin of Pride

6.16 The Sermons on the Grace of Humility and on the Sin of Pride, for which a benefaction was given to the University in 1684 by the Revd William Master, Vicar of Preston, near Cirencester, shall be preached on Quinquagesima Sunday and the last Sunday before Advent respectively, on **one** of a selection of texts specified by the benefactor.

The Ramsden Sermon

6.17 The Ramsden Sermon, for which a benefaction (now known as the Ramsden Benefaction) was given to the University by Mr J.H. Markland in 1847, shall be preached upon ‘Church Extension within the British Commonwealth’.

The Interfaith Sermon

6.18 A Sermon on Interfaith Relations shall be preached in rotation in Colleges, as determined by the Committee for the Nomination of Select Preachers, by individuals of any faith community, nominated by the **C**ommittee.

Sermons to be preached elsewhere than in St Mary’s Church

6.19 Sermons shall be preached before the University in certain colleges, on certain days, namely:

- (1) in the Cathedral Church of Christ on the first Sunday in Advent and on Whitsunday;
- (2) in Magdalen College, on the Sunday in Full Term nearest St Mark’s Day, and on the ninth Sunday of Trinity Term;
- (3) in Oriel College, on the eighth Sunday of Hilary Full Term;
- (4) in Hertford College, the Macbride Sermon (preached in accordance with Part 34 of the Schedule to the Statutes) on the second Sunday in Hilary Term;
- (5) in the Cathedral Church of Christ, when a Court Sermon is required;
- (6) in Queen’s College, on Trinity Sunday;

Meeting information

Members of Congregation are reminded that any 2 members may, not later than **noon on 2 March**, give notice in writing to the Registrar that they wish to oppose the resolution at (1) or changes to regulations at (2) (see note on the conduct of business in Congregation below). If no such notice has been given, and unless Council has declared otherwise or the or the meeting has

(7) in rotation, in **one** of those colleges and societies which have so agreed with the Committee for the Nomination of Select Preachers, the Ramsden Sermon (preached in accordance with Regulation 6.16 above), on the fourth Sunday of Michaelmas Full Term;

(8) in rotation, in **one** of those colleges and societies which have so agreed with the Committee for the Nomination of Select Preachers, the Sermon on the Sin of Pride (preached in accordance with Regulation 6.15 above), on the last Sunday before Advent;

(9) in rotation, in **one** of those colleges and societies which have so agreed with the Committee for the Nomination of Select Preachers, the Sermon on the Grace of Humility (preached in accordance with Regulation 6.15 above), on Quinquagesima Sunday.

(10) in rotation, the Sermon on Interfaith Relations (preached in accordance with Regulation 6.18 above) in colleges on a Sunday in full term, as agreed by the Committee for the Nomination of Select Preachers, or the committee may determine that the Sermon on Interfaith Relations may replace **one** of the existing University Sermons in any given year.

6.20 In each instance, except those detailed in 6.19 (4), 6.19 (5), 6.19 (7), 6.19 (8), 6.19 (9) and 6.19 (10) above, the preacher shall be appointed by the college.

6.21. Dates and venues: The Holy Communion and the University Sermons shall normally take place on the dates and at the venues specified in regulations 6.12–6.19 (10), save that the Committee for the Nomination of Select Preachers may, where it considers there to be good cause, approve variations to those dates or venues.

Commemoration of benefactors

~~6.21~~6.22 The preacher, in a prayer before the University sermon specified in Regulation 6.13 (4) (a) above, shall make a grateful commemoration of the benefactors of the University, recalling by name those whom Council has decreed shall be commemorated in this way. The list of names shall be divided into ~~six~~6 sections, **one** of which shall be read out in turn at each successive commemoration. The list shall be held by the Committee for the Nomination of Select Preachers and shall be presented to the committee at its meeting in each Michaelmas Term.’

been adjourned, the resolution shall be declared carried, and the meeting may be cancelled.

Congregation noon, 18 March

Admission of Proctors and Assessor

A Congregation meeting will be held at **noon on 18 March** in the Sheldonian Theatre for the purpose of admitting to office **Professor Andrew Farmery**, BSc MB BS MD Lond, MA Oxf, fellow of Wadham, and **Professor Caroline Warman**, MA Camb, PhD QMUL, fellow of Jesus, as Proctors for the ensuing year; and **Professor Jeff Tseng**, BS Caltech, MA PhD Johns Hopkins, fellow of St Edmund Hall, as Assessor for the ensuing year. Congregation members wishing to attend the ceremony must register by **8am on 9 March** at: <http://forms.office.com/e/pYfrrrYQRT>.

