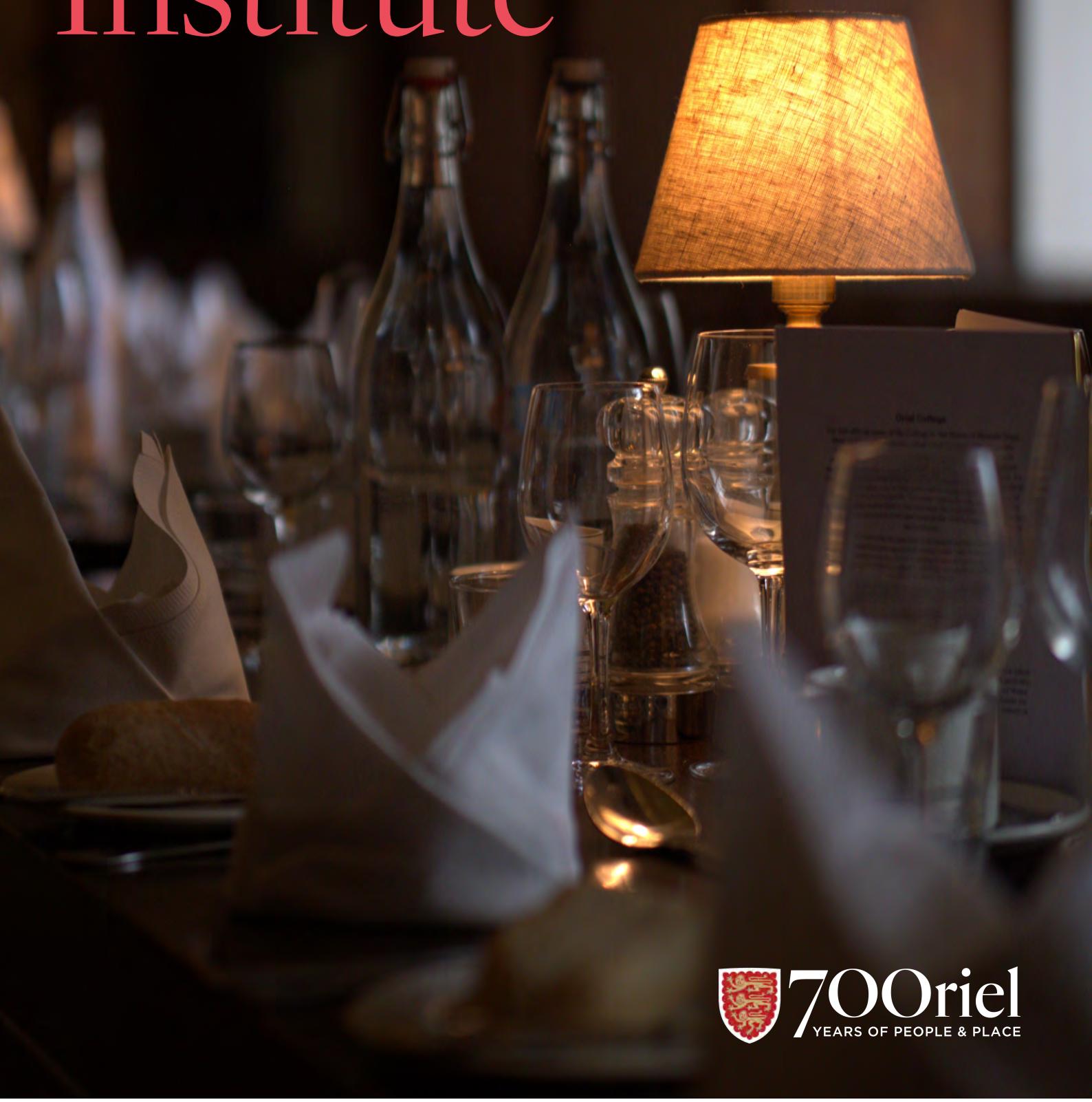


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For more than 700 years, Oriel College has welcomed bright and curious minds from around the world. Now, it's your turn to step inside our historic quads and experience what makes Oxford one of the most inspiring places to learn.

Intensive Learning, Intimate Groups

The Oriel Summer Institute gives you the chance to study with leading academics while living the Oxford experience from the inside.

