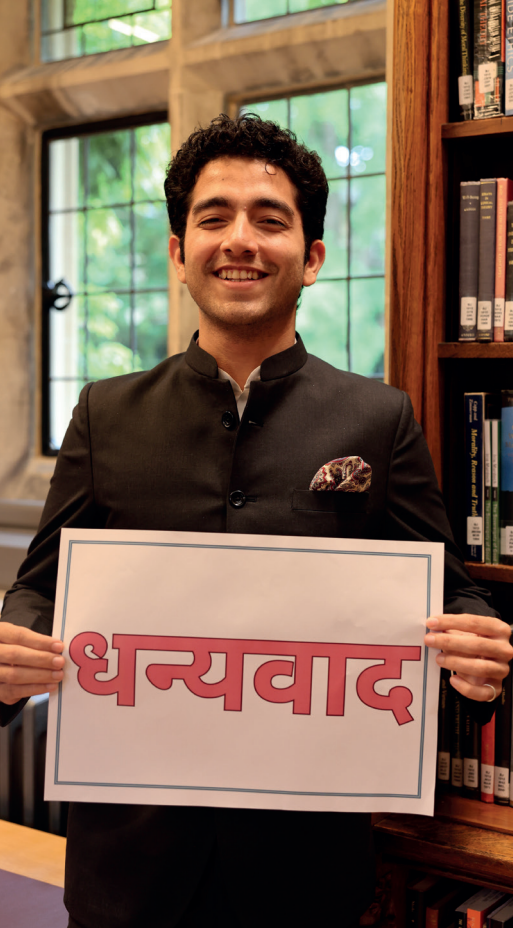




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A portrait of a young woman with long, wavy, reddish-brown hair, smiling at the camera. She is wearing a dark blue or black top with white stripes on the sleeves. She has a nose ring and hoop earrings. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with green foliage and a building. A solid pink vertical bar is on the left side of the image.

The bursary funded by alumni donations gives me
the opportunity to enjoy university life to its fullest.

Ella
2023, Medicine

The numbers

Total amount raised in 2024/2025 **£2,284,055**

£85,000 spent on sports, clubs & societies



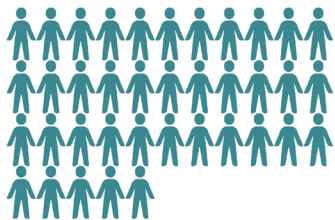
£177,000 spent on Bursaries and Hardship Grants



