

## BRC DPhil Studentship 2023

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| <b>Award</b>                  | 2 DPhil Studentships  |
| <b>Department</b>             | Department of Experimental Psychology   |
| <b>College</b>                |   |
| <b>Studentship</b>            | Home Fees and stipend at UKRI rate  |
| <b>Contract type</b>          | Fixed term for 3 years  |
| <b>Reporting to</b>           | DPhil Supervisor and BRC Psychological Therapies Theme Leads<br>Prof Anke Ehlers and Daniel Freeman |
| <b>Additional information</b> | n/a   |
| <b>Reference Code</b>         |   |
| <b>Closing date</b>           | 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2022   |

### Introduction

Funded through the Oxford Health NIHR Biomedical Research Centre's Psychological Therapies Theme, we are pleased to advertise two funded full-time D.Phil. studentships at the Department of Experimental Psychology, University of Oxford. The studentship is funded for three years at Home student fee levels from October 2023. Note that the Studentship is open to all applicants but the award will fund tuition fees up to the value of Home fees only (students with overseas fee status would need to fund the remainder of their fees from alternative sources).

Applicants will have a first-class or strong upper second-class undergraduate degree with honours in psychology or a closely related discipline. For applicants with a degree from the USA, the minimum GPA sought is 3.5 out of 4.0. The applicant must also pass the English Language Requirement, for more information please visit: <https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/graduate/applying-to-oxford/application-guide/qualifications-languages-funding#content-tab--3>

Applicants will need to submit a research proposal on the development and/or evaluation of effective psychological therapies for adults, adolescents or children with their application that will be supervised by one of the following BRC investigators. Before submitting the application, please contact **one** of the supervisors listed below to agree a topic for your project proposal.

| <b>BRC Supervisors</b>                      | <b>Topic</b>  |
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| Professor Daniel Freeman, Dr Felicity Waite | The psychological understanding and treatment of psychosis  |
| Professor Polly Waite                       | Understanding cognitive and behavioural mechanisms of Generalised Anxiety Disorder in adolescents |
| Dr Eleanor Leigh and Professor Lucy Bowes   | Social anxiety and peer problems in adolescence   |

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| Professor Frances Gardner, Dr Jamie Lachman,<br>Professor Lucie Cluver | Harnessing prevention science to enhance effectiveness of scalable digital parenting interventions to improve mental health for vulnerable parents and children |
| Dr Jennifer Wild and Professor Cathy Creswell                          | Outreach interventions for healthcare workers at risk for PTSD or depression  |

## How to apply

In addition to the submission of a completed application form and the application fee, the following materials are compulsory for all applications:

1. Three academic references
2. Transcript(s) of previous higher education
3. CV
4. Research Proposal: Your application should include a research proposal that indicates how your proposed research would fit with one of the projects listed above if you were offered the studentship.

The application form, all supporting materials required for the DPhil programme (including references) and payment must be submitted by the 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022. Further details, guidance notes and information about fees can be found here: <https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/graduate>.

### Application details:

In order to apply for the studentship, please do so via the University's official website: <https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/graduate/courses/dphil-experimental-psychology#content-tab--6>

**Closing date for applications is 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

### About the University of Oxford

Welcome to the University of Oxford. We 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.

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

While we have long traditions of scholarship, we are also forward-looking, creative and cutting-edge. Oxford is one of Europe's most entrepreneurial universities and we rank first in the UK for university spin-outs, and in recent years we have spun out 15-20 new companies every year. We are also recognised as leaders in support for social enterprise.

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### **Department of Experimental Psychology**

The Department of Experimental Psychology at Oxford was founded in 1898 and has a long and prestigious history and is fortunate to be home to a number of current world-leading research groups, and continues to be among the top-ranked Psychology departments worldwide. In the 2014 Research Excellence Framework (REF) Exercise the Psychology, Neuroscience and Psychiatry REF submission from Oxford was ranked as first in the UK. Departmental turnover for 19/20 was almost £17 million. Research in the Department is organised into 5 research groupings roughly equal in size: Behavioural Neuroscience / Cognition and Perception / Developmental Psychology / Social Psychology / Psychological and Brain Health.

In 2018 the core of the Department relocated to the Radcliffe Observatory Quarter where we now occupy two floors of New Radcliffe House and the Anna Watts Building. The Anna Watts building houses the developmental research centre and facilities for EEG, TMS, and tDCS, along with multiple laboratories with eye-movement recording equipment. The Oxford Centre for Anxiety Disorders and Trauma (OXCADAT) is located at The Old Rectory and we also have some research groups located in the Tinsley Building in the Science Area of the city. Experimental Psychology has good access to a wide variety of special populations including: mothers and babies, schools, older participants, acquired and developmental neuropsychological patients, and individuals with psychological problems.

Research in the Department is supported by an extensive range of laboratory and IT facilities. The Department has a wide portfolio of research grants from UK and international charities, Research Councils and government organizations, the EU Scientific Programme, NIHR, and industrial sources. Much of the work is collaborative with other Departments and often includes work in hospitals, schools and industrial settings both locally and further afield. Many researchers in the Department also have collaborative research programmes with leading institutions elsewhere in the UK, in Europe, North America, and Japan.

Through both the University and Colleges, Oxford places a high priority on teaching quality, recognised by the award of 24 points (the maximum possible) to Psychology in the Quality Assurance Agency's Subject Review in 2000, and was specifically sampled with positive reviews in the QAA Institutional audit of Oxford's teaching provision in 2004.

(QAA report for 2000: [http://www.qaa.ac.uk/reviews/reports/subjectLevel/q313\\_00.pdf](http://www.qaa.ac.uk/reviews/reports/subjectLevel/q313_00.pdf), QAA report for 2004: [http://www.qaa.ac.uk/reviews/reports/institutional/Oxford04/RG052\\_Oxford.pdf](http://www.qaa.ac.uk/reviews/reports/institutional/Oxford04/RG052_Oxford.pdf)).

At the undergraduate level, the Department is the focus for lectures, classes, practicals, and research projects. It is a centre used by the undergraduates from all colleges for the Experimental Psychology (EP), Psychology, Philosophy and Linguistics (PPL), and Biomedical Science (BMS) courses. The Department provides lecture rooms, IT facilities and laboratories for experimental and project work.

The Department also hosts two Masters level courses. MSc in Psychological Research and MSc in Neuroscience:

For more information please visit: <http://www.psy.ox.ac.uk>.

The Department of Experimental Psychology is strongly committed to equality and valuing diversity and we operate a flexible working policy for all staff. The Department holds a departmental **Silver** Athena award to recognise advancement of gender equality: representation, progression and success for all.

### **Medical Sciences Division**

The Medical Sciences Division is an internationally recognized centre of excellence for biomedical and clinical research and teaching. We are the largest academic division in the University of Oxford.

World-leading programmes, housed in state-of-the-art facilities, cover the full range of scientific endeavour from the molecule to the population. With our NHS partners we also foster the highest possible standards in patient care.

For more information please visit: [www.medsci.ox.ac.uk](http://www.medsci.ox.ac.uk)