St. Clare’s and Blackfriars Hall Scholars’ Programme

We invite applications for our Scholar’s Programme from highly motivated students who would particularly enjoy an academic challenge in the fields of Philosophy, Religious Studies or Theology.

The Scholar’s Programme is a joint initiative between St Clare’s and Blackfriars’ Hall, a private permanent Hall of Oxford University governed by the English Dominican Friars.

All Scholars acquire Oxford University ‘visiting student’ status.

The Scholar’s Programme of study (15-18 units of academic credit)

• One-to-one tutorial teaching at Blackfriars in one course from the areas of English, Theology, Philosophy or Religion Studies or combination of one of the latter and Classics, Literature or History (two three-unit courses OR one six-unit course)
• Two or three St. Clare’s Liberal Arts courses (each equivalent to three units)
• + option of the St. Clare’s Seminar Series (three units)

Other benefits of the Scholar’s Programme

• Access to all University of Oxford libraries, electronic databases, lectures and seminars, computing services (including OU email account) and computer services shop
• At least one lecture course at Blackfriars Hall
• Access to language courses in Latin, Greek or Hebrew in the Blackfriars Hall during the Autumn semester when an appropriate course is available;
• Membership of the Junior Common room at Blackfriars,
• invitations to Blackfriars’ social events

Application procedures

In addition to the completed application pack for Liberal Arts Programme entry, Scholarship Programme applicants must provide the following:

• Evidence of an A-/A grade average (3.8 GPA in the case of US undergraduates)
• An academic reference endorsing suitability for the Scholarship Programme
• Submission of an assessed essay or research paper from home university
• A brief essay (max 6 pages) profiling candidate’s personal and academic interests and reasons for applying
• A recent photograph