

MERTON COLLEGE



GRADUATE PRIZE SCHOLARSHIPS

In Michaelmas Term 2011 Merton College will again be offering four Prize Scholarships, with the aim of recognising and rewarding those of the graduate students at Merton who are of the highest distinction, whatever their sources of funding. The Scholarships will consist of an award of £500 and the right to dine on High Table once a week. They will be awarded on the basis of academic distinction, and are open to all graduate students at Merton College, provided that: (i) they have completed at least one but fewer than five years of graduate study, and (ii) they have not applied in a previous year, and (iii) they have not already completed three years since a Master's degree. The awards are tenable for one year and non-renewable. The elections will be made by the Graduate Scholarships Committee.

Applications for a Prize Scholarship should consist of:

- a) a C.V. (preferably not more than 3 pages in length) including your current course of study, university prizes, publications, presentations at conferences, and other indications of distinguished performance;
- b) an account in about 500 words setting out the aims, achievements and importance of the applicant's research*;
- c) the name, address and email of the applicant's supervisor.

Applications should be sent to the Academic Administrator by the Friday of the First Week of Michaelmas Term (14 October 2011).

Any graduate student at Merton is entitled to apply for a Prize Scholarship, but since you can apply only once during your time as a graduate student, it makes sense to do so in the year when your c.v. will be strongest. The Graduate Studies Committee suggests that this will normally be as follows:

- a) those taking the PRS/D.Phil. route: at the start of their third year
- b) those proceeding to a D.Phil. after a Master's degree: at the start of their fourth year (after 1+2 or 2+1 years). But those who expect to have finished their D.Phil. by then, should apply at the start of their third year; and those doing the M.Phil. followed by D.Phil. will still be eligible to apply at the start of their fifth (after 2+2 years).
- c) Students doing only the M.Phil.: at the start of their second year.
- d) Medical students: at the start of their third postgraduate year.

If you have any queries about the competition or procedure, please contact the academic.administrator@merton.ox.ac.uk

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* *In the case of applicants reading Medicine, fewer words will be acceptable.*