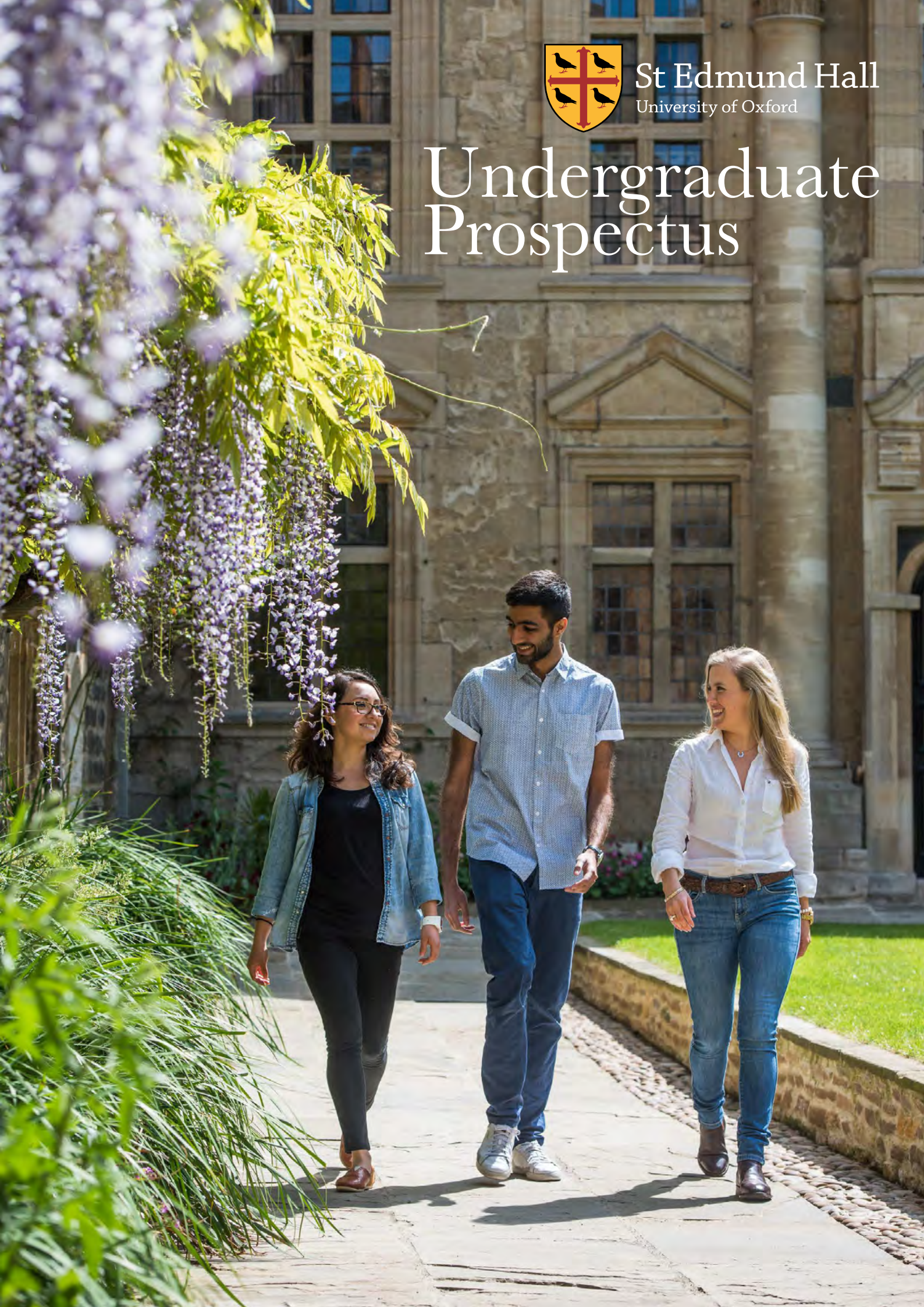




St Edmund Hall  
University of Oxford

# Undergraduate Prospectus







**"I have met friends at Teddy Hall that I will undoubtedly keep for the rest of my life, and my tutors are the most intelligent, supportive and interesting people I have ever met."**

