

PhD ENTRY REQUIREMENTS & FEES AND FUNDING

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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. If English is not your first language you will need to provide one of the following language certificates:

- IELTS at least 6.5 overall (with no less than 5.5 in any element);
- PTE Academic at least 58-65 overall (with 51 in reading and writing, 51 in listening and speaking) depending on the subject.

IELTS and PTE Academic English language test results are only valid for two years. Your English language test report must be valid on the proposed start date of the programme, should your application be successful. Evidence of English language proficiency must be provided along with other supporting documents, in the form of a good quality copy of the certificate.

As a result of very recent changes made by [UK Visas & Immigration](#), please note we no longer regard TOEFL as an acceptable language test for entry to Oxford Brookes. This applies whether you require a Tier 4 student visa or not. You can find more details on our [English language requirements pages](#). If you do not meet these requirements you may be able to take our [University English as a pre-session course](#).

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 have 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.