



Australian
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Sayce Scholarship

1. The Award

Available in 2024

A Scholarship, funded through the generosity of Dr George Sayce, an alumnus of Magdalen College Oxford and the Australian National University, will be available in 2024 for a graduate of an Australian University to study at Oxford University.

The Sayce Scholarship is open to candidates who will be enrolling in a Doctor of Philosophy degree in as STEM discipline¹, and tenable for up to three years. It is intended to assist in meeting living costs during the Scholar's study in Oxford.

2. Eligibility

The Scholarship is open to graduates of an Australian university, with preference given to graduates of the Australian National University. Applicants must hold a Bachelor's degree with First Class Honours, or its equivalent, from a recognized Australian university.

Applicants should have been accepted by an eligible Oxford University Department¹, or associated Centre, to study towards a Doctor of Philosophy.

Preference will be given to applicants who have applied to be admitted to Magdalen College.

3. Value of the Award

The Scholarship provides up to GBP 16,660 per annum for a maximum of 3 years. The Oxford Australia Scholarship Committee may award a sum less than the full amount above, or to not award a Scholarship, at its discretion.

The successful candidate may hold other awards with the approval of the Committee. In the case of a scholar being awarded an additional scholarship to Oxford, the Scholar is required to advise the Oxford Australia Scholarship Committee of its value; the Committee may decide to withhold an amount from the Sayce Scholarship.

¹ STEM discipline refers to a research topic in a Department of Oxford University's Mathematics, Physical and Life Sciences Division (<https://www.mpls.ox.ac.uk/departments>) and also includes the Department of Biochemistry (<https://www.bioch.ox.ac.uk/>), within the Medical Sciences Division.

4. Application Procedure

- i Candidates for Sayce Scholarship need first to apply to Oxford University by completing the online Graduate Application form at www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/applyonline by the relevant deadline. The Oxford University online application requires full documentary evidence of relevant academic performance and reports from three referees.
- ii All graduate applications to Oxford University are automatically considered for a Clarendon Award (www.ox.ac.uk/clarendon).
- iii To be considered for the Sayce Scholarship, applicants, in addition to first applying to Oxford University for a place, need to:
 - Apply directly online to the Oxford Australia Scholarship Committee during the period in which applications are open, viz. 3 January 2024 – 16 February 2024, at the link from the website <https://oxfordaustraliascholarships.anu.edu.au>.
 - Meet the eligibility criteria described above.
 - Provide, as part of your application, full official documentary evidence of your relevant academic performance, three referee reports and a sample of your writing. You also need to provide a personal statement with your reasons for applying for this course of study and outlining your future career plans and intentions.

5. Closing dates and timelines

The application deadlines for each Oxford University course are set out at <http://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/graduate/applying-to-oxford/application-guide>
It is the responsibility of each applicant to check for and meet the relevant deadline.

Applications for the Sayce Scholarship open online on 3 January 2024 and close on 16 February 2024.

A shortlist of candidates for the scholarship will be drawn up during March 2022 and interviews, if needed, will be organised by the Oxford Australia Fund Scholarships Committee as soon as possible thereafter.