



ST CATHERINE'S COLLEGE

GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS 2026

Before applying for any of these scholarships, please consult the [overview of scholarship eligibility](#) and the [list of courses](#) for which St Catherine's accepts graduate students. You only need to submit one application for these scholarships and there is a place on the application form where you can indicate all the scholarships for which you wish to apply.

All of these scholarships may be held in conjunction with an award from another body other than another Oxford College and carry entitlement to limited High Table dining rights. With the exception of the Light Senior Scholarships they also carry entitlement to up to two years' single accommodation on the main college site or in St Catherine's House (to be paid for by the recipient at the current room charge rate), which should be taken in the first two years of the scholarship. Before awarding any scholarships, the College must be satisfied that sufficient funding is available to cover course fees.

Students must be a full-time member of Oxford University in order to be eligible for St Catherine's scholarships. Students at other colleges are eligible to apply for all of these scholarships apart from the Light Senior Scholarships, but would need to migrate to St Catherine's to take up any of these scholarships if their application was successful. **You must check with your college that migration will be possible before applying.** Please check your student handbook, or contact your Senior Tutor or Tutor for Graduates, for information regarding migration. If you are an associate member of a college, or have dual affiliation with another university, you will not be full-time and will not be eligible.

All of these scholarships, apart from the Light Senior Scholarships, are open to new graduate students commencing graduate study at Oxford in October 2026, and to current graduate students who will have completed no more than two years of graduate research degree study at Oxford in October 2026.

St Catherine's College expects to be able to award the following Graduate Scholarships with effect from October 2026:

Allen Senior Music Scholarship: one Graduate Scholarship worth £3,200 per annum, tenable for one year whilst the recipient is liable for course fees. For students who in October 2026 will be reading for an Oxford University graduate degree (MSt, MPhil or DPhil) in Music. **Closing date: Friday 27th February 2026**

College Scholarship (Arts): two Graduate Scholarships worth £3,300 per annum, tenable for up to three years whilst the recipient is liable for course fees. For students who in October 2026 will be reading for any Oxford University research degree (DPhil, MLitt, or MSc by Research) in the Arts (Humanities Division and Social Science Division) for which St Catherine's admits graduate students. **Closing date: Friday 27th February 2026**

College Scholarship (Sciences): three Graduate Scholarships worth £3,300 per annum, tenable for up to three years whilst the recipient is liable for course fees. For students who in October 2026 will be reading for any Oxford University research degree (DPhil, or MSc by Research) in the Sciences (Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences Division and Medical Sciences Division) for which St Catherine's admits graduate students. **Closing date: Friday 27th February 2026**

Glaxo Scholarship: one Graduate Scholarship worth £3,300 per annum, tenable for up to two years whilst the recipient is liable for course fees. For all students who have a confirmed place on the Oxford University 2nd BM commencing 2026, and for St Catherine's students who will commence the graduate-entry medicine course in 2026 or commenced the 2nd BM or graduate-entry medicine course prior to 2026. **Closing date: Friday 27th February 2026**

Great Eastern Scholarship: one Graduate Scholarship worth £3,300 per annum, tenable for up to three years whilst the recipient is liable for course fees. For Indian nationals who in October 2026 will be reading for any Oxford University research degree (DPhil, MLitt, or MSc by Research) for which St Catherine's admits graduate students. **Closing Date: Friday 27th February 2026**

Henfrey Graduate Scholarship in Chinese Studies: one Graduate Scholarship worth £5,000 per annum, tenable for up to three years whilst the recipient is liable for course fees. For students who in October 2026 will be reading for an Oxford University graduate degree for which St Catherine's admits graduate students, related to Chinese Studies. **Closing date: Friday 27th February 2026**

Leathersellers' Scholarship: three Graduate Scholarships worth £5,000 per annum, tenable for up to three years whilst the recipient is liable for course fees. For graduates of European (including UK) universities who in October 2026 will be reading for an Oxford University research degree (DPhil or MSc by Research) in Biochemistry, Biology, Chemistry, Computing, Earth Sciences, Engineering Science, Materials Science, Mathematics, Physics or Statistics. **Closing date: Friday 27th February 2026**

Light Senior Scholarship: up to eight scholarships worth £500 per annum, tenable for one year whilst the recipient is registered for an Oxford University graduate degree or diploma. For graduate students already studying at St Catherine's College who started graduate study at St Catherine's during or before the academic year 2025/26 and who will still be studying at St Catherine's during the academic year 2026/27. **Closing date: Friday 27th February 2026**

Overseas Scholarship: three Graduate Scholarships worth £3,300 per annum, tenable for up to three years whilst the recipient is liable for course fees. For Overseas fee status students who in October 2026 will be reading for any Oxford University research degree (DPhil, MLitt, or MSc by Research) for which St Catherine's admits graduate students. **Closing date: Friday 27th February 2026**

Wilfrid Knapp Scholarship (Arts): one Graduate Scholarship worth £5,000 per annum, tenable for up to three years whilst the recipient is liable for course fees. For students who in October 2026 will be reading for any Oxford University research degree (DPhil, MLitt, or MSc by Research) in the Arts (Humanities Division and Social Science Division) for which St Catherine's admits graduate students. **Closing date: Friday 27th February 2026**

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HOW TO APPLY

Applications will be made by filling out one of the Application Forms linked below. There is a separate form for current Oxford University students and one for new students who are applying from outside the University.

[Application Form for **current** Oxford students](#)

This form is for all students with an Oxford University email address who are wishing to apply for a graduate scholarship for October 2026.

[Application form for **external applicant** students](#)

This form is for students who have applied to study a graduate course at Oxford University in October 2026 but have not yet started and do not have an Oxford University email address.

Alongside the application form the candidate must also submit the correct supplementary material. The supplementary material should be in a single PDF file, if possible, and should be single-spaced and in at least a 12-point font. This material should be named in the following format: SURNAME, GIVEN NAME, Scholarship Application.

Supplementary material must include, in the following order:

- A personal statement (one page maximum) – This should make reference to the selection criteria which can be found in the guidance section on our [website](#).
- A research outline accessible to non-specialists (up to 1,200 words). The word count will not include references/citations, figure captions, tables or a bibliography if you choose to include them.
For taught courses, applicants may provide a statement of their academic interests, motivation for undertaking their course and reflect on a topic they would like to engage with after graduation in place of a research outline.
- A full curriculum vitae (two pages maximum)

For current Oxford Students (those with an Oxford email address) there will be a place to upload this document on the Application Form. For new students applying from outside the University (external applicants) you can submit this material by sending it by email to graduate.scholarships@stcatz.ox.ac.uk.

Candidates should provide contact details for two people acquainted with their recent academic work who have agreed to be approached and can produce a reference letter **within three weeks** of being contacted. Referees will not be contacted to send references until after shortlisting. Alternatively, applicants who will be commencing a new graduate course in October 2026, may request in their application that the references submitted in support of their application to Oxford are used.

The College plans to interview short-listed candidates in person or online on the following dates:

20th April 2026 – Medicine and Music

21st April 2026 – Sciences

22nd April 2026 – Arts (Humanities and Social Sciences)

If you will be unable to attend in person on your panel's listed date, there is a place on the form to indicate this.

More details on our scholarships, including the guidance for your personal statement from our Tutor for Graduates, can be found on our [website](#).