

Job Description and Selection Criteria

Post	Professor of Socio-Legal Studies
Department/Faculty	Faculty of Law
Division	Social Sciences
College	Wolfson College

Overview of the post

The Professor of Socio-Legal Studies will provide world-class academic leadership in research and contribute to teaching in the field of socio-legal studies, broadly defined, and will enhance the Law Faculty's reputation in this important area of scholarship. The Law Faculty is home to the Centre for Socio-Legal Studies, which was founded in 1972. Many of the leading names in the development of socio-legal studies spent time at the Centre and it continues to be an important focal point for this type of work today. The Professor will play an important role in nurturing and developing the intellectual climate of socio-legal studies, by publication and teaching, and by participation in the wider scholarly life of the subject. The Professor will be well placed to provide encouragement, support and mentorship to more junior colleagues and academic visitors, and more generally to sustain a lively scholarly climate in Oxford and beyond.

This post is a statutory professorship. Statutory professors have a world-leading research reputation and exercise broad academic leadership across their department or faculty and college, and more widely in their subject at national and international level. Please see <https://www.ox.ac.uk/about/jobs/working-here/pay-and-reward/pay-structures/academic-staff-pay> for a description of the different types of academic posts at Oxford. A Professorial Fellowship at Wolfson College is attached to the post. The post is permanent and the appointment will start from 1 September 2027, or as soon as possible thereafter.

The Faculty of Law is an Athena Swan Bronze Award holder. Applications are particularly welcome from women and Black and ethnic minority candidates, who are under-represented in senior academic positions in Oxford.

The salary for statutory posts consists of two elements, the basic professorial salary of £82,084 (including Oxford University weighting) and a professorial merit award at an appropriate point on the [Professorial Merit Pay scale](#) for non-clinical professors (currently starting at £ 38,503 per annum). The appropriate PMP level will be determined after consultation and depends on the successful appointee's experience and standing in the field. Both of these elements are pensionable and will rise in line with any nationally agreed pay awards. Reviews of professorial merit pay are held from time to time, and it will be open to the successful candidate to apply for enhanced awards in these reviews.

Additional remuneration is also paid to those serving as Faculty officers.

Informal queries about the post are welcome, and should be addressed in the first instance to Professor John Armour (john.armour@law.ox.ac.uk), Dean of Faculty of Law. Enquiries about the application process may be addressed to Ms Aga Bogucka in the Senior Appointments Team (professorships@admin.ox.ac.uk). For enquiries about the College Fellowship, please contact Sir Tim Hitchens, President of Wolfson College (tim.hitchens@wolfson.ox.ac.uk). All enquiries will be treated in strict confidence and will not form part of the selection decision.

Duties of the post

The Professor of Socio-Legal Studies will be a member of both the University (through the Law Faculty and in particular, the Centre for Socio-Legal Studies) and the Wolfson College communities. They will be part of a lively and intellectually stimulating research environment which performs to the highest international levels in research and publications and will have access to the excellent research facilities which Oxford offers. The main duties of the post are as follows:

Leadership

1. Provide academic leadership in Socio-Legal Studies at Oxford, defined as the application of social theories and empirical social science methods to the study of law and legal phenomena, and enhance the Faculty's international reputation in the field;
2. Provide intellectual leadership within the Centre for Socio-Legal Studies by shaping its research and teaching activities; fostering a strong sense of shared intellectual endeavour; building links with scholars engaged in socio-legal research across the Faculty, the University and the wider academic community; mentoring early-career academics and postdoctoral researchers; and organising conferences, workshops, seminars and discussion groups in Oxford and internationally;
3. Strengthen the international standing of the Centre for Socio-Legal Studies as a centre of excellence, and advance the profile, influence and impact of Socio-Legal Studies as a discipline through international engagement and capacity building, particularly in empirical socio-legal research;
4. Lead the development of innovative concepts, methodologies and research agendas that advance intellectual understanding and open new directions for socio-legal scholarship;
5. Liaise with other relevant departments and institutes across the University, and in other universities across the UK and internationally to develop interdisciplinary research networks and teaching collaborations in socio-legal studies;
6. Contribute to the intellectual leadership of the Law Faculty's academic community as a whole, including playing a role where appropriate in strategic decision-making, appointments, mentoring junior scholars and working to foster and sustain our vibrant and inclusive research culture and environment; and
7. Foster an active intellectual community within the Centre through regular engagement with colleagues and students, supporting seminars, research events, mentoring and the day-to-day academic life of the Centre.

