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AMELIA JACKSON SENIOR STUDENTSHIPS: 2025-2026

The College proposes to award at least two new Amelia Jackson Senior Studentships for 2025-2026. These Studentships are available for current or former members of Exeter College, Oxford, who need financial support:

either to study for a postgraduate degree at the College (for current and former members);

or for entrance into a profession (for current members who will finish their studies at Exeter College during 2025).

These Studentships were generously endowed by the Will of Amelia Jackson (1842–1925), wife of the Revd W. W. Jackson, DD, (Rector 1887–1913).

Further Information

Selection criteria

The principal criterion for the making of Amelia Jackson awards will be academic merit; but the awarding committee will also take into account:

- (a) that funding has now been discontinued for many Postgraduate Taught courses in the Humanities and Social Sciences which were previously funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council (including most areas of the Humanities, plus Law and Political Theory). Subject to suitable applications being received, the first Amelia Jackson Senior Studentship offered for 2025-2026 shall be for study in one of these courses;
- (b) where an applicant has previously been an undergraduate at Oxford, whether or not they received an Oxford Bursary to support their undergraduate studies may be taken into account, as a way of promoting access to graduate study for members of the College. Similarly, where an applicant has previously been an undergraduate elsewhere, they should declare the nature of any financial aid or hardship-related support they received for their undergraduate studies, and this may be taken into account.

(i) Awards for graduate study at Exeter College

The maximum value of a Studentship for graduate study at the College is: Course Fees (up to the 'Home/Republic of Ireland' rate), plus a maintenance stipend (up to the UK Research and Innovation National Minimum Doctoral Stipend, which was £19,237 for 12 months of the academic year 2024-2025). Sometimes Studentships of a lesser value may be awarded at the discretion of the awarding committee, for example where applicants already hold partial funding awards from other sources (so that the total value of all awards held will not exceed full Course Fees and the UKRI National Minimum Doctoral Stipend), or where the funds available are awarded between several candidates of equal merit.

The Studentships are awarded for one academic year in the first instance, and are renewable for subsequent years in which the Scholar remains on their degree course and liable for Course Fees (excluding continuation charges), subject to satisfactory academic progress.

Those applying to start new postgraduate courses at the University of Oxford do not need to nominate Exeter College on their University application form; but if they are successful in gaining an Amelia Jackson award they will be required to enrol at, and remain for the duration of their course at, Exeter College. Amelia Jackson awards can be made for any postgraduate degree offered by Oxford, including those for which Exeter College does not normally admit students (indeed, any Exeter College member returning to Oxford for a further degree can ask to return to Exeter College, even if the College does not normally accept students for their chosen degree).

Note: the Clinical Medicine course (2nd BM) is considered to be an undergraduate course in this context, and so it is not eligible for Amelia Jackson funding. Students on this course with a Home Fee Status are normally eligible for NHS Bursary funding in Year 5 and Year 6.

(ii) Awards for entrance into a profession

The Will of Mrs Jackson, which established these Senior Studentships, provided not just for those needing assistance to do postgraduate study at the College, but also for those “persons already members of the College who are in need of assistance ... for entrance into a profession in Oxford or elsewhere”. Some time ago, this option was discontinued in favour of funding postgraduate degrees at Oxford; but from 2019-20 the College was pleased to re-open this possibility, and it is available again now for current students who will finish their course during 2025. The College does not prescribe a narrow definition of “entrance into a profession”, but it is not envisaged that the College will normally support costs related to undertaking internships, and applicants should explain in their application why the funding is required for them to bridge the gap between their current experience and the profession for which they are seeking to enter. Possible uses of funding include – but are not limited to – supplementing external scholarships which part-fund training courses for entry to the legal Bar, journalism, and so on. It is expected that few awards are likely to be made under this route, and that any such awards made would be to very deserving candidates who are likely to lack other support.

Note that both the Pre-Clinical and Clinical Medicine courses are, as indicated above, considered to be undergraduate courses in this context which are already supported by an established system of UK Government loans, Oxford undergraduate bursaries, and NHS bursaries. As a result, they do not qualify under the banner of “Awards for entrance into a profession” under Amelia Jackson funding guidelines.

