



WADHAM COLLEGE  
UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

## Senior Scholarships, Keeley Senior Scholarships and Eprime Eshag Senior Scholarships 2025/2026

The College proposes to offer 6 Senior Scholarships, 4 Keeley Senior Scholarships, and 1 Eprime Eshag Senior Scholarship from Michaelmas 2025. Each student awarded one of these competitive and prestigious scholarships will receive £500 and be entitled to one free SCR Lunch or one High Table dinner per week during full term where such dinners are being held.

### Eligibility

Applications are invited from students either already reading for a postgraduate degree at Wadham or proposing to do so from Michaelmas Term 2025 (in the latter case the award of the scholarship is conditional upon acceptance by the University and by the College). Graduates taking either taught or research courses are eligible (e.g. including BCL, 2nd BM, MPhil, MSc. and PGCE students). Senior Scholars must not be beyond their 4<sup>th</sup> year of DPhil study if full-time (8<sup>th</sup> year if part-time).

Awards are for one year and students are eligible to apply each year of their course, provided they continue to fulfil the necessary conditions. However, students are only eligible to receive the award once during a given course (e.g. a Senior Scholar studying for a Masters could not reapply while on the same course, but could apply again if they subsequently undertook a DPhil).

Senior Scholarships and Keeley Senior Scholarships are unrestricted in subject area. The Eprime Eshag Senior Scholarship is restricted to a student within the disciplines of *Area and Development Studies, Economics, Politics and International Relations*, and related disciplines.

### Application Procedure

Applicants must provide a brief covering letter, a *curriculum vitae*, a one-page statement of academic purpose (or a one-page research statement, if relevant) and the name and address of one referee, who they should ask to submit the reference to the College directly, as detailed below. It is the College's normal practice to publish the names of those awarded scholarships, including within the College itself, on the College website and in the annual *Wadham College Gazette*. Students who would not wish their names to be publicly displayed should state this in their email to the Graduate Administrator when submitting their application. All applicants are also asked to include in their email to the Graduate Administrator the expected length of their course and what year they will be commencing in MT25.

Students who will start a new course at Wadham in Michaelmas Term 2025 may request in their covering letter that their one reference be taken from the student's application for admission to the University. The full name of the referee must be specified in the covering letter.

Applications and references should be sent by email to [graduate.admissions@wadham.ox.ac.uk](mailto:graduate.admissions@wadham.ox.ac.uk), to arrive **no later than Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2025**.



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### **Selection Criteria**

Students who will start a new course at Wadham in Michaelmas Term 2025 will be judged on their academic potential as assessed by their performance in earlier degrees and by the reference supplied (or drawn from their application to the University), and their contribution to their earlier institution and greater community.

Students already reading for a postgraduate degree at Wadham will be judged on their progress on course and their contribution to the College and greater community. The academic criteria used will be subject and course specific but could include: examination grades, prizes, progress towards thesis completion, discoveries made, papers published or patents awarded, oral or poster presentations at national and international conferences.

Scholarships are not eligible for renewal from one year to the next. Existing Senior Scholars may only apply in a future year if they have undertaken a new course. Scholarship will be assessed in equal competition with all other candidates and by the same criteria.