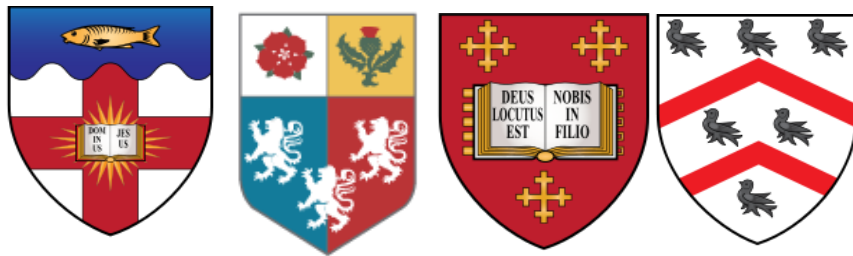




2017-2018 Oxford Prospects Visiting Student Programme



About Oxford

The University of Oxford is one of the most prestigious universities in the world, founded in 1250 with some colleges' histories stretching back even further. It is also a member of the prestigious Russell Group of major research universities in the United Kingdom (similar to the Ivy League). The University of Oxford enjoys a well-deserved reputation for world-class teaching, research and facilities. Our students benefit from centrally-organised lectures, seminars and lab time, and from the collegiate system of small-group teaching (called a tutorial) that takes place in the colleges. This approach



provides individual support and guidance, enabling students to thrive academically whilst offering countless opportunities to get involved with extra-curricular activities. Your College will be your home during term-time and will be the focus of both your academic progress and your social life.

About the Programme

The Visiting Student Programme is open to eight to ten Chinese partner universities through the Oxford Prospects Programmes. The Visiting Student Programme offers suitably qualified students the opportunity to come to Oxford as Registered Visiting Students of the University of Oxford and as members of one of the four partner colleges: Mansfield, Pembroke, Worcester, or Regent's Park College. Visiting Students are to study for the whole or part of one academic year. They will be on courses taken by full-time undergraduate students and study alongside them in tutorials and lectures.

Our aim is to give Visiting Students the chance to experience the unique opportunities provided by study at Oxford while earning credit for their home institutions. Visiting Students have access to all academic and social facilities, such as a wide range of University facilities, including the Bodleian Library, faculty (subject) libraries, the Oxford University Computing Services, and the great wealth of lectures organized by the University throughout the academic year. If you thrive on intellectual stimulation, particularly in your favourite subjects, then you are likely to find the Oxford system thoroughly fulfilling. As a Visiting Student, you will automatically become a life-time member of the Oxford College and will receive details of future events.

The Academic Year

	Term	From	To
2017-18	Michaelmas 2017	Sunday, 8 October	Saturday, 2 December
	Hilary 2018	Sunday, 14 January	Saturday, 10 March
	Trinity 2018	Sunday, 22 April	Saturday, 16 June

Each of the three terms in Oxford is organized into eight teaching weeks. Terms are intensive and you will be amazed at how much academic, sporting, and other social activities can be packed into such a short period of time. The intensity of term time means that it is not possible to leave Oxford during these eight weeks, although many Visiting Students take the opportunity to travel between terms.

Requirements

- **GPA of 3.7**(minimum, using a 4.0 GPA system)
- **Photocopy of IELTS or TOEFL certificate:** IELTS overall score of 7.0 (with at least 7.0 in each), or TOEFL (internet-based) overall score of 110, with component scores of at least: Listening 22, Reading 24, Speaking 25, and Writing 24
- **A personal statement:** you should provide a brief account of your studies to date and an explanation of how a year at Oxford would fit into your educational plans (including the main subjects you would like to study and any course work you have completed at your home university)
- **A sample of recently completed written work** (marked if possible) preferably in one of the subjects for which you are applying
- **Two academic references**(from someone who can comment on your academic achievement and on the type of learner you are)
- **An up-to-date academic transcript**
- **Application form**
- **A recent photograph**

Please consult with and send application materials to your home university. For enquiries, you may also contact OPP's senior recruiting officer: Dr Jason Lu at vsp@oxford-prospects.com

Teaching and Tutorial System

The method of teaching and learning at Oxford is renowned throughout the world, making particularly strong use of tutorials. These involve small numbers of students (usually between 2 and 4) meeting every week or fortnight with tutors to discuss work (often an essay or problem set) which has been prepared specifically for that tutorial.



Tutorials foster a close relationship between the tutor and the student, and are particularly beneficial for developing skills of critical analysis. Tutorials often require students to critique primary and secondary literature and defend an argument. Tutors know that students will not always have the answer, but the tutorial allows students to test the boundaries of their understanding. A great advantage of the tutorial system is the individual attention that students receive. In contrast to large lectures common in US universities, students in tutorials have the opportunity to explore their own ideas directly with experts in particular subjects. These may be Fellows, as well as College lecturers.

