Message from the Principal

One of our key priorities as a College is to substantially increase the scholarship funding we have available for our future students. Research in the US and Europe suggests that less than a quarter of those who are academically qualified for post-graduate study actually go on to apply. Unsurprisingly, one of the biggest impediments is the considerable cost associated with obtaining a graduate degree, so we believe that by bolstering our endowed Scholarship Fund we can make the biggest impact for our future students.

Scholarships are unevenly distributed across subject areas, with significantly less support available from governments, research charities and the University in Humanities and the Arts. Last year nearly 40% of Oxford Humanities DPhil students funded their own studies, and the majority of the rest only received partial scholarships. This is why we have decided to focus our efforts on reducing the funding gap in the Humanities and Social Sciences divisions.
Linacre has already taken great steps in providing scholarships for students from economically and socially disadvantaged areas. Since 2021, we have welcomed research students through the Academic Futures initiative - a series of scholarship programmes that address under-representation and help improve equality, diversity, and inclusion in our graduate student body. These are fully funded scholarships for up to four years enabling the scholars to complete doctoral degrees. I am also pleased to be able to share that this October we are looking forward to welcoming scholars to College through the Mastercard Foundation AfOx scholarship programme – a partnership set to provide 400 young African scholars across the University with a fully-funded opportunity to pursue taught Masters degrees.

One very good way for you to help us achieve this important priority would be to support our new campaign and give a donation to our Scholarship Fund. If we had a larger Fund, we would have greater opportunity to find matching opportunities within the University to combine with our funds to create much larger scholarships.

This is the most effective way to make the most of our available funds and make gifts to College have an even bigger impact.

We want Oxford to be able to welcome those students who have the potential to make the most of the opportunity, regardless of their financial resources. By providing scholarships for those subject areas that are particularly poorly funded, we would be ensuring their longer-term sustainability and giving us an even broader mix of students.

I hope you will join in supporting our future students.

Nick Leimu-Brown
How to Make a Gift

Online
The easiest way to give is via the College website. https://www.linacre.ox.ac.uk/alumni-friends/donate-linacre

Via cheque
Alumni Office
Linacre College
St Cross Rd
Oxford OX1 3JA

Via bank transfer
If you would like to make a direct bank transfer, please contact us on alumni.relations@linacre.ox.ac.uk

Via phone
We can also accept donations via phone +44 (0)1865 271671

Legacies
A legacy, bequest or planned gift to Linacre is a charitable donation that just about anyone can make, wherever you live in the world. It’s a tremendous way to bring about impact for generations to come.

With College being a charity, your gift will be exempt from inheritance tax in the UK and in many other countries too. If you have already made a will, you can include a gift to Linacre by drafting a simple codicil.

Please do get in touch with our Legacy Officer, Ursula Saunders, ursula.saunders@devoff.ox.ac.uk if you would like to have an informal discussion or have any questions.