£250 is the average gift given by donors



£630,000 spent on Student Support in total

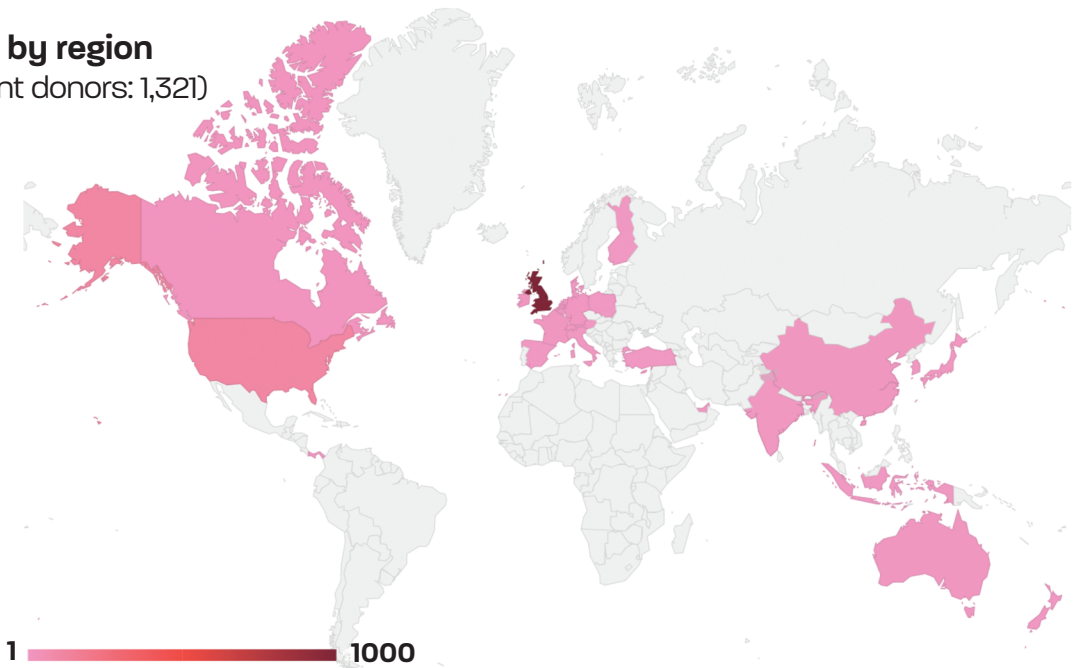


38 Exeter graduate students received scholarships funded by alumni and friends

181 active members of the Amelia Jackson Society



Giving by region
(Total current donors: 1,321)



Get involved

Last year we were able to achieve many great things, thanks to the generosity of our community.

Here are some ways you can continue to support Exeter College:

Access and Outreach

Potential is everywhere, but opportunity is not. Exeter's Access and Outreach team works to change that, encouraging bright young people from all backgrounds to aim high and consider Oxford.

Student Support

Everyone needs support now and then, whether it's a listening ear, emergency funding, or a bursary that makes accepting an offer possible. Whatever students need, Exeter is here for them from day one to graduation.

Graduate Scholarships

Exeter's postgraduates are a driven, diverse group making a difference through their research and ideas. Scholarships – full or partial – are vitally important but right now, we can only support half of those offered a place. We need more funding to ensure we attract the most talented students..





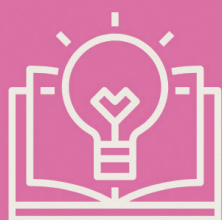
**£191,200 was
spent on Access
and Outreach**



**100 schools have
been reached
by our Access &
Outreach team**



**86 students
have benefited
from the Exeter
Plus programme
since 2020**



**Pupils from 51
schools came to
visit Exeter**

Access and Outreach

Your unwavering support is instrumental in enabling Exeter College to champion access and outreach, ensuring an Oxford education is within reach for talented students from all backgrounds. Our aim is to inspire and empower the next generation of Oxford students and to level the educational playing field. We're immensely grateful for your contributions, which allow us to challenge preconceptions, demystify Oxford University, and reach as many students as possible.

This past year has been particularly impactful. We welcomed 51 inbound visits from our link regions and elsewhere, including three overnight residentials where students from five schools immersed themselves in college life. The impact is clear in student feedback: "A really informative visit, meeting students who were clearly passionate about their subjects and their college!"

Our Exeter Plus programme continues to aid students in their transition to university by building study skills. One attendee captured its essence: "Exeter Plus has been a great opportunity to make friends with a small and varied cohort of people, and has made me a lot more confident about my time at Oxford and my degree."

We have also continued the Year 12 strand, supporting disadvantaged young people with their Oxford applications. As one participant noted, after the programme, "The same uniqueness is present from my first impression, but after the sessions the idea that it was inaccessible had vanished." This profound shift in perception is exactly what Exeter Plus aims to achieve.

None of these impactful programmes would be possible without the extraordinary dedication of our Student Ambassadors, Session Leads, Tutors and Donors.





Exeter College Boat Club

Honouring the Past, Powering the Future

Heritage and continuity matter at Exeter, but change is inevitable. Many will remember the infamous 'death stairs' at the back of the boathouse. In the recent refurbishment, they've been paved over to expand the changing room, offering more privacy and space for a fully kitted-out gym. With artefacts like the HMS Exeter plaque alongside weights and a fleet of ergs, the boathouse finally feels like a space worthy of its history. None of this would've been possible without alumni support.

These donations have made a real impact, helping fund a new set of skinny blades for the women, covering coaching fees (a huge but invaluable investment), and making the stunning refurbishment a reality.

2025 has been monumental: W1 earned blades for a third Torpids in a row. O1 got Summer Vllls blades for the first time since 1999, bouncing back from 2024 spoons. W2 brought home the club's first Summer Vllls blades since 2009. Exeter even made it back to Henley Royal Regatta qualifiers.

