

Job Description and Selection Criteria

Post	Regius Professor of Greek
Faculty	Classics
Division	Humanities
College	Christ Church

Overview of the post

A Regius Professor of Greek is due to be appointed at the University of Oxford by His Majesty the King with effect from 1 October 2026 or as soon as possible thereafter, following the retirement of Professor Gregory Hutchinson. The Professor will be a member of the Faculty of Classics and will hold a fellowship at Christ Church. The Regius Professorship of Greek was established by Henry VIII in 1541; Professor Hutchinson held the post from 2015 to 2023, his immediate predecessors being Christopher Pelling and Peter Parsons. The chair is one of the pre-eminent chairs of ancient Greek in the UK and is internationally among the most respected in the world of Classics.

The Faculty welcomes applications from those with expertise in any area of Greek Language and Literature, but applicants should have broad interests and sympathies to be able to contribute to and promote what is a wide and increasingly interdisciplinary research field in Oxford. The appointee will have a major international profile. They will exercise academic leadership through her or his own research and teaching, by seeking research grants, by promoting a culture of obtaining research funding amongst colleagues and graduate students, and by building relationships with potential donors to Oxford Classics.

The Regius Professor will be expected to fulfil the teaching obligations of the post by supervising graduate students, lecturing to undergraduates, and giving lectures and seminars suitable for graduate students. While it is recognised that the Professor may prefer to hold lectures and classes mainly in subjects related to their own field(s) of research, it is expected that they will also be willing to provide advice and supervision on a broad range of subjects.

Queries about the post may be addressed to Professor Llewelyn Morgan, Faculty Board Chair of Classics, at llewelyn.morgan@classics.ox.ac.uk. All enquiries will be treated in strict confidence; they will not form a part of the selection decision.



Duties of the post

You will be a member of both the university and the collegiate community. You will be part of a lively and intellectually stimulating research community which performs to the highest international levels in research and publications and will have access to the excellent research facilities which Oxford offers. You will have a role to play in the running of Christ Church as a member and trustee of its Governing Body.

The main duties of the post are as follows:

Research and research leadership

- You will be expected to pursue your own research, and to take a lead in encouraging research achievement among colleagues and students and in nurturing the wider research culture in Greek language and literature.
- You will be involved in organising senior research seminars in the faculty, led by scholars from inside and outside Oxford.
- You will be expected to be active in applying for research funding, to foster a culture of grant application amongst colleagues and graduates, and to play an active role in relevant development campaigns.
- You will be expected to strengthen links with other Classics departments in the UK and overseas and with other departments in Oxford and elsewhere. This may include organising visits and lectures by leading scholars, developing individual and collaborative research and teaching projects, or obtaining appropriate funding for such projects.
- You will recognise the important role of the Regius Chair in promoting the study of Greek language and literature at all educational levels in the UK.

Teaching and examining

This chair provides crucial leadership and coordination across all areas of activity in the study of Greek language and literature.

- You will provide 36 hours of lectures or seminars annually for undergraduate and/or graduate students in the degrees of Literae Humaniores, Classics & Modern Languages, Classics & English, and Classics & Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, and for the MSt. and MPhil. in Greek and/or Latin Languages and Literature.
- As part of your teaching stint, you will be responsible for and will chair professorial seminars for graduates (involving 20+ students on taught courses and 20-30 PGRs), which act as an important focus for bringing the graduate body together with academics and senior researchers in the Faculty. You will provide feedback on graduates' performance in their presentations.
- You will be expected to supervise Masters and doctoral students working on a wide range of topics within Greek language and literature.
- You will be expected to assume a key role in graduate activities in the Faculty by seeking good applicants, engaging with the whole cohort of graduate students in Greek and Latin language and literature, advising and aiding students, as appropriate, in the development of their careers, and keeping in touch after students leave. You will play a major role in assisting graduates in the construction of both individual thesis topics and major research projects.
- You will be expected to examine undergraduate and taught graduate programmes and doctoral theses.

