Scholarships and Visiting Fellowships are a key part of the support system that keeps St Antonys at the forefront of learning. Thanks to the generosity of donors such as you we are able to bring the most talented and interesting scholars from around the world to join our community and share in its unceasing research and exchange of ideas. As you will see from the testimonies of those who have been enabled to come here, it really is an experience that makes a difference to their lives. And it also makes a difference to our world to be able to overcome barriers of distance, culture and history by bringing its present and future leaders together. We all thank you for what you have done.

Margaret MacMillan
St Antony’s College was founded in 1950 as ‘a centre of advanced study and research in the fields of modern international history, philosophy, economics and politics and to provide an international centre within the University where graduate students from all over the world can live and work together in close contact with senior members of the University who are specialists in their fields.’

From the first academic year, the College has been fulfilling its objective to much critical and academic success over the decades. St Antony’s is a world-renowned centre for research and teaching in global and regional issues, and provides an interdisciplinary environment in which to study. The College houses seven research centres focused on Africa, Asia, Europe, Japan, Latin America, the Middle East, Russia and Eurasia as well as several other specialist regional programmes.

College Fellows, students and visiting researchers include leading regional experts, policy influencers, authors and commentators. Our select group of under 500 graduate students are among the best and the brightest anywhere to be found, and represent the most diverse and cosmopolitan student body in the collegiate system.
The College is able to offer a range of scholarships and visiting fellowships which depend on the generosity and support of donors. In this report, the recipients of the scholarships and visiting fellowships describe, in their own words, the impact this support has had on their research.
ENI Scholarship

Folahanmi Aina  
MSc African Studies

I am grateful for the privilege of receiving the prestigious ENI scholarship at St Antony’s College without which it would have been impossible for me to pursue a master’s degree at Oxford. The scholarship has enabled me to concentrate on my studies fully without worrying about any financial obligations. It has also ensured that I am able to carry out rigorous research on youth and electoral violence in northern Nigeria efficiently and effectively.

William and Nona Heaslip Scholarship

Patrick Quinton-Brown  
DPhil International Relations

The Heaslip Scholarship supports my DPhil in International Relations under the supervision of Prof. Andrew Hurrell. My doctoral research, focussed on the Non-Aligned Movement’s approach to questions of international intervention and sovereignty, speaks to our collective need to engage in substantive normative debate about justice and global order in an era witnessing the decline of American hegemony. The Heaslip Scholarship has made it possible for me to study and thrive at St Antony’s. Without the generous support of the William and Nona Heaslip Foundation, I would not have been able to take up my degree. I express my deepest gratitude.

Kevin Deagle  
MSc in Environmental Change and Management

The course has provided me with an in-depth knowledge of the greatest issue facing humanity today: climate change. Specifically, my research is focusing on renewable energy transitions in remote Indigenous communities in Canada and the simultaneous environmental and justice outcomes that could result. The scholarship has allowed me the opportunity of attending this excellent institution. Thanks to the generosity of the Heaslip family, I have thrived in my time here. I have explored the British countryside, won blades with the St Antony’s Men’s First boat, and received a University Blue with the University Ice Hockey team, and - most importantly - I have become lifelong friends with many of my fellow Antonians. I am deeply grateful.
Lt Cdr Dr Matt Offord PhD MBA FInstLM

I have conducted post-doctoral research into the dynamics of resistance to leadership amongst 50 officer cadets on basic training at Britannia Royal Naval College (BRNC). I have also presented research on the value of prestige in leadership at an international conference in Paris. Additionally, I have presented my research at the Defence Leadership Network Event, the International Relations Colloquium and I have been invited to present at the Changing Character of War (CCW) Programme Executive Leadership Programme. I have also submitted an article to the New Strategist (the CCW journal) for consideration.

US Navy Hudson Fellowship

Cpt. Justin Orlich

The United States Navy Hudson Fellowship at St Antony’s has been a tremendous opportunity for me to pursue my research on Russian Military Intervention in the 21st Century. The fellowship has specifically allowed me to attend and participate in a number of discussions on Russia throughout the year helping to deepen my knowledge on this vast subject. It has also been particularly beneficial to have access to the highly skilled faculty of St Antony’s in Eurasian Studies who have been a tremendous resource throughout this year. The time at St Antony’s was crucial to completing my research for the US Navy.

