

Oxford Theological Exchange Programme (OTEP)

Theological Scholarships for the Countries of Eastern Europe, Russia, and the Countries of the Former Soviet Union



For the Academic Year 2016-2017

The Board of the Faculty of Theology and Religion at the University of Oxford in collaboration with the Oxford Centre for Christianity and Culture at Regent's Park College will offer one Scholarship to enable a theological scholar of outstanding academic merit to pursue independent research in the University's Faculty of Theology and Religion for one year. In addition to academic merit, applicants must have the potential to rise to positions of leadership and influence and will need to demonstrate that they possess the personal, intellectual and interpersonal attributes reflecting this potential. Apart from pursuing a specific research project during their time at Oxford, they will also be required to engage with questions of 'Religion and Society', including participating in activities of the Oxford Centre for Christianity and Culture. In order to help prepare them for the political and legal challenges religion faces today, they will have the opportunity to meet religious and political leaders, policy makers and academics working in this area.

OTEP is supported by the House of St Gregory and St Macrina and the Fellowship of St Alban and St Sergius, Oxford-based charities who work together for the purpose of greater understanding of and between the Christian traditions of East and West. The successful candidate will reside in the House of St Gregory and St Macrina and have the opportunity to follow its programme of seminars and events.

The scholarship is open to candidates who, in most cases, will already have, or expect to obtain, before October 2016, a theological or related degree from a recognized university or theological college and is most suited to graduates already engaged in doctoral research in their own countries or more senior scholars with a particular research purpose. Applications are invited for 2016-17 from citizens of *Russia, the Ukraine, and any other countries of the former Soviet Union, (apart from the Baltic States), Croatia, Serbia and Montenegro, Bosnia, FYR Macedonia, Romania, Bulgaria and Albania*. The scholarship will be tenable for up to one year of study and will cover fees, a maintenance allowance, and, where necessary, a return air fare. All applicants must be approved and recommended by a recognized Church authority in the applicants' home countries. The Scholarship is open to members of any Christian denomination. Successful applicants should be willing, if asked, to attend an interview by diplomatic and Church personnel in their home country.

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