Faculty and divisional administration

- You will co-operate in the administrative work of the Faculty of Classics, in both term-time and vacations, under the direction of the Chair of the Faculty Board.
- All professors are expected to serve periodically as members of the Faculty Board and of a selection of the Board's sub-committees and committees in the sub-faculty of Classical Languages and Literature.
- You may be expected to take on the role of Faculty Board Chair (effectively Head of Department) at some point for a three-year term, if asked to do so by the Humanities Divisional Board.
- The Regius Professor of Greek serves *ex officio* as a member of the sub-faculty's Graduate Studies Committee, and will normally be expected, at some point in their term of office, to take the role of Director of Graduate Studies.

Other duties

- You will be expected to be actively involved in relevant development/fundraising campaigns.
- You will be expected to support and encourage the teaching of Classics, broadly conceived, in schools and universities, and to be involved in the communication to a wider public of the results and importance of classical studies.

Selection criteria

Your application will be judged only against the criteria which are set out below. You should ensure that your application shows clearly how your skills and experience meet these criteria.

The University is committed to fairness, consistency and transparency in selection decisions. Members of the Advisory Committee (the selection panel for the Regius Professorship) will be aware of the principles of equality of opportunity, fair selection and the risks of bias. If, for any reason, you have taken a career break or have had an atypical career and wish to disclose this in your application, the selection committee will take this into account, recognising that the quantity of your research may be reduced as a result.

The successful candidate will demonstrate the following:

- a doctorate in a relevant academic discipline and a distinguished record and strong international profile in research and publication in Greek Language and Literature, together with concrete plans for research which demonstrate an ability and a willingness to maintain that record;
- the ability and willingness to play a major part in sustaining and promoting research in Greek Language and Literature, and to provide research leadership, including leading by example, taking a lead in encouraging research achievement, and nurturing a research culture;
- a record of obtaining funding for individual research or larger projects, and the ability to foster a culture of obtaining research grants among colleagues;
- the ability and willingness to provide academic leadership over a wide range of Greek Language and Literature, both poetry and prose;
- an excellent record of graduate and undergraduate teaching;
- the ability and willingness to play a leading part in the guidance, supervision, and encouragement of graduate students;
- the ability and willingness to play a full role in the examination of undergraduates and graduates;
- the ability and willingness to foster and extend close links with other disciplines within the Faculty of Classics and with neighbouring disciplines in the Humanities Division and the rest of the University;

- the ability and willingness to create and extend contacts with Classical and other relevant faculties in the UK and internationally;
- the ability and willingness to become involved actively in relevant development/fundraising campaigns;
- the ability and willingness to support attempts to maintain or revive classical teaching in schools and universities;
- the ability and willingness to communicate to a wider public the results, and the importance, of classical studies;
- experience of university administration and management, and evidence of the ability to perform these duties efficiently and reliably;
- the ability and willingness to take on major posts such as Director of Graduate Studies and Chair of the Faculty Board.
- a commitment to ensuring the Faculty provides a positive, supportive and inclusive environment for all.
- a willingness to serve as Trustee of Christ Church, and to fulfil the responsibilities which that position entails

How to apply

Please visit https://my.corehr.com/pls/uoxrecruit/erq_jobspec_details_form.jobspec?p_id=184732, then click on the **Apply Now** button on the 'Job Details' page and follow the on-screen instructions to register as a new user or log-in if you have applied previously. Please refer to the "Terms of Use" in the left hand menu bar for information about privacy and data protection. Please provide details of three referees and indicate whether the University may contact them without seeking your permission. Referees should not write directly to the University, but may be contacted at any stage in the recruitment process if the electoral board requests your references.

You will also be asked to upload a CV and a supporting statement. The supporting statement should explain how you meet the selection criteria for the post using examples of your skills and experience. This may include experience gained in education or employment, or during career breaks (such as time out to care for dependants).

