

# CHINA OXFORD SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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Oxford Awards Panel Chairman with UK Trustees Xiaodi Bell and Dyan Sterling at Hertford College

The China Oxford Scholarship Fund is pleased to inform our friends and supporters that after challenges caused by the pandemic, some of our awards panels were able to conduct in-person interviews with shortlisted applicants this year. The Hong Kong Awards Panel and the Oxford Awards Panel were able to carry out mainly in-person interviews over the summer. The Oxford interviews took place at Hertford College where Oxford Panel Chairman, Prof. Michael Wooldridge, is a Senior Research Fellow. Working with Prof. Wooldridge were COSF UK Trustees Xiaodi Bell and Dyan Sterling. Our Beijing and Shanghai Panels continued to conduct video interviews for 2022 due to the on-going Covid safety measures in place in those locations.

We are grateful to Hong Kong Trustee Kenneth Fok for arranging office and administrative support for the Hong Kong interviews. Kenneth's team helped in organising video conferencing equipment for the remote video interviews especially for the Beijing and Shanghai Awards Panels. Big thanks also to Hertford College for enabling COSF to use its premises for the in-person interviews at Oxford.

Since COSF was established, it has disbursed 346 scholarships with a total value of £1.83 million. We congratulate the fourteen scholarship awardees for the 2022/2023 academic year and look forward to welcoming this new cohort of China Oxford Scholars into our network of scholar alumni, friends and supporters. You can read all about the Scholars in the following pages.

# Congratulations 2022 - 2023

## China Oxford Scholars



### **Mr Yuzhou Zhou - Yan Oxford Award**

Yuzhou is a first-year DPhil student in Computer Science and is attending Jesus College. He has been awarded a Clarendon Scholarship at Oxford University. His research is expected to be on 3D computer vision-based scene understanding. He earned his MSc in Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing from Wuhan University. Yuzhou also attained his BEng in Geomatics Engineering at Wuhan University. He was awarded the National Scholarship for Postgraduates while he was at Wuhan University. Yuzhou is from Hebei Province.



### **Miss Ruixuan Zhu - Pay It Forward Scholarship**

Ruixuan is a third-year DPhil student in Engineering Science. Her research is in the area of computational fluid dynamics modelling of combustion with specialisation in clean energy and supersonic combustion. She is attending Exeter College. She graduated with a BEng from Beihang University in Beijing and she later earned her MSc in Mechanical Engineering from the National University of Singapore. Ruixuan was also a Pay It Forward Scholar in 2021. She is from Henan Province.



### **Mr Xiongjie Deng - Pay It Forward Scholarship**

Xiongjie is a first-year DPhil student in Geography and the Environment and is attending Blackfriars Hall. Xiongjie earned his BEng in Geomatics at Chongqing University and Master in Resource and Environment at Wuhan University. While at Chongqing University, he served as a Vice President of the Student Union and a teaching assistant. He participated in one Major Programme for the Natural Science Foundation of China at Wuhan University. His doctoral research is on measuring, modelling, monitoring, and forecasting forest dynamics and carbon cycle across tropical ecosystems. Xiongjie is from Yunnan Province.



### **Miss Tsz Ying Ho - Oxford China Simon Li Scholarship in Education, Language and Social Science of the Internet and the Thomas Wong Scholarship**

Tsz Ying is reading for an MSc in Applied Linguistics and Second Language Acquisition. Her research area is on the “Language Across the Curriculum” programme. Tsz Ying is attending Wolfson College. As an undergraduate, she was an HK SAR Government Scholar and graduated from the University of Hong Kong with BA degrees in Language Education. Tsz Ying is from Hong Kong.



### **Mr Chun Yin Chan - The Spirit of Hong Kong Scholarship**

Chun Yin is reading for a Bachelor in Civil Law and is attending St Peter’s College. He earned his Bachelor of Laws from the University of Hong Kong. Chun Yin was a HKU Foundation Scholar for four consecutive years. He was also awarded a Hong Kong Trustees Association Prize in Equity and Trusts, the Stephen Law Shing Yan Prize in Guided Research and the Rowdget W. Young Memorial Prize in Law. Chun Yin is from Hong Kong.



#### **Mr Zhiyao Luo - Tang Oxford Scholarship in STEM**

Zhiyao is a second-year DPhil student in Engineering. His research area is on artificial intelligence. He is attending Reuben College. He earned his Master in Mechanical Engineering at the National University in Singapore and his BEng at the Northwestern Polytechnical University in Xian in China. He was a 2020 National Gold Medal Winner of the 6th China Internet+ College Student Innovation and Entrepreneurship Competition and secured a First Prize for the ShaanXi Division at the Competition. Zhiyao was awarded a Second Class Scholarship from the School of Mechanical Engineering at Northwestern Polytechnical University. He is from Beijing.



