

CHINA OXFORD SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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BEARDSON OXFORD SCHOLARSHIP



We are pleased to announce that a new scholarship has been established in memory of the China Oxford Scholarship Fund's late International Chairman Timothy Beardson. The Beardson Oxford Scholarship is an award open to any area of study. The first Beardson Oxford Scholar is Miss Zhongyu (Krystal) Wang who is pursuing her DPhil in Education and attending Kellogg College.

Timothy passed away aged 69 on the 12th October 2020. He initiated the establishment of the China Oxford Scholarship Fund in the United Kingdom in 2004. He along with his wife, Clair, hosted numerous events for the scholars at their home in the United Kingdom. Timothy also was a great mentor to a number of scholars. The Beardson Oxford Scholarship will be available when funds allow. If you'd like to support this award by making a donation towards the scholarship, please go to our website where you will find information on how to make a your gift or please contact us directly at info@chinaoxford.org.

Congratulations!

2025-2026 CHINA OXFORD SCHOLARS



YANZHI GUO - TANG OXFORD AWARD IN STEM

Yanzhi is a DPhil student in Clinical Medicine and attends St. Cross College. His research is on therapeutic strategies for cancer. Yanzhi earned his BA with First Class Honours in Clinical Pharmacy at Guilin Medical University. He was awarded an MA with Distinction at the East China Normal University.



SIQI LI - BRIAN KEELAN AWARD IN HUMANITIES

Siqi is a DPhil student in Ancient History and Classical Archaeology and attends Wolfson College. His research is on how ancient Roman and Greek ritualistic sacrificial practices compare with China's Shang Dynasty's Warring State era and its sacrificial customs. Siqi earned his BA in Ancient Modern History and his MPhil in Greek and Roman History at Oxford University.



XINTONG LU - WINKLER OXFORD AWARD IN PSYCHOLOGY OR MEDICINE

Xintong (Chloe) is a DPhil student in Experimental Psychology and attends St Hilda's College. Her research is on anxiety disorders in children. Xintong earned her BSc in Psychology at the Chinese University of Hong Kong and her MSc in Psychological Research at Oxford.



ZHONGYU WANG - BEARDSON OXFORD AWARD

Zhongyu (Krystal) is a DPhil student in Education and attends Kellogg College. Her research is on China's pursuit of 'knowledge diplomacy' in Africa in higher education. She earned her BA in Public Administration at Renmin University in Beijing. She has an MA in Social Policy from the University of York and an MA in International Education Development from Columbia University's Teachers College.



YUE CAO - HOARE FAMILY AWARD

Yue is a DPhil student in International Economic law and attends Jesus College. He was the top student in Oxford's MJur degree obtaining a Distinction in his Oxford MPhil. He earned his Bachelor of Law at Jiao Tong University in Shanghai. Yue is also a Clarendon Scholar.



TINGFEI GU - PAY IT FORWARD SCHOLARSHIP IN MEDICINE

Tingfei is a DPhil student in Clinical Medicine and attends St. Cross College. Her research is on perinatal health. She earned her BA in Clinical Medicine from Peking University. Tingfei is also a China Scholarship Council Scholar.



PINGJIANG LI - WEI OXFORD AWARD

Pingjiang is a DPhil student in Computer Science and attends Wolfson College. His research will be in the area of AI. Pingjiang earned his BEng in Computer Engineering and Additional Major in Advanced Pure Mathematics with First Class Honours from the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST). He was awarded his MPhil in Theoretical Computer Science also from HKUST.



HOLLY LEUNG - THE SPIRIT OF HONG KONG SCHOLARSHIP

Holly is a DPhil student in Law and attends St Anne's College. Her research is on international law pertaining to maritime activities. Holly was awarded her Bachelor in Law with First Class Honours from the University of Hong Kong (HKU) and her Bachelor of Civil Law with Distinction from Oxford University. She also earned a Postgraduate Certificate in Laws from HKU.



NUO CHEN - THOMAS WONG SCHOLARSHIP

Nuo is an MSc student in Comparative Literature and Critical Translation and attends Merton College. Her proposed research will be on modernity and its dilemma of the sublime in terms of romantic and modernist literature. Nuo earned her BA in World Literatures and Cultures from Tsinghua University.



YI TANG - YAN OXFORD AWARD

YI (Lucy) is a DPhil student in Computer Science and attends St Cross College. Her research is in computational modelling for medical technology application. She earned her BEng in Biomedical Engineering from Dalian Medical University and her MA in Medical Technology from Peking University.



