

Year Abroad Finances 2023/24



University of Oxford Year Abroad Course Fees

The University of Oxford course fee for the year abroad is determined by the following factors: whether your year abroad is compulsory or optional, the year you started your course, the duration of time spent abroad, and your fee status.

2023/24 Year Abroad University course fee rates for students spending a compulsory full year abroad:

Programme	Course Fees for Home/EU/Islands Fee Status Students (course start date 2019/20 to 2022/23 inclusive)	Course Fees for Overseas Fee Status Students
Humanities	£1,385	£10,430 (course start date 2019/20 or 2020/21) £11,485 (course start date 2021/22 or 2022/23)
Law	£1,385	£10,430 (course start date 2019/20 to 2022/23)

Please see [this page](#) for more information about the Year Abroad course fees.

UK Government Support

The amount of support you are entitled to is dependent upon what your plans are during your year abroad. The information below relates to students from England who started their course in or after 2016/17. Students from other regions of the UK should contact their funding body to check the levels of support available.

Government Support – Tuition Fee Loans

- How much is available?* The maximum loan available in the 2023/24 academic year is **£1,385**
- How is it calculated?* The course fee for students who are completing their year abroad in 2023/24 has been set at £1,385 by the University regardless of whether you are studying or working abroad.
- How do I apply?* You should apply to your student finance agency for a loan. When you apply for your loan with the correct course title, your tuition loan will default to the reduced amount of £1,385.

Students studying or working abroad in 2023/24 and who have applied for Year Abroad Funding to Oxford's Student Fees and Funding team, need to make sure that they select 'Yes' when asked if you will be undertaking a placement as part of the Turing Scheme when submitting their student finance application.

Please get in touch with the Study Abroad Team at studyabroad@admin.ox.ac.uk if you are unsure if you are eligible for year abroad funding.

Government Support - Maintenance Loans

- How do I apply?* You should apply to your funding body for a loan.

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How much is available? Please see the table below.

Year Abroad Funding Available For Students Whose Course Start Date Is 2016/17 Or Later

Year abroad plans	Government Support		University Support	Faculty Support
	Tuition fee loan	Maintenance loan	Bursary support from Oxford	Travel Hardship Fund/Other Support
Paid or unpaid work placements which are <u>not</u> under the Turing scheme	£1,385 maximum	£3,022 maximum, reduced rate compared to studying in UK	Not available as not eligible to be means tested in application for government maintenance support	Varies depending on financial situation
Paid or unpaid Turing work placement/internship	£1,385 maximum	Determined by length of Turing period and household income up to a maximum of £11,427	Amount depends on course start date – further details at https://www.ox.ac.uk/students/fees-funding/ug-funding/oxford-support	Varies depending on financial situation
Full-time overseas study (either via Turing or overseas study <u>not</u> under this scheme)	£1,385 maximum	Determined by length of study period and household income up to a maximum of £11,427	Amount depends on course start date – further details at https://www.ox.ac.uk/students/fees-funding/ug-funding/oxford-support	Varies depending on financial situation

Government Support – Payment Arrangements

Students studying or working abroad in 2023/24 and who have applied for Year Abroad Funding to Oxford's Student Fees and Funding team, need to make sure that they tick the Turing box when submitting their student finance application.

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Study abroad payments
Early payment Your maintenance payments will be made by the Student Loans Company (SLC) according to the dates outlined in your 2023/24 payment schedule. **Please read all letters you receive from your student finance agency carefully.**

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Please note that loan instalments will be paid according to Oxford University term start dates as standard.

If you commence your period abroad more than 25 working days prior to the start of term at Oxford (i.e. before the beginning of September) it is possible for you to receive your first maintenance payment early.

Full entitlement paid in one or two instalments

If you are studying abroad at a University which runs across two semesters rather than three terms then you can request that your maintenance funding is paid in two equal instalments rather than three. Currently this is normally limited to study outside of Europe.

If you are studying abroad for the full academic year in a country that requires you to provide evidence that you can support yourself prior to gaining access to the country (often in China and Japan) it is possible for you to receive your full maintenance funding at the beginning of the year.

How do I arrange this?