Meg, English



**"Teddy Hall has one of the best-looking libraries in Oxford. It's a great environment to work in!"**

Haseem, Economics and Management



**"There is a great 'Hall spirit' and in first year everyone lives really close together on the main college site, so you bond immensely well with your year."**

Tony, Engineering



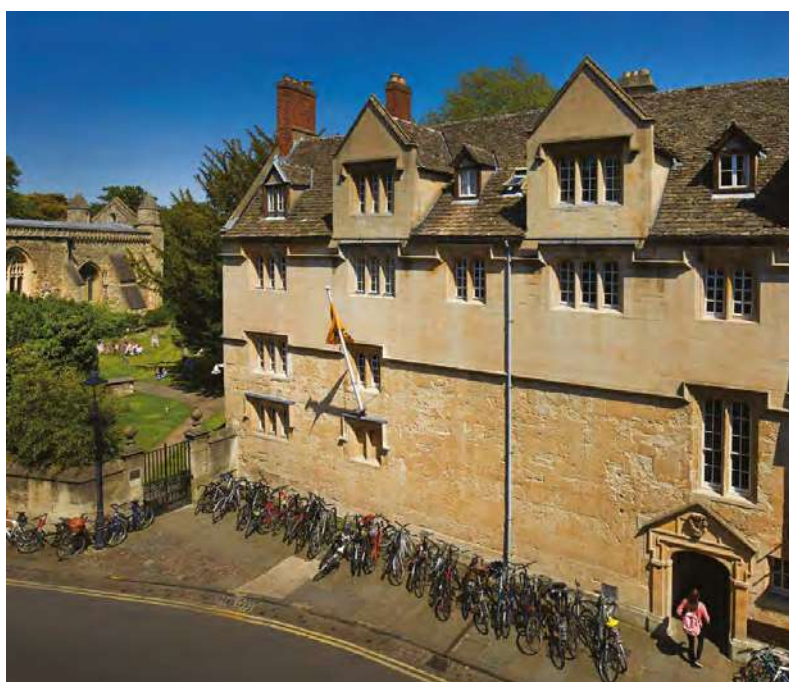


## ST EDMUND HALL: AN INTRODUCTION TO THE COLLEGE

Often referred to as **'Teddy Hall'**, St Edmund Hall is one of more than 30 colleges of the University of Oxford, and home to an active and diverse community of just over **400 undergraduates** and around **300 postgraduates**.

As well as shaping your identity as a student, the college provides **accommodation, food, library and computer facilities**, and **financial support**. It is also a social hub, with **societies, sports, common rooms** and a **bar**. The small group teaching that sets Oxford apart from many other universities takes place in the college, with weekly **tutorials** during term time.

Teddy Hall has a friendly and relaxed atmosphere, in which students are supported to excel both academically and in their many other interests.



The main entrance to St Edmund Hall in Queen's Lane, located close to Oxford's High Street and the University's Examination Schools

Every Teddy Hall undergraduate can apply for up to £300 a year to help with academic expenses. The College also has nearly 150 prizes, scholarships and travel awards on offer each year.

All Oxford colleges have the same academic requirements for their courses, which are listed in the University's Undergraduate Prospectus.

[www.ox.ac.uk/prospectus](http://www.ox.ac.uk/prospectus)

### UNDERGRADUATE COURSES OFFERED AT ST EDMUND HALL

- Biochemistry, Molecular and Cellular
- Biomedical Sciences
- Chemistry
- Earth Sciences
- Economics and Management
- Engineering Science
- English Language and Literature
- English and Modern Languages
- Fine Art
- Geography
- History
- History and Modern Languages
- History and Politics
- Law (Jurisprudence)
- Law with Law Studies in Europe
- Materials Science
- Mathematics
- Mathematics and Statistics
- Medicine
- Modern Languages
- Modern Languages and Linguistics
- Philosophy and Modern Languages
- Philosophy, Politics and Economics
- Physics
- Psychology (Experimental)
- Psychology, Philosophy and Linguistics

## QUICK TOUR OF THE COLLEGE



**FRONT QUAD:** the much-photographed heart of the College, with its oldest building dating back to the 16th century and featuring a medieval well.



**LIBRARY:** housed in a beautiful medieval church, with painted ceiling, and well-stocked with around 40,000 books for all subjects.



**CHURCHYARD:** it may sound unconventional, but our churchyard serves as the main College gardens and is a popular place to study or socialise in the summer.



