

PROVOST'S SCHOLARSHIPS

WORCESTER COLLEGE, OXFORD



FROM THE PROVOST



We are delighted that, thanks to generous benefactions from some of our loyal alumni in Australia and New Zealand, we are able to offer 'The Provost's Scholarships', a unique opportunity for talented recent graduates to have the experience of College life in one of the world's greatest universities — the programme is highly flexible, fully funded, and free from the constraints of formal academic qualification. It is an ideal opportunity to undertake a further year's study and to enlarge intellectual and global horizons before deciding on a future career. The selection panel will be looking especially for candidates who have the vision and the potential to serve the common good of humankind in future decades, in whatever walk of life.

I was fortunate enough to win a similar kind of scholarship to Harvard after I graduated from Cambridge, England, and I regard my year there — experiencing a very different teaching system, broadening my disciplinary range, meeting international students, and getting to know another culture whilst taking advantage of many extra-curricular opportunities — as one of the happiest and most formative of my entire life. I am deeply grateful to the donors who, hearing this, came up with the idea of doing something similar here in Oxford for students from Australia and New Zealand. I eagerly anticipate participating in the selection process, welcoming the lucky recipients, and over the years assisting in the building of an enduring community of 'Worcester College Provost's Scholars'.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jonathan Bate". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Professor Sir Jonathan Bate



WHY WORCESTER?

Worcester is riding high academically. Our sporting teams continue to triumph. Drama, music, and college societies are thriving. Our gardens and grounds are the envy of all Oxford. We have Fellows who are committed teachers and distinguished researchers. Our staff are hardworking and loyal, and we are famously friendly.

We welcome applicants from all backgrounds and celebrate our diverse student body. Here are just a few reasons to consider Worcester:

Support

The Director of Visiting Students will provide advice and guidance and be a source of support. A well-developed and effective welfare provision, including the Deanery, College Nurse and Doctor, dedicated JCR and MCR reps and peer supporters, is also in place.

Location

Being in the city centre, our location is convenient for departments, faculties, and libraries, as well as for all the amenities Oxford has to offer, including shops, restaurants, museums and theatres. Worcester boasts 26 acres of beautiful grounds, including a lake, giving students relaxed and tranquil surroundings to enjoy.

Facilities

The College will provide accommodation for the Provost's Scholars. We benefit from an excellent library, whose modern reading room contains some 65,000 volumes and whose magnificent Old Library houses collections of European importance. A fantastic range of academic and extra-curricular activities are led by the Junior and Middle Common Rooms (JCR and MCR), including talks and debates, and a diverse social programme. We are also the only College to have our sports ground on site: we excel at rugby, soccer, hockey, netball, cricket, tennis and croquet, as well as on the river in Oxford's traditional sport of rowing.



WHY OXFORD?

The University of Oxford is the world's number one university, according to the Times Higher Education Rankings 2016-17. Oxford offers a unique experience to students, including the opportunity to work with leading academics and with some of the very best libraries, laboratories, museums, and collections worldwide. Its international reputation for world-leading research and resources attracts students from all over the world.

The University is fully integrated into the city of Oxford in a dynamic relationship that has been evolving for over 800 years. Oxford is only 60 miles northwest of London and is a great base for exploring Europe.

Sports, Music, and Societies

Oxford's 400-plus student groups and societies cover music, literature, sport, politics, performing arts, media, faiths, cultural groups, science, opportunities for volunteering, and much more.

Careers and Alumni

Oxford's graduates go on to achieve success in a wide variety of fields and are highly regarded across the world thanks to their unique Oxford education. Our extensive alumni community consists of over 200 alumni groups in more than 90 countries around the world.



HOW THE PROVOST'S SCHOLARSHIPS WORK

The Visiting Student Programme at Worcester College is highly flexible: we will work with you to devise a course of study tailored to your needs. Scholars will arrive in Oxford at the beginning of the calendar year, usually in the year immediately after completing an undergraduate degree in Australia or New Zealand.

Oxford's terms are short and highly intensive. In each of the first two terms – Hilary (January to March) and Trinity (April to June) – you will take a Major Tutorial weekly for 8 weeks, and a Minor Tutorial fortnightly. Each tutorial will be on a bespoke subject and will involve extensive reading and the writing of weekly/fortnightly essays, which will be discussed in one-on-one tutorials with academic experts in the field. *All Humanities and Social Science disciplines are considered, and it is possible to take different tutorials in different fields.* The possibilities are extensive, and visiting students often design their own tutorials with professors in Oxford. An indication of the range of possible tutorial courses can be found at <http://www.worc.ox.ac.uk/applying/visiting-students/academics/choosing-your-tutorials>.

The summer will provide an opportunity to travel in Britain and Europe, then from September to December (Michaelmas term), the Provost's Scholars will work on a dissertation or research project, again supervised one to one by an expert tutor. The progression through the year is thus an ideal transition from undergraduate to graduate style work. *There are no examinations and no University of Oxford qualification is offered, but Scholars will receive a Diploma from the College attesting that they have completed a year as a Provost's Scholar.*

HOW TO APPLY

The Provost's Scholarships are highly competitive. The selectors are looking for all-round potential as well as academic excellence.

There is no application form. Candidates should submit *a letter of application, explaining why you wish to be considered for the Provost's Scholarship and what you hope to achieve during the year, including a broad indication of your proposed field(s) of study and your prior qualifications to undertake the work you propose, together with a CV.*

Applications should be sent electronically to provost@worc.ox.ac.uk, with subject line "Provost's Scholarship Application." You should also ask *three referees* to write on your behalf, directly to provost@worc.ox.ac.uk.

The deadline for the receipt of applications and references is 30th April. Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed in Sydney, in Auckland, or by Skype at the end of May.

Further details, including information about the generous financial package (*which includes payment of all tuition fees*), and Frequently Asked Questions can be found at <https://www.worc.ox.ac.uk/applying/graduates/graduate-scholarships>



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