Note on procedures in Congregation

Business in Congregation is conducted in accordance with Congregation Regulations 2 of 2002 (<https://governance.admin.ox.ac.uk/legislation/congregation-regulations-2-of-2002>).

A printout of these regulations, or of any statute or other regulations, is available from the Council Secretariat on request. A member of Congregation seeking advice on

questions relating to its procedures, other than elections, should contact Louise Hasler, Council Secretariat, University Offices, Wellington Square (email: congregation.meeting@admin.ox.ac.uk); questions relating to elections should be directed to the Elections Office (email: elections.office@admin.ox.ac.uk).

Notices

General Notices

People Committee

REPORT ON STATUTE XII PANELS

People Committee received a report at its meeting in 7th week of Michaelmas term on the operation of Statute XII Panels, and agreed that it should be published on the HR website. The report can be found on the following webpage: <https://hr.admin.ox.ac.uk/hr-news>.

Appointments

Social Sciences

APPOINTMENTS

Emma Marsden, PhD S'ton; Associate Professor of Language Education (with title of Professor of Language Education), Department of Education, and fellow of St Anne's, from 27 April 2026

Visiting Professorships

Humanities

Professor Ian Phillips; Visiting Professor of Philosophy, Faculty of Philosophy, for a period of 3 years from 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2029

Professor Hannah Pickard; Visiting Professor of Philosophy, Faculty of Philosophy, for a period of 3 years from 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2029

Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences

APPOINTMENTS

Markos Trichas, PhD Imp, Director of UK National Security and Defence Space and Space MDI, BAE Systems; Visiting Professor in Physics, Department of Physics, from 5 February 2026 for a period of 3 years

Electoral Boards

Composition of Electoral Boards

The composition of the electoral boards to the posts below, proceedings to fill which are currently in progress, is as follows (appointing person/body given in brackets):

RHODES PROFESSORSHIP OF AMERICAN HISTORY

Professor Judith Buchanan, chair (Vice-Chancellor)
 Ms Jude Kelly (*ex officio*)
 Professor Marc Mulholland (St Catherine's)
 Professor Barbara Savage (Council)
 Professor Bruce Schulman (Council)
 Professor Adam Smith (Humanities Division)
 Professor Martin Conway (Faculty of History)
 Professor Sarah Knott (Faculty of History)
 Professor Emily West (Faculty of History)

CHAIR IN THE TEACHING AND LEARNING OF CHINESE, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, IN ASSOCIATION WITH ST ANTONY'S COLLEGE

Professor Jennifer Payne, chair (Vice-Chancellor)
 Professor Roger Goodman (*ex officio*)
 Professor Rachel Murphy (St Antony's)
 Professor Zhu Hua* (Council)
 Professor Ka Ho Mok* (Council)
 Professor Tim Power (Social Sciences Division)
 Professor Leon Feinstein (Department of Education)
 Professor Heath Rose (Department of Education)
 Professor Trevor Mutton (Department of Education)

*External councils

Advisory Committees

Composition of an Advisory Committee

The composition of the advisory committee to the post below, proceedings to fill which are currently in progress, is as follows (appointing person/body given in brackets):

REGIUS PROFESSORSHIP OF GREEK

Professor Irene Tracey, chair (Vice-Chancellor)
The Very Revd Professor Sarah Foot (*ex officio*)
Professor Amin Benaissa (Christ Church)
Professor Judith Mossman (Council)
Professor Luigi Battezzato (Council)
Professor Ursula Coope (Humanities Division)
Professor Llewelyn Morgan (Faculty of Classics)
Professor Tobias Reinhardt (Faculty of Classics)
Dr Emma Greensmith (Faculty of Classics)

Exhibitions

St John's

LAUDIAN VESTMENTS

The college's collection of medieval textiles will be displayed 2–5pm on 7 March in the Garden Quad Reception Room. More information: www.sjc.ox.ac.uk/discover/about-college/history/laudian-vestments.