It's incredible how many people still feel the pull of ECBC. Thanks to your support, I went from a novice rower to president of the club all in one year. ECBC has left me with much more than a love for rowing and a line on my CV, it has allowed me to become a part of history in the friendliest and most uplifting club I know, and for that, I can't thank you all enough.

Maizie
2023, Jurisprudence

My younger self could never have imagined that I would one day be given the chance to study in the same halls as J.R.R. Tolkien and C.S. Lewis, whose stories I was raised on. Receiving the Holaday Scholarship to study at Oxford University, and Exeter College specifically, has fulfilled the dreams of my past and revolutionised my future.

I attended the U.S. Air Force Academy prior to embarking on my post-graduate studies in International Relations, and, as such, I am a commissioned active duty officer. The experiences I've had over the past year – and will continue to have – interacting with individuals of myriad backgrounds and diverse perspectives, will undoubtedly make me a better leader and, importantly, a more effective cooperator. I hope to be able to create dialogue and promote progress, particularly in the field of gender and conflict, which is my specialisation.

Not only has this scholarship enabled me to gain knowledge from others and grow my skills of empathy and perspective-taking, but it has also given me a platform to share my own experiences. This has made me even more grateful for all the support I have been given throughout the years that has helped me get to where I am now.

Scholarship programmes in general are so incredibly impactful, especially for how they reduce barriers to entry. My family was unable to travel when I was growing up, so I explored the world through other options – especially nature and books. I always dreamed of going abroad to see the lands and meet the people starring in those stories, and now, because of the Holaday Scholarship, not only have I got to travel, but I get to live abroad in close proximity to countless cultures both in Oxford and the surrounding countries. For me, I see studying at Oxford as an ideal place to think about and engage with International Relations. I live my degree every single day – in and out of the classroom.

The Holaday Scholarship has made what was once a fantasy my reality. I am incredibly grateful for all the help it has already given me, and I know this and other scholarships will continue to help future generations of students. This scholarship in particular will galvanise year after year of Air Force officers to become more rounded leaders who are able to provide both technical and interpersonal expertise.

Learning is lifelong, whether or not you are attending an institution; Oxford University and Exeter have made me ever more eager to engage in this neverending pursuit.



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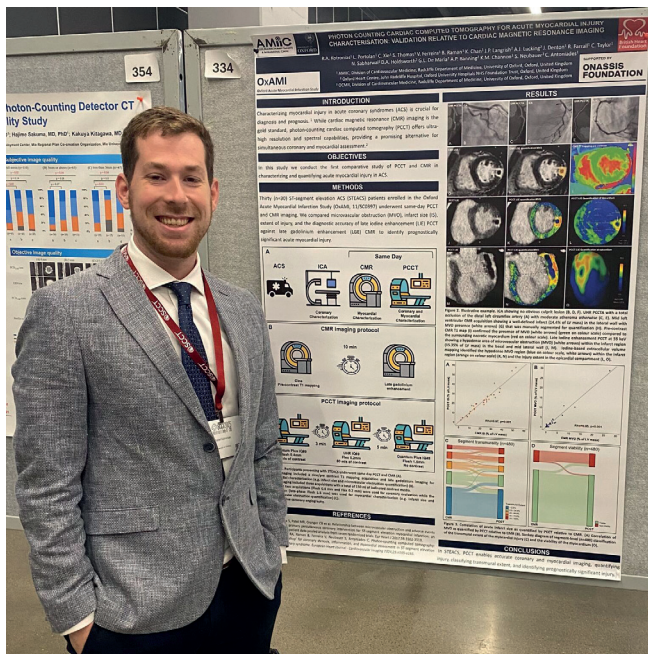
2024, International Relations
Holaday Scholar

Receiving the Exeter College North America Travel Grant has been truly transformative for me. It gave me the chance to spend the summer in Ottawa, learning new techniques, working with brilliant scientists, and seeing first-hand how international collaboration drives discovery.

Beyond the research itself, this experience has helped me grow in confidence; from mastering new experimental methods to contributing ideas during group discussions and project planning. I have also built connections and friendships that I know will last well beyond this placement.