The University of Oxford is committed to equal opportunity, and to being a place where everyone belongs and is supported to succeed. We recognise how the diversity of our community enriches our ability to deliver on our academic mission. We welcome applications from individuals from all backgrounds, including those under-represented within higher education. No applicant or members of staff shall be unlawfully discriminated against on the basis of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage or civil partnership, pregnancy or maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, or sexual orientation.

Employment with the University and progression within employment will be determined according to personal merit and the application of criteria related to the duties and conditions of the post. In all cases, the primary consideration will be the ability to perform the job. As stated in the University's Equality Policy and Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Strategic Plan, our commitment to equality and diversity goes hand in hand with our commitment to academic freedom and free speech.

The University and colleges welcome applications from candidates who have a disability or long-term health condition and is committed to providing long term support. The University's disability advisor can provide support to applicants with a disability, please see <https://edu.admin.ox.ac.uk/disability-support> for details. Please let us know if you need any adjustments to the recruitment process, including the provision of these documents in large print, audio or other formats. If we invite you for interviews, we will ask whether you require any particular arrangements at the interview. The University Access Guide gives details of physical access to University buildings <https://www.accessguide.ox.ac.uk/>.

Please upload all documents **as PDF files** with your name and the document type in the filename.

All applications must be received by **12:00 UK time on Monday 13 April 2026**.

Please email recruitment.support@admin.ox.ac.uk should you experience difficulties using the application system. Further help and support is available from <https://hrsystems.admin.ox.ac.uk/recruitment-support>. To return to the online application at any stage, please log back in and click the "My applications" button on the left hand side of the page.

You will be notified of the progress of your application by automatic emails from our e-recruitment system. **Please check your spam/junk mail** regularly to ensure that you receive all emails.

All applications will be considered by the Advisory Committee as soon as possible after the closing date. The Advisory Committee is free to search for other candidates at this or any subsequent stage in its proceedings. You will be kept informed of the progress of your application at each stage, but in some cases there may be a delay while deliberations are ongoing. All shortlisted candidates will be interviewed and will be asked to give a short presentation to the Advisory Committee as part of the interview. The composition of the Advisory Committee will be published in the University Gazette (<https://gazette.web.ox.ac.uk/>) when it is finalised.

Appointments to Regius chairs at Oxford are made under the procedure set out in the annexe to this document.

Faculty of Classics

The Faculty of Classics is the largest department of Classics in the world focusing on research and teaching in ancient Greek and Roman culture, civilisation, and history between around 1100 B.C. and A.D. 600. Particular subjects include the study of the ancient Greek and Latin languages, and of literature and documents composed in either, and the histories, cultures and societies of those who used those languages as a mother tongue or as a principal mode of discourse. The Faculty comprises the two Sub-Faculties of Greek and Latin Languages and Literature and of Ancient History and Classical Archaeology and currently has about 63 permanent academic postholders. Faculty members also include researchers employed on fixed-term contracts, and research and teaching staff employed by the colleges.

Like most other Humanities Faculties in Oxford, undergraduate teaching in Classics is organised primarily by the colleges, which also manage undergraduate admissions and student welfare. The Sub-Faculties and the Classics Faculty Board are responsible for devising the syllabus in the relevant areas for undergraduate courses, for appointing examiners, and for providing lectures and classes to complement the college teaching (known as tutorials). The Faculty Board controls the admission and supervision of graduate students through its Graduate Studies Committees. There are currently about 85 graduate students in Classical Languages and literature, 65 graduate students in Ancient History and about 75 in Classical Archaeology (the latter are admitted through the Graduate Studies Committee of the School of Archaeology, but taught by the Classics Faculty) reading for higher degrees (the MLitt and DPhil by thesis, and the MSt and MPhil which are normally a mixture of thesis and taught course). In the undergraduate degrees of Classics (Literae Humaniores), Classical Archaeology and Ancient History (CAAH) and joint courses there are at any one time around 650 students.

