

Oxford Uehiro-St Cross Visiting Programme 2020/2021



This Visiting Programme has been established by the Uehiro Foundation on Ethics and Education with a view to providing opportunities for graduate students, postdoctoral and senior academics who are ordinarily resident in Japan to study or conduct research at the University of Oxford for nine or twelve months as a Visiting Scholar. The award is available in the field of practical ethics. A successful graduate student candidate will normally be supervised by Professor Julian Savulescu and academic staff at the Oxford Uehiro Centre for Practical Ethics and a successful postdoctoral or senior academic candidate will conduct their own relevant research at the Oxford Uehiro Centre for Practical Ethics. Successful candidates in either case will reside at St Cross College enabling him/her to benefit from the true Oxford college experience. The Visiting Programme aims to provide career development opportunities for those who are at a relatively early stage of their academic careers.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the award a candidate must:

- a) be a graduate student, postdoctoral researcher or Lecturer/Professor at a university in Japan in the field of bioethics, practical ethics, medical ethics, or applied ethics. If no suitable candidate from within these disciplines presents him/herself, applications from other Humanities and Social Sciences may also be considered, as long as the applicant's research pertains to or has relevance to practical ethics
- b) be adequately proficient in English to satisfy UK Border Agency visa requirement (target IELTS 7)
- c) provide a report on returning to Japan
- d) the award is available to individuals who are 'ordinarily resident in Japan' and planning to return home after their period of study or research in Oxford
- e) be an individual whose native language is Japanese

Duration

For nine or twelve months, beginning in October; requests to begin an award in April will be considered depending on circumstances.

Number of awards available

Up to two awards in total will be available for each academic year.

Applications for 2020/21 academic year are to be submitted between 17 February and 16 March 2020.

Amount of Award

Up to £26,000 per award as required to cover the following expenses:

University tuition (for graduate students); College fee; Living costs; One round trip airfare to/from the UK; Visa application cost and NHS surcharge.

Application materials (all in English)

- One-page research proposal
- CV
- Three academic references (for graduate students one should be from your academic supervisor)
- Academic essay or other writing sample
- IELTS English language proficiency certificate - target IELTS 7 (overall band score)

Please note the UK Home Office does not accept TOEFL as proof of English Language ability and an IELTS English language proficiency certificate will need to be provided in order to apply for a visa.

All the application documents should be submitted between 17 February and 16 March 2020 by email to: University of Oxford Japan Office at info@oxfordujapan.org under the heading "Oxford Uehiro-St Cross Visiting Programme".

Academic references should however be enclosed in a sealed envelope referencing "Visiting Programme Reference for NAME OF APPLICANT" and sent directly from the referees to: University of Oxford Japan Office, Sanbancho UF Building 1F, 6-3 Sanbancho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 102-0075

Selection process

- a) screening of application materials by Oxford Uehiro Centre academic staff
- b) interview(s) by Oxford Uehiro Centre academic staff (via skype and/or telephone)

The final decision will be made by Professor Savulescu, Director of the Oxford Uehiro Centre for Practical Ethics and Uehiro Chair in Practical Ethics

The expectation is that successful graduate student candidates will have Recognized Student status at the University of Oxford.

For information see: <http://www.ox.ac.uk/students/new/recognisedstudents/>

Other sources of information that may be of interest:

- Oxford Uehiro Centre for Practical Ethics <http://www.practicaethics.ox.ac.uk/>
- St Cross College <http://www.stx.ox.ac.uk/>
- University of Oxford <http://www.ox.ac.uk/>
- Faculty of Philosophy <http://www.philosophy.ox.ac.uk/>
- Uehiro Foundation on Ethics and Education <http://www.rinri.or.jp/>
- University of Oxford Japan Office <http://oxfordujapan.org/>

Please note that in the highly unusual circumstances whereby an award is offered and accepted but the recipient cancels or significantly postpones their research visit, depending on the reasons for this decision the individual may be responsible for expenses undertaken in preparation for their visit.