**WOLFSON HALL:** one of the largest dining halls in Oxford, seating 250 for breakfast, lunch and dinner and an excellent venue for special events and parties.



**BAR:** two cosy historic rooms, popular with students for socialising and serving as a good meeting place.



**KELLY AND EMDEN:** a modern addition providing our first years with spacious rooms and some great views over Oxford.

## TEACHING

Tutorials mostly take place within your college, and allow you to build on the concepts you will have learnt about in university teaching. You will work closely with tutors who provide individualised teaching and support, often with just one or two other students.



“My tutors at Teddy Hall are genuinely nice and are excellent at not only helping you progress throughout the terms with their knowledge, but also looking after your wellbeing.”

**JASON, MEDICINE, FROM OXFORDSHIRE**



## WHERE WILL I LIVE?

All first year undergraduates are guaranteed their own room on our main College site at Queen's Lane, just off the High Street, in central Oxford.

Having a college as your base, where you live, eat and study, means that it's easy to get to know lots of people. It also means that tutorials, meals, the library, the common room and the bar are all on your doorstep.

Teddy Hall is a short walk from most departments and libraries, and the museums, restaurants, bars and shops in the centre of the city. Buses to and from London and its main airports, which run day and night, stop directly outside the College.

Bedrooms are spacious and include storage space, a sink and a desk, as well as being close to shared bathrooms and kitchenettes.

Most of our undergraduates live out in their second year, and then return to college accommodation for their third (and in some cases fourth) years. Teddy Hall has an annex at Norham Gardens adjacent to the beautiful expanse of the University Parks, as well as annexes towards Cowley in East Oxford, an area popular with students where many live in their second year.

LANDMARK	WALKING TIME
Bus Stop to London	Less than 1 minute
Bodleian Library	5 minutes
Nearest Supermarket	6 minutes
Science Area	11 minutes
University Parks	12 minutes
University Sports Centre	16 minutes
Railway Station	19 minutes

**"Everyone lives on the main site in first year, which means it's very easy to meet new people and you'll always be bumping into people you know! You'll live out of college in second year, which is a great chance to live with a group of friends, and generally comes with a bit more freedom than living in College!"**

**PETER, MATHS, FROM SHEFFIELD**

**"My college room was larger than I expected – there was plenty of storage space and it provided me with everything I needed for work and relaxation."**

**ADAM, HISTORY, FROM BERKSHIRE**

**"It's great that first years live on the main Teddy Hall site because it makes it really easy to get involved with college life and you get to know how things work. Plus, it's not only first years living in College, so there's lots of inter-year socialising which you don't get everywhere."**

**ESTHER, FRENCH AND GERMAN, FROM COVENTRY**



## WHAT'S SPECIAL ABOUT TEDDY HALL'S JCR?

The Junior Common Room (JCR) is the name of the undergraduate community at the College, as well as a shared social space.



The room is spacious and comfortable, offering students free tea, coffee (and chocolate milk!), a large TV with satellite channels and various newspaper subscriptions.

The JCR is run by the students, for the students. Committee members are elected to represent welfare; access and outreach; gender and sexual diversities; disabilities; sports; arts and culture; international students; charities; academic affairs; ethnic minorities; and the environment.

The committee runs lots of social events, including a busy and varied Freshers' week, as well as film nights, yoga classes and parties throughout the year. The JCR also provides a weekly 'JCR tea' of snacks and treats for everyone to help themselves!

The JCR contributes to a charities' fund and helps to support scholarships, as well as organising a welfare team of peer supporters.

"Teddy Hall is a place with so many different people from different backgrounds, with totally different interests and passions, who are all completely invested in what they've come here to study and pursue. Being around these people is the perfect place to learn and live."

**AMELIA, ENGLISH,  
FROM HERTFORDSHIRE**



*Students meet a tutor's dog, during a 'bring a pet to work day'*

## WHAT'S THE FOOD LIKE?



You will be fully catered for meals in your first year so there is no need to worry about cooking, but there are kitchenettes if you would like an alternative for lunch.

You pay for a minimum number of breakfasts and dinners at the start of each term, making it easier for you to budget, and there is no kitchen surcharge. As residents of our Queen's Lane site, some meals may be refunded to you if not used by the end of the term.