Having the support to step outside my usual environment has reminded me how exciting and inspiring science can be when shared across borders and disciplines.

I am very grateful to Exeter College and its benefactors for making this possible, not only for the skills and opportunities I have gained, but also for the encouragement it represents at this stage of my academic journey.



Rafail presenting his work in Ottawa

A portrait of a man with short brown hair and a beard, smiling. He is wearing a dark grey zip-up sweater with brown leather-like shoulder accents over a light blue and white striped collared shirt. The background is a blurred green garden with a building visible in the distance. A solid pink vertical bar is on the right side of the image.

Rafail

2022, DPhil Medical Sciences
North America Travel Grant

A Musical Legacy

Supporting Exeter's Choral Tradition

"It is no exaggeration to say that choral music both at Exeter and beyond remained critical to Nigel's very being throughout his whole life." During his time at Exeter, Nigel Tonkin (1961, Modern History) was a choral exhibitioner, and he carried that passion for music, singing and playing the organ throughout his life. In fact, when Nigel wrote his will, he included a gift to the College to be used to support the choir – his way of making sure that he could continue to support something that meant so much to him, even when he wouldn't be here to see and hear it.



When Nigel died in 2024 his brother, Tim (1969, Modern Languages), contacted the College to help make sure that Nigel's generous gift would be put to use in the most meaningful way. Following conversations with the Chaplain, it was agreed that Nigel's bequest would be used to purchase a chamber organ for the chapel. Tim felt this was particularly appropriate since Nigel continued to play the organ in his local church until a few months before his death.

Thanks to Nigel's planning and generosity, and Tim's support and encouragement, choral music at Exeter will continue to go from strength to strength.



Stewart-Flowerdew Fellowship

A Lasting Legacy for Maths at Exeter

Exeter was privileged to receive a very generous pledge from alumnus David Flowerdew (1996, Mathematics) to endow one of the College's Tutorial Fellowships in Mathematics, currently held by Professor Cornelia Druţu.

The Fellowship will be named the Stewart-Flowerdew Tutorial Fellowship in Mathematics, in honour of David's former tutor, Dr Brian Stewart, who taught at Exeter for over 30 years. This gift is a testament to the transformative power of the tutorial system of teaching, which sets Oxford apart and makes it such a special place to learn and explore. The tutorial method of teaching is expensive, which is why endowment gifts such as this one will help to ensure that Mathematics teaching will continue to be a core subject at Exeter for future generations of students.

The College is profoundly grateful to David and his family for making this commitment. When asked what motivated him to make the gift, David replied, "The exceptional teaching and mentorship provided by Dr Stewart during my time at Exeter left me enjoying maths into my adulthood. I sincerely hope others can find similar enjoyment."



Professor Cornelia Druţu



Dr Brian Stewart

Introducing

The Jack Russell Society

It is a little-known fact that Jack Russell terriers are one of Exeter's most iconic contributions to the world. They were first bred by the Reverend John "Jack" Russell, a parson and hunting enthusiast who was a student at Exeter College in 1814-1818. These terriers have been loved ever since thanks to their loyalty, intelligence and feisty independence.

The Jack Russell Society recognises and celebrates those members of the Exeter community who have loyally supported the College over many years.

Over 700 years of Exeter stories have been made possible by generous alumni, people just like you, who keep giving – so that new generations of Exonians can start their story here, with all the opportunities they need to flourish. Your giving ensures that our students can access the financial support they need to live and study, participate in the sport they've always dreamed about, buy the books they need for their course, travel to the internship that will secure that all important first job, go to formal dinners with their friends, stay up in the vacation to finish a research project and access mental health support.

Giving for 20 years or more



Giving for 10 years or more



Giving for 5 years or more





You can help a bright young person to have the same experiences you enjoyed at Exeter by leaving a gift to the College in your will.

Whether your sports team became your Exeter family, a scholarship made it possible for you to come to College, you met your spouse at a bop, or worked out your future career in a tutorial – a gift in your will can give the next generation those same transformational opportunities.

If you would like more information about leaving a gift in your will, please contact Adale Bennett (Campaign Director) on +44 (0) 1865 287 163 or adale.bennett@exeter.ox.ac.uk



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