



Dear Student,

Congratulations on being offered a place to study at the University of Oxford! You are about to begin what we hope is an exciting year (or longer) in the 'City of Dreaming Spires'. We at the Africa Oxford Initiative (AfOx) look forward to meeting you and supporting you through this journey.

AfOx is the hub for all things Africa in Oxford. We facilitate equitable collaboration between researchers based in African institutions and at the University of Oxford. We also support African graduates studying at Oxford, and organise events throughout the year which bring together everyone in Oxford with an interest in Africa.

Adjusting to a new country and academic environment can be overwhelming. To facilitate a smooth transition to Oxford's academic life, we have developed a set of tailored programmes which provide on-course support for African graduates. The AfOx **Essay Writing Workshop** is an opportunity to discuss essay formats, dissertation writing and references styles at Oxford with professors and African alumni from the University. Read what Naima Nasir has to say about the writing workshop [here](#). The AfOx **Research Roundtable** is an opportunity for anyone undertaking a research degree (MPhil or DPhil) or planning to apply for a DPhil to discuss the process with professors, current students and alumni. In addition to these academic programmes, we work closely with the student-led Oxford University Africa Society (AfriSoc) to provide opportunities for mentorship, networking, sharing of ideas and interacting with African researchers. Read our [annual report](#) to find out more about the AfOx values and the events that we have planned for you.

Studying at the University of Oxford is a great opportunity to gain academic training in a globally leading environment. We hope that this experience will inspire you to think about your research in new ways and enable you to address some of the most pressing challenges in Africa. We look forward to engaging with you in the coming months and hope to be a helpful resource for you.

To learn more about us and to keep up to date with our news and events, follow our social media pages for live updates on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [website](#) and [sign up to our mailing list](#). In the meantime, if you have any questions, get in touch with Morategi Kale, our Student Engagement Officer, by emailing afox@ndm.ox.ac.uk.

Best wishes,
AfOx Team