

Somerville-Ethox Visiting Scholarships

Somerville College and The Ethox Centre, University of Oxford, have established two new Annual Visiting Scholarships to provide fully-funded opportunities to spend time researching at the University of Oxford. The Scholarships will support those from Black ethnic backgrounds, ordinarily resident in the UK, to develop their academic careers. This positive action initiative aims to tackle the disproportionately low representation of Black researchers in UK academia and at Oxford in particular.

Visiting Scholarships will be awarded each year to researchers with an interest in bioethics (including related disciplines such as philosophy, history, sociology and anthropology). The Scholars will spend four weeks based at the Ethox Centre and Somerville College and will conduct research on a topic related to the research programmes of the Ethox Centre. They will benefit from the supervision and feedback of Ethox research staff and will have access to the libraries and research facilities of the University of Oxford. They will also have the opportunity to attend weekly seminars and work in progress meetings, as well as talks and events across the University. During their visit, Scholars will be expected to give a presentation on their research at one of the Ethox Centre's weekly research seminars.

Each Scholarship includes four weeks' accommodation at Somerville College, inclusive of all meals (we are able to cater for a range of dietary needs) and a contribution of up to £2,000 to assist with travel and research costs. Accommodation will ordinarily be suitable for single occupancy but individual circumstances will be taken into account for the successful candidates and accommodate where possible. The Scholarships are intended to support emerging scholars who would not otherwise have the opportunity to spend time pursuing their research at Oxford. As such, they offer an association, rather than employment and there is no salary associated with the posts.

The exact timing of the visits will be agreed with successful candidates. It is hoped that the first scholars will be announced by September 2021, with arrival dates in the academic year 21-22.

For an informal discussion about the Scholarships please contact patricia.kingori@ethox.ox.ac.uk or michael.parker@ethox.ox.ac.uk. Enquiries about Somerville can also be directed to academic.office@some.ox.ac.uk

Somerville College

Somerville College is one of 39 independent, self-governing colleges of the University of Oxford. Somerville takes great pride in its pioneering history, its academic excellence and its intellectual and social openness. It was founded in 1879 as a non-sectarian college as one of the first Oxford colleges to admit women tutors and students; it has been a mixed college since 1994. There are 200

graduate students currently reading for masters and doctoral degrees and about 400 undergraduates following three and four-year courses across a wide variety of disciplines. The undergraduate body includes a higher than average proportion of state-school students. Further information about the College may be found at www.som.ox.ac.uk.

The Ethox Centre

The Ethox Centre aims to improve ethical standards in healthcare practice and in medical research. It does this through education, research, and the provision of ethics support to health professionals and medical researchers.

The Centre aims in all its activities to be close to practice and seeks to engage with ethical issues faced by real world actors in real world settings. One implication of this is that the Centre places particular value on approaches bringing together empirical research with rigorous ethical analysis.

The Ethox Centre has a rich research culture including visiting researchers, research seminars and on-going collaborative writing groups on a wide range of topics.

Eligibility and selection criteria

Applicants for the scholarships will normally hold at least an undergraduate degree relevant to bioethics (including related disciplines such as philosophy, history, sociology and anthropology) with evidence of current or emerging research in these fields. Candidates will normally be at an early academic career stage. This refers to their career path, rather than age or specific qualifications and could, for example, include those who are recently graduated, still studying at post-graduate level, changing careers, returning after a career break or moving from industry to academia.

The scholarships are open to applicants from Black and Mixed Black ethnic backgrounds who are ordinarily resident in the UK and you will be asked to confirm that you identify as such as part of the application process.

Please note that eligibility for the Scholarships is also subject to having a right to work in the UK as benefits are offered with the association.

Benefits

- Formal association with both the Ethox Centre and Somerville College.
- Supervision and feedback from Ethox research staff.
- £2,000 contribution towards travel research costs.
- Access to libraries and research facilities across the University of Oxford.
- Opportunities to attend weekly seminars, work in progress meetings, talks and events across the University.
- Accommodation at Somerville College and access to College facilities.
- All meals in College, including the opportunity to attend Guest Nights and other formal events.
- Guest membership of the Somerville College Senior Common Room.

How to apply

The deadline for applications is noon on Wednesday, 4 August 2021

1. Applications must include:

- A completed cover sheet (available at the end of this document and from www.some.ox.ac.uk/jobs/ethox2021)
- A 500 word statement summarising research interests and what you hope to achieve during the Scholarship visit
- A *curriculum vitae*
- Details of two referees who are able to comment on your proposed research and academic ability.

Please send your completed applications to academic.office@some.ox.ac.uk

2. Candidates should ask their referees to write directly to academic.office@some.ox.ac.uk and should supply each referee with a copy of these further particulars. We take this opportunity to thank in advance those referees who write on behalf of applicants. Please note that it is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that references are submitted promptly, as referees will not be approached by the College or Centre. Further copies of these particulars may be found at www.some.ox.ac.uk/jobs/ethox2021
3. Please also complete and return an **Equal Opportunities recruitment monitoring form** available from www.some.ox.ac.uk/jobs/ethox2021 Completion is voluntary. Forms should be sent to human.resources@some.ox.ac.uk Equal Opportunities information collected does not form part of the selection process and will not be circulated to the panel. It will be used solely to monitor the effectiveness of our Equality and Diversity policies under our public duty.
4. Completed applications will be considered on receipt, and we will aim to inform candidates as soon as possible after the closing date whether they will be invited for an interview.
5. Interviews are likely to be held in early September 2021.
6. Communication regarding the status and outcome of your application will be made via e-mail.

Data Protection

All data supplied by candidates will be used only for the purposes of determining their suitability for the scholarship and will be held in accordance with the principles of the General Data Protection Regulations 2018 and the College's Data Protection Policy. Details are available via <https://www.some.ox.ac.uk/somerville-college-gdpr-framework/>

Equal Opportunities

The policy and practice of the University of Oxford and of Somerville College require that all members are afforded equal opportunities. Entry into employment or association with the College will be determined purely on merit and application of the eligibility criteria. These scholarships are a positive action measure under s.158 of the Equality Act.

COVER SHEET

This cover sheet must be completed as part of the application for a **Somerville-Ethox Visiting Scholarship** and submitted with all other application materials:

- A completed cover sheet
- A 500-word statement outlining your research interests and what you hope to gain from the Scholarship
- A *curriculum vitae*
- Two references, commenting on your suitability for the proposed research.
- Please also complete and return an **Equal Opportunities recruitment monitoring form** (available from www.some.ox.ac.uk/jobs/ethox2021). These forms will not be shared with the panel

Completed applications must be sent to academic.office@some.ox.ac.uk and received by the closing date of 12 noon UK time, Wednesday, 4 August 2021

Where did you find out about this Scholarship?:		
Surname:	First name:	Title:
Email:		
Phone number:		
Postal address:		

Subject area(s) of research:

Most recent academic qualification:	
University:	
Date started (month/year):	Date completed (month/year):

Name of first referee:	Email address:
Name of second referee:	Email address:
<i>Please note that it will be the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that references are submitted by the deadline as referees will not be approached by the College. Please do not send more than two references; additional references will not be considered.</i>	

<i>Please confirm each of the following (tick box):</i>	
I identify as Black or Mixed Black ethnicity	<input type="checkbox"/>
I am ordinarily resident in the UK (or will be by the start date of the Scholarship)	<input type="checkbox"/>
I am able to provide documentary evidence of my right to work in the UK	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please see <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/assessing-ordinary-residence-nationality-policy-guidance> for information on the definition of 'ordinarily resident'