In small, focused classes of no more than 30 students, your tutors will challenge you, stretch your thinking, and help you build the confidence and insight expected of top university students.

Explore and Discover

With classes scheduled in either the morning or afternoon, you'll have time to explore Oxford's cobbled street, iconic libraries, remarkable museums, vibrant cafés, and tranquil college gardens.

In the evenings, you will hear from distinguished speakers across a range

of fields, giving you exclusive access to Oxford's intellectual energy.

Weekends are for discovery. Join excursions to iconic UK destinations such as London, Bath, or the Cotswolds, and experience England beyond the dreaming spires.

Over the past 20 years, more than 5,000 students have found Oriel Summer Institute to be inspiring, challenging, and unforgettable. We look forward to welcoming you in 2026 and to offering you a summer that could change everything.

WE ARE PLEASED TO OFFER TWO TWO-WEEK SESSIONS IN 2026:

Session One **Sunday, 19 July – Saturday, 1 August**

Session Two **Sunday, 2 August – Saturday, 15 August**



Our Academic Programme

We offer more than a dozen courses across Philosophy, Politics, Economics, Law, British Literature, Science, and Engineering, each carefully designed to give you an academic experience that is genuinely Oxford and Oriel in spirit.

Every course is shaped and overseen by our Academic Advisory Panel, composed of Fellows from Oriel College (see page 6).

Working alongside our tutors, they ensure that each class delivers world-class teaching that is challenging, engaging, and accessible.

Many of the tutors you will meet teach here at Oriel or across the wider University

giving you an authentic, high-level academic experience.

You may take one course per session, and will be asked to select three preferences when applying.

While we do our best to match you with your first choice, spaces are limited, so early application gives you the best chance of securing your place.



Course Offerings in 2026

Each course taught in our Summer Institute has been specifically designed for our programme, with the intention of providing a learning experience like no other.

The papers we are offering in 2026 are:

Philosophy, Politics, Economics, & Law	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Macroeconomics & Global Governance• Philosophical Classics• International Dispute Resolution• Law & AI
British Literature	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Novel Fictions: From Defoe to Austen• Shakespeare & His Age
Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Biochemistry & Molecular Biology• AI: Foundations & Algorithms• AI: Symbolic Methods• Quantum Computing
Engineering	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sustainable Energy Systems• Dynamic Behaviour of Materials

The course offerings for 2026 are subject to change. A full programme – including the dates of each paper – will be released in January on the programme's website.

Recognising your Learning

The Summer Institute is first and foremost an academic programme. While we promise to provide outstanding teaching, we expect our students to engage fully, work hard and make the most of the experience.

Throughout the two weeks, your tutor will guide and assess your progress through methods such as group presentations, essays, multiple-choice tests, or seminar participation. These assessments are designed not to pressure you, but to help you understand what true Oxford learning feels like.

Students who successfully complete the programme will receive a Certificate of Achievement and an Official Academic Transcript, valuable credentials that reflect your hard work and academic commitment.

Your Certificate of Achievement will be signed by the Senior Tutor and Senior Dean of Oriel College, and the transcript will set out how you performed in your learning and participation in the programme.

Many universities recognise programmes of this nature for academic credit. As guidance, a two-week course includes approximately 40 contact hours of teaching, which typically corresponds to 2 US credit hours or 4 ECTS credits. Students should consult their home institution regarding credit recognition.

The Academic Advisory Panel

To ensure the quality of our academic programme, the Summer Institute is overseen by an Advisory Panel composed of a number of the College's Fellows.

Their role is to ensure that the programme curriculum, assessment approach and tutors meet the highest of academic standards. Panel members include:

Dr John Huber

Senior Tutor, T.I. Fellow & Tutor in Engineering Science, Oriel College

Dr Christopher Bowdler

Macpherson Fellow & Tutor in Economics, Oriel College

Professor Justin Coon

Emmott Fellow & Professor of Engineering Science, Oriel College

Mrs Margaret Jones

Fellow & Treasurer, Oriel College

Mr George Connolly

Director, International Programmes & Partnerships, Oriel College

Beyond the Classroom

What happens outside the classroom is just as transformative as what happens within it. You'll experience a summer that expands your horizons and brings your learning to life.