Lectures

Medical Sciences

Nuffield Department of Population Health

INFECTIOUS DISEASE EPIDEMIOLOGY UNIT (IDEU) SYMPOSIUM

A symposium will take place 4–5 March in the Richard Doll Building. More information and to register: www.ndph.ox.ac.uk/events/ideu-symposium-2026.

Social Sciences

Department of Politics and International Relations

EXECUTIVE EDUCATION PROGRAMME

An executive education programme will take place 16–18 July at Rhodes House. More information and to register: www.politics.ox.ac.uk/executive-education.

Subject: 'Geopolitical risk'

Examinations and Boards

Examinations for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy

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Examinations for the Degree of Master of Letters

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Changes to Examination Regulations

For the complete text of each regulation listed below and a listing of all changes to regulations for this year to date, please see <https://gazette.web.ox.ac.uk/examination-regulations-0>.

Continuing Education Strategic Management Board

ARCHAEOLOGY, UGCERT

major restructure of programme

COGNITIVE BEHAVIOURAL THERAPY, PGCERT (MT 2025 ENTRY)

to replace regulations for individual awards following major restructure of programme

COGNITIVE BEHAVIOURAL THERAPY, PGCERT (MT 2026 ENTRY)

new regulations to allow for separate named awards for the PGCert ECBT specialist pathways from MT 2026

COGNITIVE BEHAVIOURAL THERAPY, MSC

COGNITIVE BEHAVIOURAL THERAPY, PGDIP

COGNITIVE BEHAVIOURAL THERAPY, PGCERT

ENHANCED COGNITIVE BEHAVIOURAL THERAPY, PGCERT

combined programme regulations following restructure

Colleges, Halls and Societies

Obituaries

Trinity

Christopher Edward Neville Arkell, 3 September 2025; 1945. Aged 98.

Dr Peter James Burrows, 14 January 2026; 1960. Aged 83.

Andrew Lionel Hichens, 5 January 2026; 1955. Aged 89.

Clive Leonard Hicks, 28 June 2025; 1954. Aged 88.

Dr Christopher Raymond Topley Hughes, December 2025; 1953. Aged 91.

David Harvey Langford, 3 December 2025; 1976. Aged 69.

Timothy Robert Marshall, 5 November 2025; 1970. Aged 73.

Dr Han Spoel, 19 September 2025; 1951. Aged 94.

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Web: <https://gazette.web.ox.ac.uk/classified-advertising-gazette>

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Miscellaneous

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Conference and meeting venue. Looking for an excellent off-site conference or meeting venue? The modern award-winning Beckley Village Hall may be your answer, accommodating up to 120 people. Plenty of parking, excellent audio-visual facilities, fully equipped kitchen, and great views over countryside. Close to M40 and Headington. See <http://beckleyvillagehall.org> for a full description and the location. Abingdon Arms pub close by!

Groups and societies

Oxford University Newcomers' Club welcomes the partners of graduate students, of academics and researchers, and of University staff, as well as others with a connection to the collegiate University such as visiting scholars. Our Membership Guidelines are on our website: www.newcomers.ox.ac.uk. We are run by volunteers and supported by the University. We provide information about the local community and many opportunities to share experiences as well as to take part in organised events and activities in and around Oxford. We meet at the University Club (11 Mansfield Rd) every Wednesday morning 10.30am–noon during 0th to 9th week, and informally during the vacations.

261 Fearless Club UK is a women's running community welcoming all abilities. Banbury and Bicester clubs host weekly hour-long Meet Runs led by certified coaches, focusing on running for fun, fitness and friendship – not speed or competition. Whether you are taking your first steps or already enjoy running, you'll find encouragement, laughter and support. First Meet Run free; sessions £3 each or £45 annually (subsidised places available). More information: www.261fearless.org/uk/clubs/261-club-united-kingdom.

Research participants sought

Amblyopia (also known as ‘lazy eye’) is the most common cause of vision loss in children. It is commonly treated using Occlusion Therapy (also known as ‘patching’). We are investigating how Occlusion Therapy changes signals in the brain to understand how the treatment works. We hope that these findings will lead to better treatment for Amblyopia in the future. We are looking for 5–8-year-old children with Amblyopia AND 5–8-year-old children with normal vision to participate in our research. Taking part involves coming to Headington, Oxford for 2 MRI scans and some eye tests. For more information: koalastudy@ndcn.ox.ac.uk or <https://tinyurl.com/4fu8kvby>.

