

# Oxford Summer Program 2020 Guidelines

Below are a series of expectations and requirements related to the Oxford Summer Program (OSP). As part of the OSP application process, you will be asked to acknowledge that you have read and agree to all items listed below. If you have any questions or concerns related to these statements, speak with an Oxford representative prior to submitting your application.

## ELIGIBILITY AND ADMISSION

- Thank you for applying to the Oxford Summer Program! As always, we are excited about the program and greatly look forward to working with the 2020 student cohort. Students secure a place in the program upon paying the initial \$1,000 deposit and fulfilling the other requirements listed below. (Your UT-Austin account (i.e., “What I Owe” page) will be billed for the deposit upon submission of this application.) We have room for 38 students this year; we’ll offer a waiting list for students who discover OSP after those spots have filled.
- A cumulative 2.5 UT-Austin GPA is required for admission to the program, excepting new UT-Austin students. All admitted students must maintain that 2.5 GPA through program departure. Students who fall below the 2.5 cutoff must appeal to the OSP Director in order to apply for and/or continue in the program.
- Students must be 18 years of age at time of departure to participate in the program.
- Upon application, your name will be submitted to the Office of the Dean of Students for a disciplinary check. The University reserves the right to interview the student during the application process and to deny acceptance to any applicant for any reason the University determines to be material to the applicant’s qualifications. Additionally, the University reserves the right to revoke acceptance at any time.
- The Study Abroad Office assesses a \$75 non-refundable application fee of all study abroad participants, including OSP students; the fee will be forfeited if you withdraw from or are denied acceptance to the program. The Study Abroad Office will bill you for this fee after your application is submitted.
- Meeting the minimum application requirements does not guarantee acceptance. An applicant’s total educational and disciplinary record, professional attitude, level of preparedness and interpersonal maturity, advisor recommendations, and personal preparation may be considered in the enrollment process.

## FEES AND FUNDING

- OSP fees for 2020 are \$6,000 per student. This covers a private room, breakfasts and most dinners for the length of the program, chartered bus travel for program events, entrance fees and theatre tickets for all program trips, and a final banquet. Program fees do **not** include **UT-Austin summer tuition**, airfare, personal items, health insurance for the program’s duration, additional meals, the aforementioned \$75 non-refundable application fee, and any independent travel expenses.
- Speaking of health insurance, all UT-Austin students studying abroad are required to participate in the International Insurance Coverage Program, as described on the Study Abroad Office website: <http://world.utexas.edu/abroad/health/insurance>
- Students are responsible for securing study abroad funding. To that end, it is critical that each student take the time to research funding opportunities and ensure that they understand the policies, procedures, and deadlines related to summer financial aid for study abroad, including availability of funds. If you plan to use financial aid to fund a portion of OSP, you are required to meet with your financial aid counselor to discuss study abroad and financial aid.
- As it is unlikely that any single scholarship will cover the full cost of OSP, students are strongly encouraged to apply for multiple scholarships. The OSP 2020 Funding Resources handout was created to assist you in starting your scholarship search. Good luck!

- If you are receiving financial aid or external scholarships, be sure to enroll in the minimum number of summer hours required to remain eligible for that aid or scholarship.(6 hours) Also keep in mind that funds will be disbursed according to the schedule established by the donor. **UT-Austin financial aid typically does not arrive until second session classes begin**, meaning that you'll need to craft a plan for meeting expenses incurred prior to that. Generally, College of Liberal Arts and Department of English OSP scholarships are released mid-spring.
- OSP fee installments are due according to the schedule below. If you anticipate that you'll need an adjusted fee schedule due to financial aid disbursement constraints, please contact the OSP Coordinator. If you withdraw from OSP after March 1, 2020, you will not be entitled to a refund of any fees spent on your behalf (unless another student takes your place).

Upon application: \$1,000

March 1: \$2,500

May 1: \$2,500

- When it comes to study abroad funding, it is the proverbial early bird that catches the worm. Plan now! A missed scholarship deadline or a misunderstanding about a policy can be incredibly costly, leaving you wilting in the Texas heat, rather than delighting in the relatively cool, crisp, Oxford summer air.

## **OTHER POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

- If you have any questions related to the degree applicability of OSP courses, be sure to check with your Academic Advisor. Prerequisites for OSP courses should be completed prior to program departure; if doing so is problematic, please discuss the issue with the OSP Coordinator. Summer registration begins in April, and tuition billing for OSP and other summer courses follows the regular tuition protocol.
- E-mail is the primary means of disseminating OSP information. It is critical that you read—and, when asked, provide timely replies to—e-mail; students who fail to do so are subject to removal from OSP.
- Obviously, a valid passport is required to participate in OSP. You are also solely responsible for researching and fulfilling any additional UK entry requirements, such as a visa. You must obtain updated information about these requirements, correctly fill out application materials, submit all required documents in the appropriate form to the correct authorities, and provide the necessary documents to UK authorities upon arrival. The Department of English and UT-Austin can neither officially advise for the UK entry requirements nor guarantee a student's entry into the UK. All students are advised to contact the UK Border Agency to confirm their UK entry requirements:  
[www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-visas-and-immigration](http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-visas-and-immigration)
- The OSP Director is specifically charged with the responsibility of terminating the attendance of any student(s) whose personal choices seriously violate the regulations of the host institution or effectively diminish or obstruct the rights of other students to the enjoyment and educational benefits of OSP. The Director, therefore, has discretion to send any such student(s) home without refund and/or course credit.

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

In order to participate in OSP 2020, please acknowledge and agree to all the policies, procedures, and recommendations described on this document when prompted on your OSP application. Thank you!