Humanities Division

The Humanities Division is one of four academic divisions in the University of Oxford, bringing together the following faculties: Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, Classics; English; History; Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics; Medieval and Modern Languages; Music; Philosophy; Theology and Religion; and the Ruskin School of Art. The Division has over 500 members of academic staff, with over 4000 undergraduates (more than a third of the total undergraduate population of the University), 1,100 postgraduate research students, and 880 students on postgraduate taught courses. Our faculties are among the largest in the world, enabling Oxford to offer an education in Arts and Humanities unparalleled in its range of subjects, from music and fine art to ancient and modern languages.

Humanities in Oxford offers world-class teaching and research (second in the most recent QS world rankings), backed by the superb resources of the University's libraries and museums, including the famous Bodleian Libraries, with their 11 million volumes and priceless early book and manuscript collections, and the Ashmolean Museum of Art and Archaeology. Such resources are linked to cutting-edge agendas in research and teaching, with an increasing emphasis on interdisciplinary study and digital technologies. [The Oxford Research Centre in the Humanities](#) (TORCH) is the Division's vehicle for promoting interdisciplinary collaboration, international networks, and public engagement with research, with a highly active programme of events, fellowships, and research networks.

In October 2025, the Humanities Division opened its new dedicated building, the [Stephen A Schwarzman Centre for the Humanities](#). This beautiful state-of-the-art facility co-locates seven of the Humanities faculties for the first time under a single roof, and also houses the Institute for Ethics in AI, the Oxford Internet Institute and the new Bodleian Humanities Library. The Centre provides a unique mix of academic teaching facilities for Oxford students and staff with industry-leading research and public spaces, including the 500-seat Sohen Concert Hall, a 250-seat theatre, a black box immersive performance space, dance studio and cinema, and exhibition space. The performances spaces will host a new public [cultural programme](#), opening in April 2026 and bringing together innovative artists, performers, writers and thinkers from around the world to co-create with Oxford researchers and our wider community. Although the Classics Faculty has not physically moved into the new Schwarzman Centre, it has equal access to the new exhibition and performance spaces and is closely involved in cross-faculty initiatives at the Centre.

For more information on the Humanities Division please visit: <https://www.humanities.ox.ac.uk/>.

Christ Church

There are 39 self-governing and independent colleges at Oxford, giving both academic staff and students the benefits of belonging to a small, interdisciplinary community as well as to a large, internationally-renowned institution. The collegiate system fosters a strong sense of community, bringing together leading academics and students across subjects, and from different cultures and countries.

Christ Church, first founded in 1525 and given its present name by Henry VIII in 1546, is a unique institution: it is both one of the largest colleges in the University and, at the same time, the cathedral for the Diocese of Oxford. Its Governing Body comprises both academics and members of Chapter. Its junior members, both undergraduate (469) and graduate students (250), cover almost all the major academic disciplines in the Sciences, Humanities and Social Sciences, as do its senior academic staff. It aims at high academic achievement and individual fulfilment in a friendly, tolerant, and mutually supportive environment. Christ Church tutors strongly believe in the joint pursuit of teaching and research. Christ Church is also renowned for its architecture and the importance of the collections in its Library and Picture Gallery.

Christ Church is a major Classics college with a large and diverse body of undergraduates and graduates. We typically have an annual undergraduate intake of 6 or 7 students in Literae Humaniores, Classics & Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, and Classics & Modern Languages, 1 or 2 in Classical Archaeology & Ancient History, and 1 in Ancient & Modern History. The successful candidate will have as colleagues in Classics Dr Daniel

Jolowicz (Tutor in Classical Languages and Literature), Dr Anna Clark (Tutor in Ancient History), Professor Amin Benaissa (Tutor in Greek Language and Literature), and Dr Chiara Martini (Tutor in Ancient Philosophy, starting in February 2027). The college also hosts the Tower JRF in Greek Mythology, currently held by Dr Leo Kershaw, and periodically appoints a JRF in Classics. The tutors organise termly informal gatherings at which senior members, graduate students, and undergraduates take turns in giving a talk about their research. The college Library has outstanding resources for Classics, including some 86 Greek manuscripts dating from the 9th to the 18th centuries in the Upper Library.

