



## Graduate Opportunities Scholarship

Brasenose College in conjunction with the Department of Education seeks to award a graduate opportunities scholarship. Candidates will have an offer of admission to the University of Oxford for the Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) or the MSc in Learning and Teaching.

The scholarship is one of several initiatives that the University is taking as part of its Race Equality Charter and is a positive action measure under s.158 of the Equality Act 2010. The Department of Education and Brasenose College are committed to attracting the very best candidates for Taught Master's degrees, irrespective of their background or ability to pay. Black teachers are underrepresented in UK schools, particularly at senior levels, and the proportion of highly qualified Black students in Education Studies at Oxford is lower than across the rest of the UK. It is hoped that the graduate opportunity scholarship will encourage more students from these backgrounds to apply for the Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) or the MSc in Learning and Teaching.

This scholarship is only open to offer holders with home fee status (see <http://www.ox.ac.uk/students/fees-funding/fees/status> ) who identify with one of the following categories of ethnicity:

- Black African
- Black Caribbean
- Black Other
- Mixed/multiple, including Black African, Black Caribbean or Black Other

The maximum value of this award is £25,000 which is intended to cover the full course fee plus a stipend. The award will be reduced if the recipient is also in receipt of a PGCE scholarship or bursary or equivalent. The award is made for the full duration of the period of fee liability for the agreed course, subject to satisfactory academic progress being made.

This award is conditional on the holder becoming a member of Brasenose College. The applications of all eligible candidates will be automatically considered on the basis of the University application form for graduate study, regardless of whether Brasenose is identified as the college of preference. The successful candidate will be offered a place at Brasenose College in order to take up the award, and this will take the place of any earlier college offer.

To be eligible, applicants must submit their applications to the University of Oxford for either the PGCE or the MSc in Learning and Teaching by 1 April 2021. Once application decisions have been made, those offered places on the PGCE or the MSc Learning and

Teaching will be invited to apply for the scholarship, which will involve the completion of a form confirming that they meet the eligibility criteria. Eligible offer-holders will then be considered for the scholarship based upon the University application form.

## **Terms and Conditions**

### **1. Satisfying the University's conditions**

This scholarship offer is conditional upon the student entering into an agreement with the University by signing the University student contract, which will be provided once the student has met all Faculty and College conditions.

### **2. Transferring between courses**

The scholarship is tenable for either the Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) or the MSc in Learning and Teaching. If the student transfers to another course, they may not be permitted to retain this award.

### **3. Deferral of entry**

Deferral of the scholarship is not normally possible.

### **4. Additional offers of funding**

The scholarship at its full value cannot be held in conjunction with other scholarships. The scholarship can be reduced, if necessary, to allow it to be held in conjunction with other awards, providing that the combined value of the scholarship and other awards does not exceed the cost of fees and the annual maintenance allowance of £25,000. The student must inform the College of any other sources of funding, and the College reserves the right to adjust the value of the scholarship to account for this circumstance.

### **5. Satisfactory academic progress**

The student is expected to make satisfactory academic progress for the duration of their studies. If the student is not, in the Education Department's opinion, making satisfactory academic progress, the Department will coordinate a review to decide whether the scholarship should be continued. The scholarship may be withdrawn in these circumstances.

### **6. Maternity/Paternity Leave**

The Scholarship permits 52 weeks of maternity leave, of which the first 26 will be paid at the full stipend rate; and 10 days of paternity leave at the full stipend rate.

### **7. Part Time Students**

All of Oxford's PGCE programmes are full-time courses and so if awarded to a PGCE student the scholarship cannot be held on a part-time basis. The MSc in Learning in Teaching is a part-time course for professional teachers and so in this case the studentship cannot be awarded on a full-time basis.

## **8. Scholarship Support**

The student will also be eligible to apply for a research allowance from Brasenose, currently worth £110.

## **9. Accommodation**

Subject to availability, the scholarship holder may apply for rentable Brasenose College Accommodation. This is allocated to graduate students on a first-come basis and is chargeable. For further details see: <https://www.bnc.ox.ac.uk/prospective-students/graduate-admissions/1112-facilities>

## **10. Changes to circumstances**

In the event that your circumstances change or are likely to change in the future, you are asked to inform [college.office@bnc.ox.ac.uk](mailto:college.office@bnc.ox.ac.uk). The scholarship will be withdrawn if you cease to be a student member of the University.