

# Oxford University Newcomers' Club [OUNC]

## Membership Guidelines

### I. Membership qualifications, procedure and benefits

- A. Club membership is open to all persons who are new to the Oxford area and who are **spouses** or **partners** of
- i. Members of the University of Oxford [the University] who are engaged in advanced study or research or teaching or administration
  - ii. Visiting academics to the University, who are in Oxford for the purposes of advanced study or research
  - iii. Persons registered as graduate students of the University [the term 'graduate' is deemed to include postgraduate and doctoral students]

Please note: If someone has a partner then it is their partner who should apply for registration.

Persons who do not meet the requirements for membership stated above may nonetheless requested to be considered for membership by following the procedures set forth in Section 3.

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- B. For the purposes of determining eligibility for membership, a partner is interpreted broadly, to include any person who offers support and companionship to a person in one of the three listed categories. A 'partner' may be a partner, civil partner, spouse, close family member or carer/companion to a person in one of the three listed categories at 1Ai-iii above.
- C. Membership is without charge at present, although charges may be levied for certain Club events.
- D. Registration for membership is online only. To become a member, a person who meets the requirements for membership in 1A. should complete and submit the online registration form on the OUNC website [[www.newcomers.ox.ac.uk](http://www.newcomers.ox.ac.uk)].

If a person is uncertain whether they meet the criteria for membership, then if they complete the online form, they will be contacted about this.

- E. Members are invited to participate in weekly social mornings, activity groups and other Club activities. In addition, members are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting [AGM].

## **II. Duration of membership**

- A. Members are welcome to retain their membership and involvement in the Club for the duration of their stay in Oxford
- B. Notwithstanding the foregoing, priority may be given to members in their first year of membership for certain club events where numbers are limited.

## **III. Clarification of membership status**

- A. Persons who have a connection with the University of Oxford can be admitted as members, with the exception of B below
- B. Persons who are alumni of the University are not eligible to be admitted as members
- C. Persons who do not have a connection with the University are not eligible to be admitted as members.

Note: persons in categories B and C above can and should be invited to attend social/coffee mornings but may not be admitted to membership.

- D. Persons who do not clearly meet the requirements for membership stated in Section IA and IIIA but who attend regularly and contribute actively to the OUNC may request to be considered for membership by submitting a request either directly to the Chair or via a member of the Committee.
- E. A sub-committee comprised of the Chair and 2 members of the Committee will consider any requests for membership arising under IIID above, and one member of that sub-committee will contact the applicant in a timely fashion [usually within 14 days] with the decision whether or not to admit the applicant to membership of the OUNC.

## **IV. Participation of Non-Members and Former Members**

- A. Newcomers to Oxford who do not meet the requirements for Club membership are always welcome to attend coffee mornings both during term and in the vacations.
- B. Former members who return to Oxford are always welcome to attend weekly coffee mornings and other Club activities.