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| **ACADEMIC VISITOR APPLICATION FORM AND GUIDE** |
| Before completing this application, please read the guidelines at the end of the form. Completed forms should be returned to the Philosophy Administrative Assistant by email. Any queries should be directed to the Philosophy Administrative Assistant ([admin@philosophy.ox.ac.uk](mailto:admin@philosophy.ox.ac.uk)) |

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| PERSONAL INFORMATION | |
| Surname: |  |
| Given name(s): |  |
| Title (e.g. Dr, Prof, Mr, Ms): |  |
| Date of Birth: | Click or tap to enter a date. |
| Nationality |  |
| Home Institution: |  |
| Title of current post: |  |
| Is your current post permanent? | Choose an item. |
| Email address: |  |
| Postal address:  *This postal address will be included on all further correspondence, including your formal invitation if you are successful.* |  |
| Telephone number: |  |

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| INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR VISIT | | |
| Research summary:  *Please provide a short summary of the research you would like to undertake during your visit* |  | |
| Please indicate whether the research you plan to undertake during your visit falls under any of the following subject areas (please tick all that apply):  *This information is required in relation to any potential security clearance.* | Mathematical and computer sciences |  |
| Biological sciences |  |
| Engineering |  |
| Physical sciences |  |
| Technologies |  |
| Subjects allied to medicine |  |
| None of the above |  |
| Endorsement:  *In order for your application to be considered you will need to be endorsed by a member of the* [*Philosophy Panel*](https://philosophy.web.ox.ac.uk/faculty-members?filter-421-membership-2428736=93346)*. Please provide details of any prior discussion with a member of the Oxford Philosophy Faculty.* |  | |
| PROPOSED VISIT DATES  *Academic Visitors may apply to visit the Faculty of Philosophy for a maximum of 12 months.* | | |
| Start date of visit: | Click or tap to enter a date. | |
| End date of visit: | Click or tap to enter a date. | |

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| ADDITIONAL INFORMATION |
| Please include a copy of your CV, a list of publications and a scanned copy of your passport along with this application. All documentation should be sent by email to [admin@philosophy.ox.ac.uk](mailto:admin@philosophy.ox.ac.uk). |

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**Faculty of Philosophy Guide for Academic Visitors**

Oxford is one of the world's great centres for philosophy. More than 150 professional philosophers work in the University and its colleges, between them covering a vast range of subjects within philosophy.

Many are international leaders in their fields. The Faculty of Philosophy is one of the largest departments of philosophy in the world, and is widely recognised to be amongst the best.

Colleagues and students of philosophy come visit us from all over the world to make use of the University’s libraries, to meet members of the Faculty and current students, and to participate in the seminars, workshops and conferences that we hold here.

The Oxford University Philosophy Faculty welcomes Academic Visitors. Academic Visitor status is in principle available to holders of an established teaching or research post in the Philosophy department at another University, who wish to spend a period of up to 12 months at Oxford for the purposes of undertaking private research.

To be eligible to apply for academic visitor status, prospective applicants must:

1. hold an established teaching or research post in a Philosophy department at another university.[[1]](#footnote-1) This can include holders of distinguished Postdoctoral Fellowships (on a par with British Academy, Royal Society, or Wellcome Trust Fellowships) at other universities but does not normally include those who hold a temporary university position, or a university position while completing a doctorate[[2]](#footnote-2);
2. have obtained the support of a member of the Philosophy Faculty Panel at Oxford; and
3. pay an administration fee of £250 per term, should their application be approved.

**Benefits**

Academic Visitors are entitled to the following benefits:

* University Card for access to the Philosophy and Theology Faculties’ Library and the Bodleian Libraries
* An Oxford IT account giving access to all available electronic databases
* An Oxford University email address
* Access to the Philosophy Centre in the Radcliffe Humanities building during opening hours (usually 8:00am – 8:00pm); use of the first floor kitchen and ground floor common room
* Opportunity to attend seminars and lectures and to meet colleagues and students
* Subscription to the Philosophy Faculty notices mailing list for information on events happening within the Faculty and elsewhere
* Letters providing official recognition of Academic Visitor status and duration of visit.

Please note that academic visitors are not entitled to accommodation, an office, secretarial facilities, IT assistance (beyond what it required to provide the access specified above), or supervision by a member of the Faculty’s academic staff.

**When to apply**

Applications will be considered at three points during the year after the end of each term, and therefore must be received by us by the last day of term. Applications received after the relevant deadlines will be considered at the next available gathered fields. Details of Oxford University term dates can be found here.

