



SOMERVILLE COLLEGE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR NEW STUDENTS IN 2020/21

Before you start the academic year, it is important that you take all necessary steps in order to secure funding for your studies. Please note that Somerville College is unable to provide credit facilities. Detailed information about funding your studies is available on the university website (www.ox.ac.uk/feesandfunding).

FEE STATUS

The course fee you will be charged and the support available to you is determined by your fee status. This is based upon your nationality and where you usually live.

FINANCIAL DECLARATION

All new students should have received a financial declaration from the Academic Office. This document aims to ensure that you are fully aware of the expected fees and living costs for your course at Oxford. You are also asked to provide information about how you intend to cover the fees in the first year of your course.

COURSE FEES

The course fee for Home and EU students starting in 2020/21 will be £9,250. All Home and EU students can access a loan from the UK government for the full amount of their course fee. This will be paid directly to the university once you have been registered. If you do not wish to take out this loan, you will need to pay the termly fee at the end of 1st week of each term. In subsequent years, partial support is available from the NHS for students from certain domiciles. The university website (www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/fees-and-funding/oxford-support/funding-for-medical-students) has more information about this.

LIVING COSTS

In 2020/21, the university estimates that students will require between £1,135 and £1,650 per month for living costs. This range is based on a single student with no dependants living in Oxford. Depending on your fee status, you might be entitled to a maintenance loan from the UK government. Income-assessed bursaries are also available from the university. You should be aware that even if you qualify for loans, bursaries, grants or scholarships, you might need additional funding to cover your expenses.

MAINTENANCE LOAN PAYMENTS

If you have been awarded a maintenance loan from the UK government, your first instalment should be paid directly into your nominated bank account within five days of being registered at the college. Provision should therefore be made for some spending money when you first arrive in Oxford to cover expenses until you receive this first instalment.

COLLEGE ACCOMMODATION CHARGES

Dates	Number of nights	Annual charge
1 st September 2020 – 13 th June 2021	286	£6,271.98

The accommodation charge is payable at the start of each term. Your Licence to Occupy will provide more information about this.



PAYMENTS BEFORE THE START OF THE COURSE

We ask all new students to make certain payments before the start of the course:

Charge	Students	Amount payable	Date of first payment	Subsequent payments	Notes
Room reservation payment	Students living in college accommodation	£500.00	Friday 14 th August 2020	None	Credited against accommodation charge
Catering credit	Students living in college accommodation	£84.00	Friday 14 th August 2020	£84 By the end of 1st week of each term	Can be used towards purchases from the Pantry
Accommodation charge	Students living in college accommodation	£2,090.66	Friday 2 nd October 2020	By the end of 1st week of each term	
Course fee	Students who are not accessing a course fee loan from the UK government ¹	£3,083.00 (one-third of total course fee)	Friday 2 nd October 2020	By the end of 1st week of each term	

If you have any queries about what payments you should be making before the start of your course, please email treasury@some.ox.ac.uk.

¹ If you are accessing a course fee loan from the UK government, this will be paid directly to the university by the Student Loans Company



PAYMENTS DURING THE COURSE

You will receive a personal statement of fees and charges twice a term known as ‘battels’. Each battels statement will indicate the date by which any outstanding charges must be paid. This date will be either the Friday of 1st week or the Friday of 4th week. **Please note that failure to pay on time will result in the imposition of a fine. Please refer to the College Handbook for further information regarding the non-payment of fees and charges.**

PAYMENT METHODS – BANK TRANSFER

Payments can be made by bank transfer using the following details:

Account name	Somerville College
Account number	60998907
Sort code	20-65-46
Bank	Barclays Bank, Oxford City 2

If paying from overseas, please ensure that local and foreign bank charges are paid by you, and not deducted from funds sent. Also note the following international banking identities for our bank:

IBAN number	GB69BARC20654660998907
SWIFT/BIC	BARCGB22

Please ensure that your student name and “Battels” is quoted as a reference on any bank transfers, to assist the Treasury in allocating the funds received.

PAYMENT METHODS – BANK TRANSFER FROM AN INTERNATIONAL BANK ACCOUNT

International students can make payments using Western Union Business Solutions. This allows you, your parents and sponsors to make GBP payments in the currency of your choice and provides you with a simple and secure way to initiate a payment. Payments can be made at <https://student.globalpay.wu.com/geo-buyer/somerville>.

PAYMENT METHODS – DEBIT OR CREDIT CARD

Please call Ian Wooldridge in the Treasury on +44 (0)1865 270625 to make any payments by debit or credit card.

PAYMENT METHODS – CHEQUE

Cheques should be made payable to Somerville College and drawn on a UK bank account in GBP. Please write the student’s name and ‘battels’ on the back of cheques and send them to the Treasury. We regret that if a cheque is returned as unpaid, a replacement guaranteed payment will be required by bank transfer or debit or credit card.

OPENING A UK BANK ACCOUNT

You are required to have a UK bank account throughout your course. This should be kept open for at least one month after your course ends so that any deposits can be returned. Information about opening a bank account can be found on the university website (www.ox.ac.uk/students/new/international).

ADVICE ON FINANCIAL MATTERS

The College Accountant, Elaine Boorman, is available to give advice on financial matters, particularly in cases of financial difficulty. If you have any money worries or if you feel you could benefit from some advice about how to handle your financial affairs, you can arrange to speak to her. Anything that you say, and any information you provide, will be treated in the strictest confidence.

CONTACT DETAILS

Fees and charges	Advice on financial matters
Ian Wooldridge Treasury Officer treasury@some.ox.ac.uk	Elaine Boorman College Accountant college.accountant@some.ox.ac.uk