

Q&A

Q1. What are the programme dates and schedule?

The programme will take place from **11 September to 20 September 2026**, with academic training scheduled from **14 September to 18 September**.

For the detailed daily schedule, please refer to **Page 3 of the programme handbook**. For the full academic timetable and course details, please refer to **Page 6 of the handbook**.

Q2. Is this an official programme?

Yes. This exchange programme is organised by the Oxford Institute of Population Ageing, University of Oxford. It is an official programme designed by the Institute's academic committee and delivered by University of Oxford staff based at the Institute.

Q3. How do I apply for the programme?

Please send a **CV** and a **personal statement** explaining why you would like to join the programme and how you expect to benefit from it to: **course@ageing.ox.ac.uk**. Applications will be reviewed on a **first-come, first-served** basis.

Q4. When I should apply and when will I receive the result of the application?

Our academic committee will review all applications and select **20 participants** for the course. As we operate on a first-come, first-served basis, the application process will close once 20 eligible participants have been confirmed. We will announce the results latest **by the end of May 2026**, ensuring ample time for visa processing. If you require an early decision—for example, for travel planning or institutional approval—please contact us individually.

Q5. What is the depth and level of training?

The short-term exchange programme provides an introductory-level overview of demographic change and population ageing. No specialised academic background is required, and the course will not involve highly technical or advanced discussions. Please note that participants who already have extensive expertise in the field may find the level introductory; however, they may still benefit from exposure to Oxford's learning environment and teaching methods.

Q6. Who is eligible to apply (e.g., English level and the background)?

We welcome applications from **students, academic staff, and researchers** who are interested in the topic of population ageing. A strong working level of **English** is essential. We do not require submission of formal English test results, but shortlisted applicants may be invited to a brief interview to assess language ability.

Please note that as the programme is introductory, individuals with advanced knowledge may find the academic content less challenging, though the overall experience may still be valuable.

Q7. Can I extend my visit at Oxford?

If you wish to extend your stay at our Institute (e.g., for an additional **2–4 weeks**) after or before the programme, please contact us separately (course@ageing.ox.ac.uk) to discuss the possibility of arrangements.

Q8. Can I send a group of students as part of an institutional collaboration?

Yes. We welcome institutional collaborations with international universities. Please contact us by email (course@ageing.ox.ac.uk) to discuss further details.

Q9. Will I receive proof of attendance or documentation for the programme?

Yes. Participants who attend all scheduled sessions will receive a Certificate of Attendance issued by the Institute at the end of the programme. **Please note that the programme operates under a strict attendance policy. Certificates will not be issued to participants who miss any part of the programme.**

Q10. Other enquires

If you have any further enquiries, please feel free to contact us at course@ageing.ox.ac.uk. We will aim to respond within five working days.