**How to apply**

You must complete the above Academic Visitor Application form and return it to the Administrative Assistant at [admin@philosophy.ox.ac.uk](mailto:admin@philosophy.ox.ac.uk) along with an up to date copy of your CV, a list of publications and a scanned copy of your passport (in colour if possible).

**Outcome of your application**

Following each gathered field, applications will be reviewed by the Chair of the Faculty Panel with the support of the Faculty Board Chair.

We will aim to let you know the outcome of your application within two weeks of the gathered field for receiving applications. If you have been successful, you will be issued with a formal letter of invitation.

**How to Pay**

If your application has been successful, the £250 per term administration fee will now be payable. To make payment please visit our online store. Fees must be paid before the commencement of your visit.

**University Card and Official Letters (if required)**

You will be asked to complete an application form for your University Card and return it to the Faculty in advance of your visit, so that we might have it ready for your arrival. Completed and signed forms must be returned by email. Please include a passport-sized photograph.

You will also be asked if you will require any official letters of introduction from us in order to register with the police station or open a bank account. If you do require these letters you will then be asked for the following information so that we can have them ready for your arrival:

* Which bank you wish to open an account with (and the specific branch).
* Your passport number
* Your date of birth
* Your home address
* Your address in Oxford.

**Arrival in Oxford**

On your arrival in Oxford you will be asked to make an appointment with the Faculty in order for us to welcome you to the University and to take a copy of your passport (and visa if applicable).

**Accommodation**

The Philosophy Faculty is not responsible for arrangements for your accommodation in Oxford, and has no accommodation of its own. There are a few ways you might find accommodation; Commonwealth House provides accommodation for Academic Visitors from overseas. You can make contact with their staff by email ([commonwealthhouse@gmail.com](mailto:commonwealthhouse@gmail.com)) and further details can be found on their website ([www.comhouse.org](http://www.comhouse.org)). The Daily Info website is also a useful source of information regarding accommodation available across the city. You can access it at [www.dailyinfo.co.uk](http://www.dailyinfo.co.uk). Or if you are interested in staying with a host family in Oxford you can contact the following organisations: <http://www.homestayoxford.com/> or <http://www.oxfordhomestay.com/>.

**Before you leave**

If you require any letters confirming your Academic Visitor status with us and/or confirming the duration of your stay, please email [admin@philosophy.ox.ac.uk](mailto:admin@philosophy.ox.ac.uk) to confirm what is required. You can then arrange a time to come and collect them.

**College Affiliation**

Oxford is a notably complex institution and responsibilities are subdivided intricately. You may have contacts in one or more of the colleges, who may be able to arrange for certain material aspects of your stay in Oxford, such as accommodation or the various privileges which go with Membership of a College Senior Common Room. Or it is possible that you may be interested in the library or MS holdings of one of the colleges (which are not part of the University Library system and are only accessible by special arrangement). In both these cases you should contact the college itself, as the Philosophy Faculty is not responsible for these arrangements and has no accommodation or social facilities of its own.

**Bodleian Library Access Only**

If you wish to have access to the Bodleian Libraries and you do not require access to the Philosophy Centre or the Philosophy and Theology Faculties Library based in the Radcliffe Humanities building, and you do not require an Oxford IT account or email address, please do not fill in the Faculty of Philosophy Academic Visitor Application form (above), but instead apply for admission directly to the Bodleian Libraries. Full instructions on applying to the Bodleian Libraries can be found at <https://www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/join-the-libraries/apply>.

If you have any questions, please ask Bodleian Admissions directly and preferably in advance; contact details and opening hours are listed at <https://www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/join-the-libraries/find-admissions-office>.

**Recognised Students**

This status is given to (a) graduate research students registered with another university and admitted by an Oxford faculty to undertake research for their degree for a minimum of one and maximum of three terms; and (b) to early career researchers admitted to work with an Oxford academic. It does not involve membership of a college or an Oxford qualification. If this is the status you need, please do not fill in the Faculty of Philosophy Academic Visitor Application Form (above), but instead apply for admission as a Recognised Student. See here for more details:  [https://www.ox.ac.uk/students/new/recognised](%20https://www.ox.ac.uk/students/new/recognised).

1. Erasmus trainees are exempt from this requirement. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Graduate research students registered with another university can apply to come to Oxford as a ‘[Recognised Student](http://www.ox.ac.uk/students/new/recognised)’. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)