

Oxford Uehiro-St Cross Visiting Programme

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 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 IELTS7, TOEFL iBT100/PBT600).
- (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 April or October (The next available award will start in October 2015).

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; Travel insurance; Visa application cost.

Number of awards available

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

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
- English language proficiency certificate such as IELTS and/or TOEFL.

*The UK Home Office currently does not accept TOEFL as proof of English Language ability (as of June 2014) and applicants should take IELTS in order to apply for a visa.

Next application deadline

15 March 2015 for award starting October 2015.

(The application deadline following this will be 15 September 2015 for award starting April 2016).

All the application documents should be submitted by email to:

University of Oxford Japan Office at info@oxfordujapan.org under the heading "Oxford Uehiro-St Cross Visiting Programme".

Academic references should be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing "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 (telephone and/or Skype)

The final decision will be made by Professor Savulescu, Director of the Oxford Uehiro Centre for 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/> & http://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/postgraduate_courses/apply/application_forms.html

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/