Extended Learning Experiences

Learning at the Summer Institute continues beyond the classroom through a session of tutor-led academic engagement designed to deepen your understanding of the subject in meaningful and practical ways.

Alongside this, you will take part in workshops led by Oxford students and faculty, offering insights into academic skills, research approaches, and pathways to graduate study at the University.

Unforgettable Memories

We've curated a programme of activities that brings Oxford to life. Explore its museums, go punting, or enjoy sports. Midway through, you'll take part in a full-day excursion beyond Oxford.

A highlight of the experience is our Farewell Formal Hall, a cherished Oxford dining tradition. The programme concludes with a Graduation Ceremony at the University Church, offering a memorable close to your time in Oxford.





Accommodation & Food

Whilst at Oriel, you will be accommodated in our student lodgings, either on the main college site or at our graduate campus, just a ten-minute walk from the heart of Oxford. Immersed in our beautiful surroundings, you will have the opportunity to stay, learn, and dine as our own students do, experiencing first hand the unique atmosphere of studying at Oxford.

Our chefs will prepare a delicious and nutritious meals for you during your stay. From Monday to Friday, this will include breakfast, lunch, and dinner. In the weekends, we provide breakfast only, as many students choose to spend the day and evening away from the College.

Support

From the moment you arrive to the moment you leave; our Delegate Advisors are here to support your visit. Our Delegate Advisors are mostly students at Oriel College, so offer a rich and authentic perspective during your stay. They support your welcome and arrival, the activities and excursions and make sure that your day-to-day experience at the College is as smooth as possible.

Additionally, our Porters in the Oriel Lodge are here to help 24/7. They will be a friendly face at the front gate every time you come into college and are well equipped to help should you need any support.

2026 Programme Fees

All fees are fully inclusive of tuition, accommodation, meals, and activities – with no hidden costs. The only variation in pricing reflects student's choice of room type.

The fees for [students from partner universities](#) – who receive a guaranteed £900 partnership scholarship upon registration – are:

	Room type	Standard rate (with £900 partnership scholarship applied)	Early Registration rate (additional £200 discount if registered before 15 March)
Two-Week Session (one course)	Single Standard Room	£4,465	£4,265
	Single Ensuite Room	£4,680	£4,480
Four-Week Session (two courses)	Single Ensuite Room <i>(complimentary upgrade from Standard Room price)</i>	£9,730	£9,530





What does this include?

- 40+ hours of academic teaching including evening lectures and additional workshops
- Academic Certificate and Transcript
- Accommodation for 13 nights
- Full board: Breakfast, lunch, and dinner from Monday to Friday. Breakfast on Saturday & Sunday.
- Local activities and weekend excursion
- Welcome Reception
- Farewell Formal Hall
- Heathrow Airport pick-up and drop -off (conditions apply)
- 24/7 in-College support and supervision

What's not included?

- International travel to and from the UK
- Visa application fees
- Travel insurance
- Personal spending during the programme

If you are not studying at a partner university, please email: summerinstitute@oriel.ox.ac.uk

How to apply

The Summer Institute warmly welcomes applications from talented and ambitious students (aged 18 or above) from universities and colleges anywhere in the world. Working professionals seeking further education are also welcome to apply.

We run a rolling admissions process, meaning that we assess and admit candidates as applications are received. We have a strictly limited number of places for each course, so you are encouraged to submit your application as soon as possible. We encourage students to submit their application no later than 1 April, although we may still accept applications past this date.

Our application link is available at our website: summerinstitute.oriel.ox.ac.uk Once your application is submitted, you will receive an outcome within 5 working days.

Language requirements

To ensure participants can fully engage with the academic and cultural

experience, the Summer Institute requires a strong level of English language proficiency. Applicants should demonstrate their proficiency with a minimum IELTS score of 6.5 or a TOEFL score of 90 or equivalent.

These standards ensure that students can actively participate in lectures, discussions and workshops, while also fully enjoying the immersive environment of studying at Oriel College, University of Oxford. If you meet these language requirements, you will be well-prepared to thrive in this intellectually stimulating programme.

If you do not have a language test score, please contact the College at: summerinstitute@oriel.ox.ac.uk





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