



FAQs for the Weidenfeld Scholarships and Leadership Programme

Who is eligible to apply?

- Individuals ordinarily resident in the following countries: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Egypt, Estonia, FYR Macedonia, Georgia, Hungary, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lebanon, Libya, Lithuania, Moldova, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Oman, Palestinian Authority, Poland, Qatar, Romania, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United States, Uzbekistan, Western Sahara, Yemen;
- Applicants to a postgraduate degree at the University of Oxford;
- Applicants not currently enrolled at the University of Oxford;
- Applicants should be intending to return to their country of ordinary residence following their studies.

What courses do the Scholarships support?

The Weidenfeld Scholarships support **ANY full-time Postgraduate degree (Masters or DPhil courses in any academic field)** at the **University of Oxford**. Please take a look at the following website which lists all the postgraduate courses available at the University of Oxford:

http://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/postgraduate_courses/course_guide/index.html

What costs are covered by the Scholarships?

The Scholarship covers tuition and college fees for the entire length of your postgraduate degree (up to 3 years) plus an annual full grant for living costs (£13,500 in 2011/12).

When is the application deadline?

The **deadline for applications** is **06 January 2012** for Medical Sciences and Philosophy students, and **20 January 2012** for all other students.

What level of English do I need in order to apply to the University of Oxford?

If English is not your first language, you will need to provide evidence that you have sufficient fluency in written and spoken English to successfully participate in your course from the outset. You will need to take the TOEFL or the IELTS test. Specific English language requirements may vary depending on the course

you've selected and need to be checked for each course independently. Please see full details of language requirements on the University of Oxford website:

http://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate_courses/courses/courses_and_entrance_requirements/english_language.html

What is the application procedure?

When you apply to the University of Oxford, you need to indicate on the application form (under the funding section) that you would like to be considered for the Weidenfeld Scholarships and Leadership Programme. In support of your application for the Scholarship you must complete a questionnaire which you can download from the following site http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/studentfunding/scholarship_profiles/weidenfeld.shtml and then upload it as part of your Oxford University application.

If your application to the University is successful and you completed and submitted the Weidenfeld Scholarships and Leadership questionnaire, then your application will be passed on to the Institute for Strategic Dialogue for consideration. From the full pool of applicants, a shortlisted group of candidates is invited to be interviewed in person by a panel during our Selection Weekend in late April or early May each year.

Step-by-step:

- 1) **Choose the course** you would like to study and apply directly to the University of Oxford. Applications to the University open in September and you will need to download the latest application form from their website: http://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/postgraduate_courses/index.html. You can apply online under <https://apply.embark.com/grad/Oxford/15/> (more information under http://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/postgraduate_courses/apply/index.html) or receive a paper version of the graduate application form. While filling in your application form, you need to express your interest in the Weidenfeld Scholarships by checking the box 'Weidenfeld' under the funding section of the Oxford University application form.
- 2) **Complete the Weidenfeld Scholarships and Leadership Programme questionnaire** and submit this along with your official Oxford University application form. You can download this from the Oxford University website. Failure to provide the questionnaire will result in you not being considered for the Scholarship, even if you have selected 'Weidenfeld' on the Graduate Application Form.
- 3) **Submit your COMPLETE application** form and questionnaire, pay your **application fee** and wait.
- 4) **Your application will be reviewed by the University of Oxford.** If you are offered a place on one of Oxford's postgraduate courses you are then eligible to be considered for a Weidenfeld Scholarship. Acceptance at Oxford University is a fundamental condition for receiving the Scholarship.
- 5) **If you are offered a place by the University of Oxford,** your application will then be reviewed by the Scholarships selection committee. Shortlisted candidates will be invited to an all expense paid interview weekend in late April or early May. All shortlisted candidates will be requested to submit a motivational statement before the weekend.
- 6) **Please note:** Due to the high volume of applications, only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.
- 7) Successful Scholarship candidates will be notified in the week following the Selection weekend.

The above information can be found on the following website

<http://www.ox.ac.uk/feesandfunding/prospectivegrad/scholarships/university/weidenfeld/>. The latest version of the application for academic year 2012-2013 will become available in September 2011.

If you have any specific questions about applying to the University of Oxford or your choice of course you can contact their **Graduate Admissions office**.

University of Oxford Postgraduate Admissions

- **Email:** graduate.admissions@admin.ox.ac.uk
- **Tel:** +44 (0)1865 270059
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- **Postal address:**
The Graduate Admissions Office
PO Box 738
University of Oxford
Wellington Square
Oxford, OX1 9FB

Their website is: http://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/contact_details.html#apostgraduate_admissions.

What costs do the Scholarships cover during the application process?

The Institute for Strategic Dialogue cannot pay for your application to the University of Oxford or any relevant English language tests. Nor can we cover any costs incurred during your interview process at the University. If you are accepted onto a course at the University and you pass the first selection round for the Weidenfeld Scholarships you will be invited to a fully paid interview weekend in late April or early May. . We will pay for travel to the UK and for the entire interview process, which takes 2 days.

Will I have to travel to Oxford to be interviewed for my Oxford University course?

This depends on the department to which you are applying for a postgraduate course. However, most courses will offer internet or telephone interviews for candidates who cannot attend a personal interview in Oxford. Please contact the relevant department directly for more information.

Can the Institute for Strategic Dialogue help me with my application to the University of Oxford?

Your acceptance on a course at the University of Oxford is an independent decision taken by the University and is entirely separate from the selection procedure of the Scholarship programme. Subsequently, the Institute for Strategic Dialogue does not assist you in your application.

How many years of study can I undertake as a Weidenfeld Scholar?

The Scholarships are awarded for the length of your chosen postgraduate degree programme. These vary from 1 to 3 academic years.

Current Weidenfeld Scholars may reapply for a second Scholarship to pursue a further degree at the University of Oxford.

Do current Weidenfeld Scholars reapplying for further funding need to go through the same application process as newly applying candidates?

Current Scholars reapplying will need to send in a separate statement (not the questionnaire new candidates fill in) answering the following:

- How the proposed course of research fits with the overall objectives of the Scholarship Programme;
- How the degree for which they are applying will be of relevance and benefit to their chosen career; and
- What other sources of funding they have applied for and the status of these applications at the time of submission.

This statement should be **sent to Maria Poole** at the Graduate Funding Office at the University of Oxford (Maria.Poole@admin.ox.ac.uk) by March of the academic year they are currently in. The subject line should clearly state the following: '(Current) Weidenfeld Scholar: Application to the Weidenfeld Scholarships and Leadership Programme'.

Can I be enrolled in the Leadership Programme if I am studying at another university?

No. The Weidenfeld Scholarships and Leadership Programme can only be taken as part of an Oxford University postgraduate degree. The Scholarship funding and the Leadership Programme cannot be taken in isolation from each other.

Can I combine the Scholarships with another award?

No. The Scholarship cannot be taken in conjunction with any other awards.

Can I apply for the Scholarships if I am already studying at the University of Oxford?

No. The Scholarships are only available to students who are not already studying at the University of Oxford, unless they are currently Weidenfeld Scholars.

Can I apply for the Scholarships if I have already started my PhD or Masters?

No. The Scholarship Programme is only available to students who are beginning their courses. It is not available to students who have already begun their thesis elsewhere or students who do not intend to finish their studies at the University of Oxford.

Can I apply to the University of Oxford and the Scholarships if I have not completed my undergraduate degree?

In line with the University's admission policy, most departments will accept applications from students based on projected grades, with the stipulation that the place can only be taken up if the projected grade is achieved. All offers of Scholarships are subject to the candidate being accepted by the University of Oxford.