Our award-winning chef provides an excellent quality and choice of meals. Optional Formal Hall dinners take place twice a week, with restaurant-quality food and wine included, to which you can invite guests.

**"I expected it to be like standard canteen food, but the quality is so much better! Portions are aimed at university students, so you'll never go hungry!"**

**BEN, MATERIALS SCIENCE,  
FROM WILTSHIRE**

## MASTERCLASS FUNDING

Our students can apply for up to £1,000 per year from the College to fund individual coaching to develop their extra-curricular interests, from music, sport and drama to photography, wine-tasting and woodworking.





## WHAT CAN I GET INVOLVED WITH?



*The College Freshers' Fair*

"Creative writing is one of the Hall's strongest areas. The weekly writing workshop is extremely friendly and allows anybody to receive deeply nuanced and particular feedback on their work, as well as affording you the chance to be exposed to the work of a large number of extremely talented writers. It almost can't help but improve your writing, and is great fun in the process."

ALEX, PPE, FROM LEICESTER

"Teddy Hall is quite sporty - I was never one to play competitively myself but it gives everyone the opportunity to take part, with multiple teams in many sports encouraging participation, not just high level competition, although we're pretty successful in quite a few sports too!"

HASEEM, ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT,  
FROM LONDON



"There are lots of opportunities here – sporting, musical, theatrical and they're a really good way of getting to know students in other years as lots of people give them a go and pitch in where numbers are needed. There are also opportunities at university level for the more serious!"

LIZZIE, GEOGRAPHY,  
FROM KIDDERMINSTER



St Edmund Hall has a dedicated Clubs Fund to support our existing college clubs and societies, and to help students establish new ones.

### WRITING

There is a strong tradition of writing at the Hall, with regular events including involvement from high-profile alumni such as Samira Ahmed and Stewart Lee. Weekly creative writing workshops are open to all our students.

### MUSIC

Our Director of Music Christopher Bucknall is a professional conductor and harpsichordist who encourages involvement in music of all kinds. We offer organ and choral scholarships, plus instrumental awards, and have

a well-supported and sociable choir who have recently sung in France and Poland.

There are termly open mic nights, and coaching opportunities such as jazz workshops. The annual 'Teddy Hall's Got Talent' showcases a wide range of acts, and is always popular with singers and musicians.

### DRAMA

The College has a drama society and our students are involved in a variety of acting projects and also behind the scenes.

### SPORT

Traditionally, St Edmund Hall has excelled at sport. Today, there are a

wide range of social and competitive teams, including rugby, netball, cricket, hockey, darts, dancesport, football, karting and basketball.

### COMMUNITY AND WELFARE

The JCR supports various fundraising activities, including the Venus Society who raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. It also organises an annual 'Equality Week', with workshops, debates and a popular international food fair.

Peer Supporters are appointed each year, and receive over 30 hours of training to help them listen to and support their fellow students.

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## WHO WAS ST EDMUND?

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The College is named after St Edmund of Abingdon, who lived and taught in a house on the site of the present-day Front Quad, in the 12th century. He later became Archbishop of Canterbury.

The earliest surviving written record of St Edmund Hall dates back to 1317 although it may be much older.



*St Edmund statue in front of the College library - image by Marie Wong, entry in the Hall Photography Competition*

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## FINANCIAL SUPPORT CAREERS

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The University of Oxford offers a generous support package including fee reductions and bursaries – visit [www.ox.ac.uk/feesandfunding](http://www.ox.ac.uk/feesandfunding) for full details.

St Edmund Hall also offers hardship funds for students facing unexpected financial difficulty, plus we have many different scholarships, prizes, book grants, vacation grants and travel awards.

We are keen to support our students in the next stage after their studies, through events such as drop-in sessions with alumni.

For the last few years, we have also offered students an annual 'Bridge to Business' programme: four days of transferable business skills taught by leading academics from the Saïd Business School with contributions from our own alumni.

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## OPEN DAYS

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We take part in the University Open Days three times a year in June/July and September.

At our Open Days you will be able to tour the College, view our student accommodation, ask questions and meet our current students and tutors.

Find out more at [www.seh.ox.ac.uk/open-days](http://www.seh.ox.ac.uk/open-days)



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