Please contact studyabroad@admin.ox.ac.uk and provide details of your host institution/organisation and study/placement dates if you would like to request consideration for either of the above arrangements. The University can then submit a request to the SLC on your behalf.

Government Support - Travel Grants

How much is available?

A non-repayable [travel grant](#) may be available to you if you are studying abroad or undertaking a traineeship/work placement through the Turing Scheme, and are in receipt of means tested student finance.

The grant covers reasonable travel expenses and you can also claim for compulsory medical insurance, visas and medical expenses that you have incurred for the purpose of your period abroad. You will need to pay for the first £303 of your travel expenses and your travel grant may be reduced depending on your household income.

Please note that the Turing Scheme includes travel provision for eligible students and you cannot apply for grants to cover the same expenses more than once. You are therefore advised to pursue the Turing Scheme's travel provision before applying for the Student Finance Travel Grant. You can apply for the Student Finance Travel Grant to cover additional reasonable expenses such as for further return journeys and, where applicable, for reasonable travel between accommodation and study institution when abroad.

How is it calculated?

The level of the grant awarded by your student finance agency will also be dependent on your household income. You can claim for one return journey per qualifying quarter of the year (1 January to 31 March, 1 April to 30 June, 1 July to 31 August and 1 September to 31 December), a maximum of three return journeys per academic year, and you must be abroad for more than 50% of a qualifying quarter to claim. Contact your student finance agency for further details.

How do I apply?

You should apply to your student finance agency for the travel grant and you will be required to submit evidence to support your claim. There is no limit to the number of claims you can submit.

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Government Support – Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA)

Where a student is eligible for the Disabled Students' Allowance this must be accessed first. Turing support for disability-related costs can only be requested for other eligible costs not ordinary converted by DSA. Please contact studyabroad@admin.ox.ac.uk if you have any questions.

University Support

Oxford Bursary And Crankstart Bursary

How much is available? Bursary amounts vary depending on when you commenced your course. For further details please see <https://www.ox.ac.uk/students/fees-funding/ug-funding/oxford-support>.

How is it calculated? The level of bursary available varies depending on your level of household income and eligibility for this support depends on how you are spending your year abroad.

How do I apply? You should apply to your student finance agency for financial support and be income assessed. The University will use this to assess you for a bursary.

Year Abroad Funding Turing Scheme

Oxford will be submitting a bid for Turing scheme funding to support year abroad activity in 2023/24 with the outcome expected in early summer.

Oxford's Turing Scheme [page](#) will be updated as information becomes available and on-course students will be kept informed of developments. In the event that the University is not successful in securing Turing scheme funding, it will provide grants towards living costs at a similar level to Turing grants to support undergraduates undertaking study exchanges or work placements required for their course.

Funding will be provided to contribute towards the general cost of living for each participant. Depending on the destination and duration, funding would be between £335 -£545 per month. Extra support is available through increased living costs grants and support for travel costs for students from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Additional Support

I am in financial difficulty, what should I do? Medieval and Modern Languages students experiencing financial hardship whilst on their Year Abroad, might be eligible for the Year Abroad Travel Hardship Fund. Please contact the Year Abroad team in your faculty for further information.

The University also has [hardship funding](#) to support students who experience financial difficulties after starting their course.



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Please get in touch with your Oxford tutor, the MML, Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, or Law Year Abroad team (as applicable), departmental coordinator, or Oxford's Student Fees and Funding team if you are worried about your funding.

Colleges often have travel grants related to Year Abroad activities or hardship funding available for students to apply for.

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Useful Websites

www.ox.ac.uk/students/fees-funding

University of Oxford webpages detailing support available for students, including University hardship funding.

<https://www.ox.ac.uk/students/fees-funding/international/turing>

University of Oxford Turing scheme webpage

www.ox.ac.uk/students/fees-funding/ug-funding/oxford-support

Information about bursary support available from Oxford

www.gov.uk/student-finance

Government information about support available to UK students and online application for financial support for students from England

www.studentfinancenir.co.uk

Online application for financial support for students from Northern Ireland and information about support available

www.saas.gov.uk

Online application for financial support for students from Scotland and information about support available

www.studentfinancewales.co.uk

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Oxford Contacts

Queries relating to Year Abroad funding: studyabroad@admin.ox.ac.uk

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