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Oxford Jusoor Scholarship

Iyad Yousef
Master of Public Policy (MPP)

The University of Oxford is the destination of each higher education dreamer in the world. However, the tuition fees and living expenses made pursuing a higher degree nearly impossible. Without the Oxford-Jusoor Graduate Scholarship, I wouldn't have even stepped on the doorstep of the University. I have been recruited, recently, by the Commission on State Fragility, Growth and Development, which was established by the former British Prime Minister David Cameron, to answer specific questions regarding the Syrian Civil War. I am also writing a piece which might be published in Chatham House.

Oxford Sir John Swire and Professor Rosemary Foot Graduate Scholarship

Sung Yeon
DPhil Oriental Studies

I appreciate the financial support which enables my research here at St Antony’s. In addition to living expenditures, most of the support has been allocated for purchasing books which are necessary for my study. As a doctoral student in the Oriental Institute, I am studying the modernization of East Asian Buddhism in nineteenth century and early twentieth century under the supervision by Professors Sho Konishi and James Lewis. My life at the college has been empowered by the scholarship. The college campus is cosy and the libraries located on it proffer valuable resources. Most of all, I have to say that the air of Oxford is thoughtful and its scholastic mood is very appropriate for performing research in the humanist and social scientific disciplines.

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Jiashun Huang  
DPhil Geography and the Environment

I am undertaking doctoral study at the Environmental Change Institute and the Institute for New Economic Thinking at the University of Oxford. I currently focus on exploring the economic effects of infrastructure.

I attended and presented my research papers at conferences in Oxford, Cambridge and Leeds, and recently published two papers. I am currently also working on initiating the Swire Alumni Network. I am the Graduate Common Room Vice-President at St Antony’s College, and the Treasurer of the Oxford Chinese Studies Society. I am truly grateful to the kindness and generosity of the Swire Educational Trust for providing such a precious opportunity! Without this scholarship, I would not have been able to study at Oxford.

Ines Lee  
DPhil Economics

I am currently studying for my DPhil in Economics with the generous support of the Swire Education Trust Fund. This scholarship has enabled me to pursue further studies in Economics and to attempt to find answers to questions that I’m particularly interested in. My current research focuses on applied microeconomics and I am especially interested in health and labour economics. Along the way, I’ve had the wonderful opportunity to meet fellow Swire scholars with diverse interests and expertise. I am grateful for the community that this scholarship has introduced me to.

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Fumiaki Sagisaka  
DPhil Education

I am working on DPhil in education, specializing in basic education in Africa. My research analyses local community initiatives to overcome inequality in access to quality education in rural Kenya and how they collaborate with the government framework for education and community development.

Thanks to the scholarship, I can fully focus on my research and make the most of my time in Oxford as a post-graduate researcher, in developing my research skills and knowledge, attending a variety of academic seminars, presenting my research at conferences and having interdisciplinary academic discussions with other researchers on every occasion at St Antony’s college.

Mantong Amanda Zhang  
DPhil Oriental Studies

My current research looks at narratives about female spies in China before, during and after the Sino-Japanese War; how fact and fiction were often interwoven and presented in literature and legal texts. The Swire Scholarship has enabled me to continue my research on the history of the modern Chinese woman. Moreover, it has partially funded my fieldwork trips to Hong Kong, Beijing and Boston, and my research presentation trips to Columbia University and the School of Oriental and African Studies during the academic year of 2016-2017. As of Trinity Term 2017, I have completed and submitted my transfer of status paper and thesis proposal.

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Swire / Oxford and Cambridge Society of Kenya Scholarship

Seth Ouma
MSc African Studies

I am very grateful to Swire and the OCSK for their generous contribution towards my studies at Oxford. I am reading for the MSc in African Studies 2016/2017, which is largely about African Politics and History. My dissertation focused on Dynasty Politics in Kenya’s Luo Nyanza. The OCSK scholarship enabled me to earn a degree from Oxford, by paying for my tuition and college fees and also availing living expenses generously. This scholarship is instrumental in helping those from poor backgrounds like myself and should continue offering such support.