While tutorials often form the backbone of teaching in Oxford, they are also supported by lectures which are conducted on a University wide basis, and in smaller College-based classes.

A full list of the courses offered, including details of the topics covered, can be found on the university website. Prospective Visiting Students may also find it useful to visit the subject website for the course they are interested in studying, to read about the range of options available at undergraduate level.



Mansfield College

Mansfield College will reserve up to four places for students from a selected list of Chinese Universities to our Visiting Students Programme. Although we prioritise full year applications for study, we do consider applications for two terms of study (January – June) on a case by case basis.

Academic Subjects

Courses include: *Economics, English, Finance, Geography, History, Human Sciences, Management, Oriental Studies, Philosophy, Politics, Statistics, Theology and Religion, Classics, Music and History of Art.*

Costs

Full Year (Michaelmas term + Hilary term + Trinity term)

Tuition: £23,768 Accommodation: £5,007 Total: £28,775

Two-terms: (Hilary term + Trinity term)

Tuition: £17,553 Accommodation: £3,697 Total: £21,250

Visiting Students generally find that they do not have significant expenses beyond their tuition fee and living costs to cover while they are in Oxford. The accommodation that we provide is self-catering, but students also have the option of eating in the College Dining Hall, where meal costs are subsidised.





Pembroke College



Pembroke only admits Visiting Students for the full Academic Year. It is not possible to study for just one or two Oxford terms because the college believes it is much more beneficial to Visiting Students to have time to adapt to the Oxford system, and integrate into the social life of the college. For the 2017-2018 academic year Pembroke College will reserve up to four places for students from a selected list of Chinese Universities to our Visiting Students Programme.

Academic Subjects

Visiting Students are welcomed in all the degree subjects that are available within Pembroke. There are, however, differences from what you will experience at your home university, most particularly in the extent to which you specialise and study courses in depth, exploring ideas intensively- often providing a strong foundation for an Honor's Thesis. Visiting Students all enjoy the genuine Oxford undergraduate experience of devoting their academic studies to one degree course. Some of these degree courses combine more than one subject area (such as PPE - Philosophy, Politics and Economics).

Courses include: *Biochemistry, Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Economics, English, English & Modern Languages, History, History & Economics, History & English, History & Modern Languages, History & Politics, Law, Mathematics, Maths & Philosophy, Modern Languages, Oriental Studies (Arabic, Islamic Studies), Oriental Studies (Japanese, Chinese), Philosophy, Philosophy & Modern Languages, Politics, PPE, PPL, Psychology, Theology.*

Costs

Tuition: £27,747 per student for 2016-17 (17-18 fees subject to a ~3% increase).
Accommodation will depend on the room type. Based on the costs for 2015-16 a basic basin room cost £3966 per year and an en-suite room was £5301.
Cost of utilities for 2015-16 was £348 (17-18 fees subject to slight inflation).



Regent's Park College



Regent's Park College will reserve up to 2 places for students from a selected list of Chinese universities to our Visiting Student Programme. We prefer applications for a full year of study but will also consider applications for two terms (January-June). Regent's specializes in the teaching of subjects in the Arts and Humanities. We provide single-occupancy rooms with self-catering facilities and students have the option of eating in the College Dining Hall. For you to make the most of your time you will need to plan your courses of study carefully in consultation with faculty members in your home institution and at Regent's.

Academic Subjects

Courses include: *English, Classics, Geography, History, Philosophy, Theology and Religion, Politics, International Relations, Economics, History of Art, Mathematics*



Costs

Full Year: (Michaelmas term + Hilary term + Trinity term): £24,000

Two terms: (Hilary Term + Trinity Term: £16,200 + £400 administration fee per term.



Worcester College



Worcester College will reserve up to four places for students from a selected list of Chinese Universities to our Visiting Student Programme. The study terms available are September seminar + Michaelmas: two places available. (It's possible for the student to come for Michaelmas alone but they strongly recommend arriving early for the September seminar as well). Hilary + Trinity: two places available.

Rooms are single-occupancy, and shared kitchens are nearby. Students can choose to take meals in hall (these meals are priced at competitive rates), cook for themselves in their kitchens, or eat out at one of Oxford's many restaurants. Four times a week, students have the option of dining in College at formal hall, where smart attire and academic gowns are worn, and catering and services are a bit more elaborate.

Academic Subjects

Courses include: *Economics, Philosophy, Maths, Politics, English, Classics, Computer Science, and British history, and Business*



Costs

Michaelmas £11,240. Hilary plus Trinity £19,301. The first fee includes accommodation for Michaelmas Term but not for September. The second fee includes accommodation for Hilary and Trinity but not for the Easter holiday in between. Extra accommodation in September or in the Easter vacation is about £20/night.