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A NEW GRADUATE
SCHOLARSHIP

A HISTORY APPEAL FOR
THE 500th ANNIVERSARY
OF CHRIST CHURCH



A NEW GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP IN HISTORY

We are seeking to endow a graduate scholarship in History for an academically excellent doctoral student who would otherwise not be able to pursue further study.

We are delighted to have already raised over £300,000 towards the scholarship, thanks to very kind donations from alumni. These gifts were given in memory of Simon Offen, our Deputy Development Director at Christ Church who sadly passed away in February 2023 after 14 years of service to the House. We are now seeking to raise a further £360,000. Reaching our target of £660,000 will endow a scholarship to fully cover course fees as well as providing around 50% of the student's living costs each year. We are seeking support from our History alumni to help us achieve this.

Our long-term aspiration is that this scholarship becomes fully funded. Therefore, any donations received beyond our target will also be hugely welcome.





HISTORY AT CHRIST CHURCH

The study of History provides a foundation for any understanding of the modern world. In analysing people and societies in the past – what made them tick, and why they did what they did – it helps us understand ourselves and others. Studying the past challenges our prejudices, broadens our outlook, and enables us to think for ourselves.

First taught at Christ Church in 1850, History continues to be one of the most popular and sought-after courses at the House and is one of the largest History cohorts in Oxford. Our History scholars benefit enormously from the tutorial system, and the exceptionally high standard of teaching and research at the



📍 Professor Brian Young

📍 Professor Sarah Mortimer

📍 Dr Katherine Lebow



House is led by tutors Professor Brian Young, Professor Sarah Mortimer and Dr Katherine Lebow.

Our history graduates and post graduates go into business, finance, consultancy, journalism, advertising, law, government service, teaching and research – any career which needs adaptability, clear thinking, and problem-solving.

But many promising History students are having to turn down prestigious postgraduate offers due to a lack of funding. Graduate students are the backbone of academia, pioneering research in new fields and revisiting the existing canon. We are determined that Christ Church will remain a thriving home for Historians, welcoming and supporting a diverse community of exceptional early career researchers.



GRADUATE STUDY AT CHRIST CHURCH

Access to graduate study has become increasingly difficult as the cost of living has risen and alternative sources of funding have decreased, but we are committed to enabling the most talented and promising students to pursue research without financial barriers. Christ Church's Graduate Scholars hail from across the world, bringing a diverse range of experience and backgrounds to a multi-disciplinary community here at the House.

Our aim is to award this scholarship using the criteria set by UNIQ+, a successful University-wide programme which aims to provide academically excellent students from under-represented and disadvantaged backgrounds who are ordinarily resident in the UK with the opportunity to experience postgraduate study.

Therefore, the awarded student will meet at least one of the following criteria:

- **be in the first generation of their family to go to university;**
- **be care experienced or have had caring responsibilities;**
- **be estranged from parents/guardians;**
- **have been considered as statutorily homeless;**
- **be a refugee, stateless person, asylum seeker, or forcibly displaced;**
- **be of Black or Mixed Black, Bangladeshi or Mixed Bangladeshi, Pakistani or Mixed Pakistani ethnicity;**
- **be from a low-income background.**

GRADUATE SCHOLARS



“Being a History scholar at Christ Church is the most rewarding academic opportunity that has enabled me to pursue my intellectual interests as a historian and contribute to the field of History of science and medicine. I am grateful every day for being a part of Christ Church, its academic community, and the scholarship that helped make this possible.”

– **Jagyoseni Mandal** (2020)



“I am very grateful for the generous support of Christ Church. Without my scholarship, I would have been unable to pursue my doctoral research into French political songs in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. I have enjoyed conducting archival research in Canada and France, and I have had the opportunity to present conference papers across Europe.” – **Aoife Miralles** (2017)



HOW YOU CAN HELP

We invite our community of historians to come together to help us reach our target of £660,000 to support graduate students in History. Please consider making a gift to a new endowed Graduate Scholarship in History today.

We welcome gifts of any size and gifts can be made tax efficiently through one-off, monthly, and annual donations. Our Donor Circles recognise the generosity of alumni and provide opportunities to return to Christ Church, attend events and connect with other donors. With a regular, monthly gift (of £10 or above) you would be invited to join TOM or with a larger pledge (a starting point of £10,000 over three years) you would be eligible to join us as a Liddell Patron or above.

To make a donation please complete the enclosed gift form or contact the Development & Alumni Office.

If you are based in the US, gifts can be made tax efficiently through American Friends of Christ Church. Further information on this, as well as how to give from other countries, is available on our website, <https://chchconnections.org/pages/support-us>.



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