

# PhD ENTRY REQUIREMENTS & FEES AND FUNDING

## Entry requirements

Applicants should normally hold a 1st or Upper Second Class Degree (or recognised equivalent qualification), but appropriate applications will be considered from outstanding candidates with substantial prior experience at an appropriate level.

An English language qualification must be provided by any student who is not a citizen of the UK or a citizen of what is considered to be a [majority English speaking country](#), by the UK Immigration Visa office. We usually accept degree qualifications taught in a [majority English speaking country](#), in lieu of an IELTS English Language test certificate. If your degree was taught in English but in a country other than a [majority English speaking country](#), you must provide a medium of instruction letter from the awarding institution confirming that the degree was taught in English. Please note we do not accept TOEFL certificates.

Our minimum requirements for an IELTS certificate is an overall score of 6.5 with a minimum score of 6.0 in each of the four areas (reading, writing, listening and speaking). Your IELTS certificate must not be older than two years. For more details please consult the Oxford Brookes English language requirements pages: [Entry English language requirements](#).

## Fees and funding

For further information on current fees and living costs please refer to the [university finance pages](#).

Current students have awards from a wide range of external bodies including industry, government bodies and charities, and others are self-funded. The university has a number of faculties' specific and competitively allocated scholarships which, when available, are advertised on our [Research Funding Opportunities page](#) and on [jobs.ac.uk](#).

International applicants should be able to pay the university's tuition fees, personally or through grants, sponsorship or other awards made in their favour. Applicants receiving awards should be able to present evidence of their funding at the time of application, usually in the form of a letter from the awarding body. Self-funded international students should be aware that the UK Border Agency will require evidence that a candidate can pay their first year's fees before they will grant a student visa.