YUXIN TANG - CHINA OXFORD AWARD

Yuxin is a BPhil student and attends University College. Her research is on moral philosophy. Yuxin was awarded BA degrees in Philosophy and Psychology from the University of Wisconsin in Madison in the United States.



JICHEN ZHANG - CHINA OXFORD AWARD

Jichen is a DPhil student in Engineering Science and attends Worcester College. His interest is in AI for energy transitions and de-carbonisation. Jichen earned both his MSc in Electrical Engineering at Tsinghua University and his BEng in Electrical Engineering and Automation at the Harbin Institute of Technology.



XINYUE WU - CHINA OXFORD HONORARY AWARD

Xinyue (Luna) is a DPhil student in Inorganic Chemistry and attends St Hilda's College. Her research is on 'green chemistry' relating to the production of medicinal drugs. Luna earned her MEng in Electrification and Automation of Agriculture at Zhejiang University and her BEng in Automation at Nanjing Agricultural University.



PEIHENG LU - CHINA OXFORD HONORARY AWARD

Peiheng is a DPhil student in Computer Science and attends Wolfson College. His research is on AI and its potential in solving problems in medicine. He earned his MSc in Advanced Computer Science from Oxford and his BSc in Computer Science at the University of Edinburgh. He also was awarded a BSc in Measurement Instruments and Techniques from the China University of Geosciences in Beijing. Peiheng is also a China Scholarship Council Scholar.



YONGJIAN ZHOU - CHINA OXFORD HONORARY AWARD

Yongjian is studying for a Magister Juris degree and attends Mansfield College. His interest is in health care law and the legal rights of the LGBT community. He earned his Bachelor of Law from Fudan University. Yongjian is also a Weidenfeld-Hoffmann Trust Scholar.

MORE AUTUMN NEWS



Congratulations to Professor Michael Wooldridge who has been elected Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering. He is one of three Oxford academic to receive this honour this year. Prof. Wooldridge is an Ashall Professor of Foundations of Artificial Intelligence and Senior Research Fellow at Hertford College. He is one of 74 new Fellows recognised in 2025 for exceptional contributions to engineering and technology. The other two Oxford academics who have been elected are Emeritus Professor Ronald Roy and Professor Andrea Vedaldi from the Department of Engineering Science. Prof. Wooldridge is a former Chairman of the COSF Oxford Awards Panel, overseeing the application process and interviews from 2019 to 2023.

Well done to Dr Bryan Ng who was awarded the 2025 "Young Business Person of the Year" award from the Cherwell Business Awards in October. And recently, he was one of the "35 under 35" awardees of the National Recycling Awards. Bryan was a COSF Tang Oxford Scholar in STEM in 2021. He earned his DPhil in 2024 in Inorganic Chemistry and was at Trinity College. Bryan was also an undergraduate at Oxford. During his doctorate studies, Bryan founded Repolywise, a start-up focusing on recycling plastics more efficiently and environmentally friendly. In January, his company received £375,000 of funding from Innovate UK for the development of the 'Atomic Scissors' technology. According to Bryan in an interview with *Oxford Calling*, "The "Atomic Scissors" technology, developed at the University of Oxford, involves a highly innovative process to break down waste plastics at the atomic level to selectively convert waste into propane". Big congratulations Bryan and all the best with Repolywise!



COSF ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWS



L-R Hanyang Ye, Pengling Li, Jingjing Chen, Yumin Yang, and Oxford alumna Wen Zhu.

It's always fantastic to learn the COSF Alumni Association is going from strength to strength and keeping busy with wonderful meet-ups and activities in China, Hong Kong and in the United Kingdom. During September's Golden Week in China, COSF AA members in Beijing organised a re-union in a traditional Beijing "siheyuan" venue. Members and Oxford alumni enjoyed a good dinner and shared recent updates with one another ranging from the latest investment research opinions on humanoid robots to one alumna's research in power electronics and her job search. Veteran COSF Alumni also shared their insights in career planning. We are grateful to COSF Scholar Alumnus Dr Hanyang Ye who initiated the founding of the COSF Alumni Association in 2020. Hanyang was a 2015 COSF Scholar who earned his DPhil in Condensed Matter Physics and was at St Hugh's College. Hanyang's chosen mentor for his Global Leadership Initiative (GLI) programme at Oxford was Timothy Beardson.

Since COSF was established in 1992, nearly 400 scholarships have been disbursed with a total value of £1.2 million. We are pleased to report that a number of scholar alumni have sponsored events for new COSF scholars as well as making donations to COSF to support its initiative.