

# HANSEATIC SCHOLARSHIPS 2015/16



## OVERVIEW

Applications are invited from members of the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge for the Hanseatic Scholarship, funded by the Hamburg-based Alfred Toepfer Stiftung FVS. The scholarship has been awarded since 1970 with the intention to reciprocate the Rhodes Scholarships and to promote closer Anglo-German links within a European context. The scholarship is normally awarded for either one or two years, and the recipient may choose to hold it at any academic institution in Germany. The successful candidate will undertake research in a field of his or her choice at doctoral or postdoctoral level; give evidence of a workable project not connected to a research degree; or obtain a German degree.

## ELIGIBILITY

<b>Nationality:</b>	All nationalities
<b>Fee status:</b>	Home/EU and Overseas
<b>Level of study:</b>	Postgraduate or Undergraduate (final year)
<b>Year of study:</b>	Postgraduates of all years. Undergraduates in their final year of study.
<b>Subject:</b>	All subjects
<b>College:</b>	All colleges
<b>Other criteria:</b>	The scholarship is open to members of the Universities of Oxford or Cambridge.

Candidates' proposed programmes of study or research must be such that they can best be carried out at a German university or other institution of higher learning.

Candidates will normally be expected to show a reasonable proficiency in the use of the German language, but further funding may be made available to candidates who do not have a good knowledge of German to enable them to attend a language course in Germany at the beginning of their stay.

Applicants are advised to contact their proposed host institution before submitting the scholarship application form.

Successful candidates will be those whose studies and personal development have most to gain from a period of study in Germany, and will not normally include those who have already enjoyed an extended period of schooling or education in a German-speaking country.

## AWARD DETAILS

<b>Duration:</b>	One or two years
<b>Value:</b>	Approximately €15,000 per annum, although travel expenses will also be covered
<b>Number:</b>	Two awards

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## APPLICATION PROCESS

- Application form:** Study Abroad application form and supporting documentation
- Closing date:** Friday 6 February 2015 (Week 3 Hilary)
- Interview date:** Interviews for short-listed candidates will take place in Oxford on Monday 16 March 2015 (Week 9 Hilary). Applications from candidates who are unable to attend an interview on this date cannot be accepted.
- Results:** Interviewees will be notified of the outcome of their application by the end of March 2015.

## OTHER INFORMATION

The scholarship is not tenable concurrently with any other significant travelling award, and it should be noted that the scholarship does not include payment of any Oxford or Cambridge fees for which the scholar may be liable whilst in Germany. Candidates who hold UK Research Council studentships may however apply for suspension of their awards and suspension of status to enable them to take up the scholarship if selected.

Candidates will be assessed according to the following criteria:

- the excellence of their academic career and performance to date (in the case of current undergraduates one would normally expect a predicted First)
- the coherence, interest and feasibility of their project or proposed programme of study and their qualifications for that programme; and, for candidates embarked on a research degree, their likely contribution to the subject
- the value of a stay at a German university for their personal development, career plans and/or research project

The combined Boards hope to be able to award at least one of the German scholarships (Michael Foster or Hanseatic) to an undergraduate in their final year, provided someone of sufficient caliber puts themselves forward.

**Website:** <http://toepfer-fvs.de/index.php?id=38&L=1>

**Contact details:** [studyabroad@admin.ox.ac.uk](mailto:studyabroad@admin.ox.ac.uk)

- Supporting documents:**
- Complete application form, including passport-sized photograph
  - Brief summary of current research
  - CV - This should include a list of publications (if any), prizes, and academic history (full details of school and university education), along with a statement of your extra-curricular activities and interests
  - Two letters of reference (*Please note that you should obtain the letters of reference directly from your referees and attach them to your application*)
  - A copy of any correspondence with the host institution regarding your proposed attachment, if available