

Applying to the DPhil in Primary Health Care for the The King's Foundation Scholarships

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Who should apply?

- Interest in Community-based Healthcare and Wellbeing
- Suitable training (e.g. hold an MSc or similar experience)
- Strong academic record
- Passion for the subject area

What makes a good application?

1. A clear sense of why you want to apply
2. Topic is appropriate
 - Community focus, applied health research
 - Not e.g. basic science
3. Based on a clearly defined health and well-being problem
4. A sound rationale for the proposed approach
5. Clear proposal
6. Methods make sense (even if there is room for improvement)
7. Proposals do not have to be fully formed, but there should be a clear problem

Potential Research Topics

Social Prescribing recognises that various social, economic & environmental factors can influence well-being.

Nature: Individuals more connected to nature or the biosphere are happier and more likely to feel that their lives are worthwhile.

Urban environments can support both the biosphere and human well-being, but they also face challenges from pollution and the loss of green spaces.

Integrated Health encourages participants to focus on the interconnectedness of their health and well-being.

Heritage and Wellbeing examines the relationship between heritage density and life Satisfaction.

Contacting potential supervisors

- ***Try*** to contact a supervisor in advance of applying
- Select potential supervisors by looking at colleagues in the Nuffield Department of Primary Care Health Sciences, Oxford and the Kellogg website
- Contact them with your ideas and proposal
- Explain why you're emailing **them**
- Do not send generic phishing emails, as these are unlikely to elicit a response

Application process

- See the University of Oxford Graduate Application Guide for information about how to complete the graduate application form and provide supporting documents.
- Academic Interviews conducted online
 - On MS Teams (check before hand it works for you and is updated to the latest version)
- A short five-minute presentation followed by questions
- Interviews last up to 30 minutes
- Attended by the proposed supervisor/methods expert
- Schedule a bit of extra time to account for e.g. tech problems



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About the course

The DPhil Primary Health Care offers interdisciplinary research using a range of applied methods for clinicians and research specialists to enable better prevention, diagnosis and

ADMISSION STATUS

● Open - applications are still being accepted

Up to a week's notice of closure will be provided on this page - no other notification will be given

DEADLINES 12:00 midday UK time on:

TUESDAY 2 DECEMBER 2025

Latest deadline for most [Oxford scholarships](#)
Applications may remain open after this

Application process

- Interviews conducted online

1- About you and why the DPhil in Primary Care

2- About your supervision team, why them

3- About your project

3a What is the problem

3b What is the critical issue you aim to address

3c What methods do you propose to use to address the problem

What you can expect from the King's Foundation Scholarship

- Excellent supervision from expert supervisors
- Close supervision early on
 - The aim is to help you become an independent researcher, and supervision should mirror this
- Good student network (at both the dept and college level)
- Training (Scholarship includes an additional provision for research expenses.)
- The Scholarship will pay fees at the Home rate for the DPhil in Primary Care Health Sciences and provide a stipend above the UK Research and Innovation rate (a min of £20,000 pa)
- opportunity to organise conferences and events with The King's Foundation.



Our advice

- Find supervisors ***before*** applying
- Apply by the deadline
- Read student blogs to get a sense of the experience
- Must submit their University application for the DPhil by 5:00 p.m., Friday, **20 February 2026. – don't leave it to the last minute**
- There will be two interviews: academic component and the scholarship award