Warden’s Scholarship

The Antonius Fund

Ozsel Belei
DPhil Social Policy

My research focuses on the bureaucratic social policymaking processes in developing countries with a view to understanding when and how bureaucrats engage actively in policymaking processes. Following maternity leave, the 2016-2017 academic year was monumental for me. I was able to accomplish the confirmation of my status as a DPhil candidate. I presented at two prestigious conferences, APSA and ISA. I was a visiting research fellow at Johns Hopkins University. Overall, it's been a wonderful year. I would like to thank all the donors who made the continuation of my studies as a new parent possible. Without their support, I wouldn't have been able to spend quality time with our new-born child or have such a smooth transition back to my academic work.

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Centre Scholarships and Visiting Fellowships

In addition to College-wide scholarships and visiting fellowships, donor support has made possible a range of fellowships and scholarships attached to our Centres, which have enabled the pioneering and world-class research and scholarship our beneficiaries describe.

African Studies Centre

The Patrick Duncan Scholarship

Stanley Malindi
MSc African Studies

The Patrick Duncan Scholarship has been truly transformational in my life. As a young black South African from an impoverished background, the scholarship has allowed me to fulfil a dream that many do not ever get to fulfil. Through my course, I have also been able to conduct independent research back home. My research was based in a rural mining area in the North West, a province of South Africa, where I explored the ways in which the locals of the area are continually excluded from the beneficial outcomes of platinum mining. It is with great pride, and gratitude, that I share that the results of my research will be published soon and hopefully have a positive impact in the lives of those in rural mining areas.

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Wei Tay  
*DPhil Oriental Studies*

My research is focusing on religion and the nation-state in late Qing and Republican China. I was self-funding my studies before receiving the scholarship. During the first two years of my studies in Oxford I worked as a visitor assistant at the Ashmolean museum to cover my expenses. It was a stressful time, financially and academically. The scholarship has helped me a long way. I would certainly not be able to concentrate on my research if not for the generosity of Mr Adrian Fu. The scholarship also allowed me to be part of the St Antony’s family, which made my student life in Oxford a heartwarming and enriching experience.

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Dr Aurelie Daher

This year, I had the tremendous honour to be offered the Deakin Fellowship. My goal was to explore the manner in which the jihadi networks in Europe (France and Belgium in particular) were creating a new “public space”, in the Habermasian sense of the notion. This work was presented at two occasions. I also convened a one-day workshop under the title “A Jihadi Threat Against Europe?” The research was an opportunity for a rich collaboration between Oxford, and some of the best French academic universities and research centres. I was granted an Assistant Professorship at the prestigious University of Paris-Dauphine, starting next September.

Dr César Colino

My research in St Antony’s College as Santander fellow has revolved around the accommodation of secessionism through institutional and constitutional reforms in multinational democracies such as Spain. I have been working on the possible effectiveness of different policy instruments and at the variation found across countries and history, such as Scotland and Catalonia.

At the same time, thanks to the funds of the fellowship and the College, I have been able to organise a roundtable series on current Spanish politics - the “Santander ESC Roundtable Series on Spanish democracy at forty”, dealing with the Spanish left and the current situation in Catalonia, and a large workshop with participants from all over the world on “Responses to secessionism”.

Prof. Dr. Paul Nolte

The academic year at St Antony’s College has been an extremely rewarding experience for me. As recent political events shaped discourse at the Centre in the autumn, I shifted part of my own work back to issues of democracy and populism in historical perspective. I devoted my Weizsäcker lecture on 20 January 2017 to this problem, and followed up with my conference on 16-17 June 2017. Inspired by the spirit of the place, I took up a completely different research project that had been in my drawers for a while, a book on the making of “great books” in modern history. This was a wonderfully inspiring and productive year, in which I genuinely found a home on Woodstock Road.

South East European Studies at Oxford – SEESOX

A.G. Leventis Foundation Visiting Fellow in Modern Greek Studies

Dr Lamprini Rori

As a Leventis Fellow, I have progressed in my research regarding radicalization in Greece. I designed and conducted innovative research protocol examining the political networks on Twitter throughout 2014-2016. I presented my findings at the SEESOX seminar in April 2017 and during the workshop on radicalization which I organized in June 2017. I actively participated in, and chaired SEESOX and ESC seminars. The precious support and encouragement provided by the fellowship - constructive time for innovative research, purchase of equipment, socialization in college through daily lunch and High Tables, funding for my workshop - were a valuable contribution to my research and academic life in College.

