

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD
FACULTY OF THEOLOGY AND RELIGION
MCDONALD GRADUATE STUDENTSHIP IN CHRISTIAN ETHICS

The Faculty of Theology and Religion, University of Oxford, intends to offer, jointly with Christ Church, the McDonald Graduate Studentship in Christian Ethics of £20,000 p.a. for up to four years. The successful candidate will work under the supervision of Professor Nigel Biggar, the Regius Professor of Moral & Pastoral Theology and Director of the McDonald Centre for Theology, Ethics, & Public Life. He or she will become a member of Christ Church.

The successful candidate will *either* (a) have a good bachelor's degree in Theology or Philosophy, enter the twenty-one month M.Phil. course (or perhaps the nine month M.St. course) in Theology (Christian Ethics), and then, upon successful completion, proceed to doctoral research; *or* (b) have a good master's degree in Theology or Philosophy, with a record of strong performance in Christian Ethics, and enter doctoral research directly.

In the case of (a), the studentship will be awarded for the duration of the master's course, but will be extended to fund further, doctoral study in Christian Ethics upon successful completion of the master's course and successful application for entry to doctoral study. It can be held for a maximum of four years. In the case of (b) the award can be held for a maximum of three years. The award will be terminated, if graduate status is suspended for any reason. It is not renewable.

The successful candidate will have made an application to enter graduate study in Christian Ethics in the Faculty of Theology and Religion and will have met the usual criteria for acceptance. Those who have already begun their graduate study in the Faculty may apply. Those who have not yet begun must apply by **Friday, 22 January 2016**.

He or she will: pay the usual fees to college and university; and, once admitted to doctoral study, be subject to such procedures for Transfer and Confirmation of Status as are prescribed in the regulations, and be eligible to apply for travel grants.

Candidates not already undertaking graduate study in the Faculty must list Christ Church as their preferred college, when applying; candidates already undertaking graduate study must indicate their willingness to move college, if necessary, to take up the award.

Applicants should write to elizabeth.macallister@theology.ox.ac.uk by **Friday, 22 January 2016**. They should supply: (1) a one-page *curriculum vitae* or resumé, which details their formal education (including full information about all courses in Christian Ethics and Moral Philosophy taken at bachelor's or master's level, and the title of any dissertation or thesis undertaken); (2) a supporting statement of no more than 500 words, which describes their reasons for applying and their fitness for the relevant course; and (3) *only in the case of applicants for direct entry to doctoral study*, a further statement of no more than 500 words, which outlines as precisely as possible their proposed research project.

In the assessment of applications reference will also be made to materials submitted in application for entry to graduate study in the Faculty. These need not be submitted twice. However, candidates should ask those writing references in support of their graduate application to comment explicitly on their claims to the McDonald Graduate Studentship.