The Regius Professor of Greek will be elected to a non-stipendiary Ordinary Studentship (i.e. Fellowship) of Christ Church, to be held as long as they hold the Professorship. Ordinary Students are members of the Governing Body (i.e. the Trustees) of Christ Church, which like other Oxford colleges is a registered charity. The Studentship is held under the provisions of the Statutes and By-laws of Christ Church. The Governing Body is responsible for the government of Christ Church and the management of its assets; it normally meets three times in each of the three terms of the academical year. New members of Governing Body are offered training in charity governance and the roles and responsibilities of trustees.

More information about the College may be obtained at www.chch.ox.ac.uk.

About the University of Oxford

Oxford's departments and colleges aim to lead the world in research and education for the benefit of society both in the UK and globally. Oxford's researchers engage with academic, commercial and cultural partners across the world to stimulate high-quality research and enable innovation through a broad range of social, policy and economic impacts.

Oxford's self-governing community of international scholars includes Professors, Associate Professors, other college tutors, senior and junior research fellows and over 2,500 other University research staff. Research at Oxford combines disciplinary depth with an increasing focus on inter-disciplinary and multi-disciplinary activities addressing a rich and diverse range of issues. The current strategic plan can be found at <http://www.ox.ac.uk/about/organisation/strategic-plan-2018-23>.

Oxford's strengths lie both in empowering individuals and teams to address fundamental questions of global significance, and in providing all staff with a welcoming and inclusive workplace that supports everyone to develop and do their best work. Recognising that diversity is a great strength, and vital for innovation and creativity, Oxford aspires to build a truly inclusive community which values and respects every individual's unique contribution.

While Oxford has long traditions of scholarship, it is also forward-looking, creative and cutting-edge. Oxford is one of Europe's most entrepreneurial universities. It consistently has the highest external research income of any university in the UK (the most recent figures are available at www.ox.ac.uk/about/organisation/finance-and-funding), and is ranked first in the UK for university spin-outs, with more than 130 spin-off companies created to date. Oxford is also recognised as a leading supporter of social enterprise.

Oxford admits undergraduate students with the intellectual potential to benefit fully from the small group learning to which Oxford is deeply committed. Meeting in small groups with their tutor, undergraduates are exposed to rigorous scholarly challenge and learn to develop their critical thinking, their ability to articulate their views with clarity, and their personal and intellectual confidence. They receive a high level of personal attention from leading academics.

Oxford has a strong postgraduate student body which now numbers over 10,000. Postgraduates are attracted to Oxford by the international standing of the faculty, by the rigorous intellectual training on offer, by the excellent research and laboratory facilities available, and by the resources of the museums and libraries, including one of the world's greatest libraries, the Bodleian.

For more information please visit www.ox.ac.uk/about/organisation.

University Benefits, Terms and Conditions

Standard duties

The Regius Professor of Greek shall undertake research, lecture and give instruction in the history and criticism of the Greek Language and Literature and on the works of classical Greek authors.

It is expected that professors will generally participate in the business and affairs of the relevant faculty or department.

Salary

Your salary will be determined after appropriate consultation. There is an annual 'cost-of-living' review. In addition you will be eligible for consideration, in regular reviews, for Professorial Merit Pay.

An additional pensionable allowance will be payable in respect of any period during which you are Head of Department/Faculty Board Chair. (Any allowance payable for a period of less than three years will not, however, be pensionable.)

Details of University policy in the following areas can be found at the links provided.