We are recruiting healthy participants aged 18–45 for a paid investigation of effects of an over-the-counter medication on computerised tasks. You will be compensated for your time/travel expenses. To check your eligibility: https://psychiatryoxford.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_dpa5E19JQn6WXe6 or contact scope@psych.ox.ac.uk.

Volunteers needed: optimising home blood pressure monitoring to identify people at risk of nocturnal hypertension. We are looking for people aged 60+ who live in Oxfordshire to take part in a home blood pressure monitoring study for 2 weeks with the help of a smartphone app. For more information visit www.phc.ox.ac.uk/research/groups-and-centres/DLTC/studies/bp-tempo or contact: bp tempo@phc.ox.ac.uk 01865 617934.

The ECLIPSE Study: shaping tomorrow’s vaccines, one volunteer at a time. If you are aged 55–80, in good health and able to attend regular face-to-face visits at Oxford Vaccine Group, Churchill Hospital, you may be eligible to take part. If you are interested in finding out more, please see www.ovg.ox.ac.uk/studies/eclipse where you can access the participant information sheet and register your interest in joining the study.

Imaging study of 11-to-18-year-olds with head injuries. We are looking for young healthy volunteers to take part. Key inclusion criteria: 11–18 years of age (inclusive), actively involved in sports (school or club), no previous history of a symptomatic head injury/concussion. More information: www.ndcn.ox.ac.uk/research/oxford-traumatic-brain-injury-research-group/paediatric-tbi-mri-study. BBC article: www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c8xgl8709reo. Contact: izabelle.lovgren@ndcn.ox.ac.uk.

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Notifications of Prizes, Grants and Funding

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Harris Manchester: Ann Peart Visiting Scholarships in Unitarian and Dissenting Histories

Harris Manchester; 2 Ann Peart Visiting Scholarships in Unitarian and Dissenting Histories; 2-week funded scholarships for summer 2026 (stipend/accommodation/meals/expenses); 30 March; <https://hmc.ox.ac.uk/sitefiles/ann-peart-scholarships-2026-final.pdf>

Philippe Wiener–Maurice Anspach Foundation

Philippe Wiener–Maurice Anspach Foundation; Postdoctoral Fellowships; grants available to conduct research in any field at the Université libre de Bruxelles; 12–24 months; noon, 9 March (Belgian time); <https://fwa.ulb.be/subsides-et-financements/subsides-postdoctoraux>

St John's College, Cambridge: Harper-Wood Creative Writing & Travel Award

St John's College, Cambridge; Harper-Wood Creative Writing & Travel Award for English Poetry & Literature; for creative writing project-related travel and study for creative writers in the early stages of their careers; 22 April; www.joh.cam.ac.uk/apply/external-awards



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Faculty of Classics; Regius Professorship of Greek; 13 April; https://my.corehr.com/pls/uoxrecruit/erq_jobspec_details_form.jobspec?p_id=184732

Department of Education; Professorship in Learning and Teaching of Chinese in association with St Antony's; 9 March; https://my.corehr.com/pls/uoxrecruit/erq_jobspec_details_form.jobspec?p_id=184756

Colleges, Halls and Societies

Pembroke; Academic Support Officer; £28,000–£34,000; 2 March; www.pmb.ox.ac.uk/vacancies

St Hilda's; Jenny Wormald Junior Research Fellowship in Women's History; 10 April; www.st-hildas.ox.ac.uk/vacancies

Queen's; Junior Research Fellowship in Philosophy; £37,694; 13 April; www.queens.ox.ac.uk/vacancies/junior-research-fellowship-in-philosophy

St Peter's; Associate Professorship (or Professorship) of English Literature; £57,223–£76,603; 5 March; www.spc.ox.ac.uk/about/vacancies

St Anne's; Development and Communications Assistant; £26,707–£28,974, noon, 10 March; www.st-annes.ox.ac.uk/about/job-opportunities

External Vacancies

Christ's College, Cambridge; 2–4-year non-stipendiary Junior Research Fellowship; noon, 28 April; www.christs.cam.ac.uk/non-stipendiary-junior-research-fellowship-2026

Selwyn College, Cambridge; Cambridge Philosophical Society Henslow Fellowship for science subjects; £43,310; 6 March; www.sel.cam.ac.uk/jobs

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