The maximum value of a Studentship awarded to support entrance into a profession will depend on the circumstances of the successful candidate. Candidates will therefore need not only to show exceptional academic achievement but also explain why there is a pressing need for an Amelia Jackson award to support their post-Oxford training (including likely

costs involved, and other sources of funding which are open to them – including other scholarships, funding from employers, loans, family, and so on).

Eligibility Criteria

The Studentships are open to any person who is, or (in the case of awards for graduate study) has been, a student member of Exeter College, Oxford, and who, by the time of taking up a Studentship, shall have successfully completed a degree of the University, or who is currently studying for a postgraduate degree of the University. The recipient of an Amelia Jackson Senior Studentship which is for postgraduate study at the College shall be required to remain a student member of Exeter College for the entire duration of the degree course for which they receive the Studentship. The Amelia Jackson Senior Studentship is not available to fund the Oxford studies of students who will be beyond their period of Course Fee liability in 2025–2026, and consequently it does not cover the costs of Continuation Charges or “writing up” for DPhil students.

Therefore, people in the following groups are eligible to apply:

(i) for graduate study at Exeter College

- (a) Current undergraduates at Exeter College, Oxford, who are finishing their Finals in Trinity Term 2025 and have applied to stay on at Oxford for a graduate degree starting in the academic year 2025-2026;
- (b) Current postgraduate students at Exeter College, Oxford, who are continuing their graduate study at Oxford (whether for their current course, or for a new course) in the academic year 2025–2026, and will still be within the normal period of Course Fee liability in 2025–2026;
- (c) Alumni of Exeter College, Oxford, who have graduated from Exeter College with an Oxford degree and who have applied to return to Oxford University for a postgraduate degree starting in the academic year 2025–2026.

(ii) for entrance into a profession

- (a) Current student members of Exeter College, Oxford, who are finishing their Oxford degree in or before Trinity Term 2025.

Applicants must have applied for other relevant funding sources in preference to the Amelia Jackson awards. Successful candidates must declare to the College all other funding available to them for their chosen course.

Any queries about eligibility can be sent to senior.tutor@exeter.ox.ac.uk.

How to apply

The deadline for the receipt of applications and references is **12 noon on Thursday, 27 February 2025 (Hilary Term, Week 6)**. Application materials should be submitted by e-mail, for the attention of the Senior Tutor, to academic.office@exeter.ox.ac.uk, to arrive by the deadline.

- Applications from candidates who are due to start a new Oxford postgraduate degree in the academic year 2025-2026 should include only a completed application form. (The other information required will be taken – with your permission, of course – from your application to the University for graduate study, and the College will contact you if anything further than that is needed.)
- Applications from students who have already started the graduate degree for which they will be reading in the academic year 2025-2026 should include:
 - i. A completed application form;
 - ii. One academic reference in support of their application, from their current principal University supervisor, clearly setting out progress achieved since starting the degree course. Please supply your referee with a copy of these Further Particulars, and ask them to write to the Senior Tutor via academic.office@exeter.ox.ac.uk, by the deadline. It is the responsibility of each applicant to ensure that their application form, and the reference, arrives before the deadline.
- Applications for a Studentship supporting entrance to a profession should include:
 - i. A completed application form;
 - ii. One reference in support of their application, from (for undergraduates) an Exeter College tutor or (for postgraduates) their principal University supervisor, commenting on their academic achievements and their suitability for their proposed professional training course. Please supply your referee with a copy of these Further Particulars, and ask them to write to the Senior Tutor via academic.office@exeter.ox.ac.uk, by the deadline. It is the responsibility of each applicant to ensure that their application form, their personal statement (see below) and the reference, arrives before the deadline.
 - iii. A personal statement (a maximum of two sides of A4) setting out:
 - a. Why they are applying for this professional training course and where they expect it will lead;
 - b. Why they are in need of financial assistance (including details of other funding sources available to them – scholarships, grants, loans, family support, etc.), and the difference that an Amelia Jackson award will make to their career prospects in that profession.

Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application in May 2025.

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