#### **Miss Weijia Yang - Tang Oxford Scholarship in STEM**

Weijia is a third-year DPhil student in Engineering Science. Her research is on “Energy Viability and Reliability on Energy Systems in Extreme Climate Conditions or Events”. Weijia is attending Keble College. She earned her MSc in Energy Systems at Oxford and her BEng in Electrical Electronic Engineering at the University of Manchester. She also has a BEng in Electrical Engineering and Automation from the North China Electric and Power University where she was awarded an Undergraduate Scholarship at the University. Weijia is from Beijing.



#### **Mr Zhiheng Zhang - Wei Oxford Award**

Zhiheng is a first-year DPhil student in Organic Chemistry. His research focusses on creating artificial self-replicating and life-like systems to help people to understand the origin of life. He is attending St Edmund Hall. Zhiheng earned his BSc in Natural Science from Tsinghua University in Beijing. He was awarded the Zheng Yongxi Scholarship, the Tsinghua Xuetang Scholarship and the Tsinghua Friendship Scholarship as an undergraduate. Zhiheng is from Beijing.



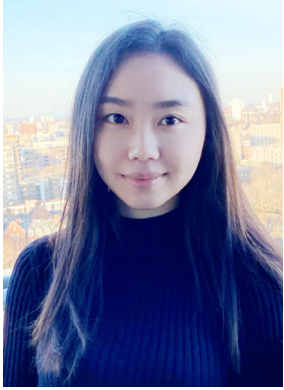
#### **Miss Danchen Xu - Hoare Family Award in Social Sciences**

Danchen is a second-year DPhil student and is attending St Antony's College. Her research is on inclusive development, human mobility, and urban conflict resolution in Ghana. In the past, she researched police training and reform in Nigeria, remittances mechanism by Chinese migrant workers in Kenya, and Sino-Africa relationship in the context of migration, gender, race, and capitalism. Danchen received her BA in International Relations and Political Science from Boston University and her MA in Conflict Resolution with a graduate certificate in African Studies at Georgetown University. She is from Henan Province.



#### **Mr Kaiyue Zhang - Brian Keelan Award in Humanities**

Kaiyue is a first-year DPhil in History (Late Antique Byzantine Studies) and is attending Wolfson College. He earned his MPhil in Late Antique and Byzantine Studies at Oxford University and his BA in English from Nanjing University. His research focus is slavery in early medieval Byzantine Italy. Kaiyue is from Tianjin.



**Miss Shu Wei - Winkler Oxford Award in Medicine or Psychology**

Shu is a third-year DPhil student in Psychiatry and she is attending Magdalen College. Her research work is on using virtual reality (VR) to help people with mental health therapy. She earned her MRes in Spatial Data Merit Science and Visualisation from the University College London and her BSc in Interactive Media at the University of York. She spent a summer as a researcher on data visualisation at the Tokyo Institute of Technology. Shu was awarded the MIT Reality Hack Travel Scholarship, the Oxford University Department of Psychiatry Research Fund and the Japan Student Services Organisation Scholarship. Shu is from Hubei Province.



**Mr Shuyang Cheng - China Oxford Award**

Shuyang is a first-year DPhil student in Biology and is attending The Queen's College. He earned his BA in Agronomy from Zhejiang University. He has been a visiting student in plant science at Oxford University since 2021. His DPhil research will examine elements that control plant proteins which could have implications in the future of food security. Shuyang was awarded numerous scholarships from Zhejiang University and was a recipient of the Yao Yusu and He Jianyun Scholarship. Shuyang is from Zhejiang Province.



**Miss Yan Wang - China Oxford Award**

Yan is a first-year DPhil student in Materials and is attending Wolfson College. Her area of research is on solar photovoltaic materials. Yan graduated with a BEng in Materials from Tongji University in Shanghai. She won the 1st Prize Tongji University Excellent Bachelor Scholarship twice and the 2nd Prize once. Yan was also one of the recognised students to be given a Shanghai Outstanding Undergraduate Graduate Award. She published 15 SCI papers in which four were first-authored. Also, Yan co-authored a national invention patent. Yan is from Jiangsu Province.



**Miss Yicong Li - China Oxford Award**

Yicong is a first-year DPhil student in Archaeology and is attending Wolfson College. Her area of research covers the Buddhist sculptural art of ancient Gandhara. Yicong graduated with a BA and an MPhil in Art History from Tsinghua University. She was awarded financial support from The Karun Thakar Fund, in collaboration with the Victoria and Albert Museum. Other awards include a Second-Class Scholarship of Pukou Yingcai, the China National Scholarship and Tsinghua University's Academic Excellence Award on two occasions. Yicong is from Beijing.