Salary

<https://hr.admin.ox.ac.uk/academic-staff-pay>

Pension

<https://finance.admin.ox.ac.uk/uss>

Sabbatical leave

<https://governance.admin.ox.ac.uk/legislation/council-regulations-4-of-2004>

Outside commitments

<https://hr.admin.ox.ac.uk/holding-outside-appointments>

Intellectual Property

<https://governance.admin.ox.ac.uk/legislation/council-regulations-7-of-2002>

Managing conflicts of interest

<https://researchsupport.admin.ox.ac.uk/governance/integrity>

Membership of Congregation

<https://www.ox.ac.uk/about/organisation/governance>

<https://governance.admin.ox.ac.uk/legislation/statute-iv-congregation>

Family support

<https://hr.admin.ox.ac.uk/family-leave-for-academic-staff>

<https://childcare.admin.ox.ac.uk/home>

<https://www.newcomers.ox.ac.uk/>

International Staff

<https://www.jobs.ox.ac.uk/lifeinoxford>

<https://staffimmigration.admin.ox.ac.uk>

Relocation

<https://finance.admin.ox.ac.uk/relocation-scheme-arrangements-guide-for-new-starters>

Equality and diversity

<https://edu.admin.ox.ac.uk/home>

Other benefits and discounts for University employees

<https://hr.admin.ox.ac.uk/discounts>

Pre-employment screening

<https://jobs.ox.ac.uk/pre-employment-checks>

Length of appointment

<https://hr.admin.ox.ac.uk/academic-posts-at-oxford#collapse1532056>

Retirement

The University operates an employer justified retirement age for academic posts of 30 September immediately preceding the 70th birthday. See <https://hr.admin.ox.ac.uk/the-ejra>

Data Privacy

<https://compliance.admin.ox.ac.uk/job-applicant-privacy-policy>

<https://compliance.admin.ox.ac.uk/data-protection-policy>

College Benefits

As the Regius Professor of Greek, you will hold an Ordinary Studentship (fellowship) at Christ Church and will be entitled to the following:

- to apply for research grants for equipment and conferences up to an annual maximum, currently £2,794. Application for the funding of small academic research projects can also be made separately to the Christ Church Research Centre.
- reimbursement for academic entertainment up to the annual maximum, currently £817.
- free High Table dinners and lunches when the kitchens are open.

ANNEXE

Regius Professorships at the University of Oxford: Note on Procedures

The appointment of a Regius Professor at the University of Oxford is made by the exercise of the Royal Prerogative, following consideration by His Majesty The King of a recommendation from the Prime Minister. By agreement with the Prime Minister's Office, the selection process for such chairs follows in most of its essentials the processes used for filling other chairs at Oxford University.

The Selection Stage

At the selection stage the following steps will be taken:

- (i) the University will set out its desiderata, including the qualifications and particular areas of interest or expertise which it wishes to see in the next holder of the post, in the further particulars which will be available on the University website and on request to all potential applicants;
- (ii) the fact that the chair is to be filled will be publicly and widely advertised by the University. Individuals will be free to apply, although the final choice will not be limited to those who have put themselves forward. Applications (including a full curriculum vitae with the names of the three people who have agreed to act as referees) will be required by a specified closing date;
- (iii) for each Regius appointment an expert Advisory Committee will be set up by the University, analogous to the "electoral boards" for professorships to which the University itself appoints. This will comprise members appointed by the relevant faculty board and divisional board, by Council, and by the college of which the Professor will be a fellow. The committee always includes at least two members external to the University. The membership of the Advisory Committee, like the membership of the University's own electoral boards, will be published in the University Gazette. The committee is free and will be expected to consult widely. It is the body which will make a recommendation for the Prime Minister's consideration; and
- (iv) the committee may at its discretion invite a candidate, whether an applicant or not, to visit Oxford for interview or discussion.

The Appointments Stage

As indicated above appointments to Regius chairs at Oxford University will, by definition, continue to be made only by the exercise of the Royal Prerogative and only when the appointment is made with Royal authority will an appointee bear the Regius title. After the due operation of the selection process every endeavour will be made to agree on an appointee acceptable to the University and whom the Crown is content to appoint. But if there is an agreement to disagree over an appointment the University would then be free, if it so wished, to deploy the resources which had been allocated for the Regius appointment for the making of an appointment to a non Regius Chair, for one tenure.