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Laura Sánchez  
MSc Latin American Studies

My experience has been amazing. Thanks to the scholarship I have been able to study the Masters I always dreamed of at this prestigious university. I have had the opportunity to learn from a rich academic community, always eager to share knowledge about Latin America. I carried out research on the media representation of the peace agreement in Colombia and the support I have had from the LAC has been very valuable. The scholarship has made a remarkable difference because without it I would not be here. The fees are too high for what I could afford and it was impossible for me to pay them.

Francisco Taiana  
MSc Latin American Studies

I have just recently finished my thesis on the strategic nature of Sino-Argentine relations during the Cold War. Not only has the CAF scholarship enabled me to undertake this research that would have been much more challenging in my own country, it also allowed me to take advantage of the rich academic community here at Oxford. This experience has deeply influenced me by broadening my horizons and interests and allowed me to forge priceless personal and academic ties.

Roxana Maurizio  
CAF-Visiting Fellowship

The CAF-Visiting Fellowship in the LAC was an excellent opportunity to conduct my research about occupational turnover and income instability in Latin America during the last decade. In addition to my research activities, during my stay at the LAC, I gave two seminars. My stay in a centre that specialises in Latin American studies – particularly in fields such as economic development, inequality and social policy - greatly contributed to achieving substantive progress in this research proposal. The resulting exchange and discussion - with an interdisciplinary approach - between researchers and students provided highly valuable elements to the progress of this project and of future associated lines of research.

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The Hadid Doctoral Studentship has been of tremendous value to me, allowing me to continue my research into labour movements and class politics in contemporary Iran. The scholarship allowed me to undertake extended fieldwork in Tehran which led to three published academic articles on my findings. I would therefore like to express my deep gratitude to the donors behind the scholarship.

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Giulia Garbagni
MSc Modern Japanese Studies

Without the Scott Family Scholarship, I would not have been able to accept my offer for the MSc, as my family could not have supported me financially. Besides covering my entire student accommodation’s rent and all my living expenses, the Scholarship crucially supported my academic growth throughout the year. For example, it allowed me to purchase various textbooks and resources in Japanese that greatly helped me in both achieving advanced language proficiency and in carrying out my research on Japanese ODA policy towards South-East Asia. Given the demanding nature of my programme - comprising intensive language classes alongside regular subjects - I would have never been able to make the most of this opportunity without the serenity given by receiving such important financial support, for which I will be forever grateful.

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Briana Bowen
MPhil Russian and Eurasian Studies

Receiving a generous grant from the Harry Shukman scholarship opened the door for me to travel to Russia for the first time and participate in an ambitious summer language course at the Pushkin State Russian Language Institute in Moscow during the summer. This provided a critical boost to my language skills that allowed me to undertake analysis of local Russian-language newspaper sources from four Russian Muslim-majority republics that became my case studies on Russian state narratives of Islam. Support from the Shukman scholarship allowed me to take my course from the classroom into the field – and bring back critical skills to undertake meaningful research at St Antony’s.

Max Hayward Visiting Fellow

Dr Claire Knight

My research breathes new life into a period known as “the death of cinema” in the Soviet Union during the final years of Stalin. At St Antony’s, I have made great headway in reshaping my dissertation into a monograph - conducting new research to expand four chapters and add two more. I was also able to publish journal articles on the Soviet practice of re-editing Hollywood and Nazi films so that they were in line with Soviet ideology. Before the fellowship, I had been lecturing full-time, leaving my research to gather dust, and ideas for smaller projects filed away in a drawer. The Fellowship has enabled me to develop those ideas and get my research out into the world.

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Supporting a scholarship

A number of Antonians have taken the initiative to raise funds for scholarships. At present only 21% of the College’s students are fully funded, so endowed scholarships provide critical funding far into the future and will ensure that the College is able to attract students of the highest calibre, enabling them to fulfil their potential without being distracted, or even deterred, by financial concerns.

It would be wonderful to receive further support for the Scholarships. For further questions about these initiatives, please get in touch with the Development Director: wouter.tekloeze@sant.ox.ac.uk.