

From The Senior Tutor



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To: All Graduate Freshers,

On behalf of Brasenose, I am delighted to welcome you to the College. Congratulations on gaining a graduate place at Oxford! Membership of the graduate Hulme Common Room (HCR) gives access to an international community of scholars engaged in remarkable projects, providing an opportunity to enrich and enlarge your intellectual horizons. I hope that you will enjoy your time here and make the most of what the College has to offer – both academically and in terms of the diverse range of social and extracurricular activities available.

Tutor for Graduate Students

The Tutor for Graduates is Professor Eamonn Gaffney (tutor.graduates@bnc.ox.ac.uk). Professor Gaffney is available for consultation (in confidence) about any matter, whether academic, personal or financial. Please email him to arrange an appointment. However, often your College Advisor, whose academic field will normally be closer to your own, will be the more appropriate first port of call.

Graduate Administrator

The Graduate Administrator is Bronwen Tomkinson. You may want to get in touch with Bronwen for a variety of reasons. She works with the Tutor for Graduates and Senior Tutor on administering student support, arranging Principal's Graduate Collections, reviewing applications for Hulme Scholarships, and organizing Graduate Dinners. Additionally, Bronwen oversees graduation and is the usual first point of contact for the Department when administering suspensions, extensions, and similar. Bronwen works in the College on weekdays except Wednesdays, and can be contacted at college.office@bnc.ox.ac.uk.

College Advisors

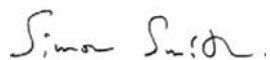
The College assigns each graduate student a personal College Advisor. You will be notified of the name of your College Advisor when you arrive. Please do not wait for your advisor to make contact – do write to introduce yourself as soon as possible. While your College Advisor is not intended to replace or supplement the supervision arranged by your Faculty or Department, they will take an interest in your academic progress and may be regarded as a useful source of advice about any academic or non-academic matter. In particular, you are encouraged to contact your advisor if you have difficulties with your supervision that cannot be resolved easily by the relevant Director of Graduate Studies, or if you encounter any other academic problems (including Faculty or Departmental difficulties, should you have any).

Hulme Common Room (HCR)

The Hulme Common Room, usually abbreviated to "HCR", describes the College's graduate community and is also the name given to a dedicated social space available for the exclusive use of graduates. The HCR Committee (elected from among the student body) are putting together a timetable of welcome events to help you to settle in. The current HCR President is Thyra-Lilja Altunin. (hcr-president@bnc.ox.ac.uk).

If you have any queries during the course of the summer, you are invited get in touch with the College Office college.office@bnc.ox.ac.uk, who will be very happy to offer assistance.

I very much look forward to meeting you in October.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Simon Smith'.

Dr Simon Smith
Senior Tutor