Research

1. Undertake original socio-legal research, as distinct from criminological research, leading to publications likely to have a formative impact on the intellectual agenda;
2. Pursue opportunities to generate significant policy impact arising out of this research;

3. Generate significant research grant income while also enabling alternative sources of revenue, such as research-led short courses and professional development programmes;
4. Initiate, lead and manage collaborative or interdisciplinary research programmes (within Oxford or externally); and
5. Contribute to the development of the Faculty's research strategy and establish university-wide and external collaborations.

Teaching and Supervision

1. Provide academic supervision of postgraduate research students and mentoring of postdoctoral researchers and other colleagues;
2. Contribute to the delivery, development and expansion of the Faculty's teaching provision through a minimum of thirty-six hours of lectures, seminars or classes each academic year; and
3. Contribute to University examining when requested to do so.

Administration

1. Serve as Director of the Centre for Socio-Legal Studies, including a three-year (renewable term of office) as required;
2. Play a role in the administration of the Faculty, including where appropriate serving as a Faculty Officer (e.g. as chair of the Research Committee or member of the Planning and Resources Committee);
3. Participate in the academic life and administration of Wolfson College as a member and trustee of its Governing Body and a leading role in the Law in Societies Research Cluster;
4. Chair committees and/or working groups and contribute to Faculty and Divisional planning and strategic development; and
5. Participate in and contribute to Faculty, Divisional and University committees and administration as required.

In carrying out these duties the Professor will be responsible to the Board of the Faculty of Law for the efficient use and management of their research time and support, including staff and budgets where relevant.

College Responsibilities

In addition to the duties relating to the University side of the post, the appointee will be a Governing Body Fellow of Wolfson College. This means they will be a Trustee of the College, which is legally an independent charity. The appointee will be expected to attend Governing Body six times a year, act as an adviser to up to ten graduate students, and participate in the College Committee system during term-time.

The above list is not exhaustive and the postholder will be required to undertake such duties as may reasonably be requested within the scope of the post.

Selection criteria

Your application will be judged only against the criteria which are set out below. You should ensure that your application shows clearly how your skills and experience meet these criteria.

The University is committed to fairness, consistency and transparency in selection decisions. Members of electoral boards (selection committees) will be aware of the principles of equality of opportunity, fair selection and the risks of bias. There will be both female and male board members wherever possible.

If, for any reason, you have taken a career break or have had an atypical career and wish to disclose this in your application, the electoral board will take this into account, recognising that the quantity of your research may be reduced as a result.

You will demonstrate the following:

1. A doctorate (PhD/DPhil) in law, socio-legal studies, or a closely related discipline, or equivalent academic standing.
2. An outstanding record of internationally recognised scholarship and research in the field of socio-legal studies (as opposed to criminology), defined as the application of social theories and empirical social science methods to the study of law and legal phenomena;
3. An excellent publication record indicating potential to produce further significant work of a recognised international quality during the tenure of the chair;
4. A track record of generating significant policy impact from research;
5. A proven ability to secure significant external research funding, together with a clear strategy for attracting further research income during the tenure of the chair;
6. Intellectual leadership skills enabling the post-holder to work with colleagues to determine a clear strategic vision for the Centre for Socio-Legal Studies and to initiate, lead and manage interdisciplinary research networks and collaborations; and to provide mentoring to colleagues;
7. The ability to teach high-achieving students at all levels (including experience of giving lectures, leading seminars and classes), to supervise doctoral students in socio-legal studies, and to provide effective mentoring to postdoctoral researchers, potential research grant applicants, and other colleagues;
8. Excellent administrative skills, including the ability to work efficiently with the Faculty and University administration in the day-to-day running of the Centre for Socio-Legal Studies;
9. The ability to act as an ambassador for the CSLS and contribute effectively to the long-term development of socio-legal studies in the wider academic community;
10. An ability to foster equality, diversity and inclusion; and
11. A commitment to maintaining a regular and substantial presence within the Centre for Socio-Legal Studies during term time, and on a regular basis outside term, to provide effective academic leadership, support teaching and mentoring, and foster the Centre's collaborative intellectual community.

How to apply

o apply, visit https://my.corehr.com/pls/uoxrecruit/erg_jobspec_details_form.jobspec?p_id=187292, then click on the **Apply Now** button on the 'Job Details' page and follow the on-screen instructions to register as a new user or log-in if you have applied previously. Please refer to the 'Terms of Use' in the left hand menu bar for information about privacy and data protection. Please provide details of three referees and indicate whether the University may contact them without seeking your permission. Referees should not write directly to the University, but may be contacted at any stage in the recruitment process if the Advisory Committee requests your references.

You will be asked to upload:

- a curriculum vitae including a list of publications;
- a supporting statement - maximum three pages (font 11 points or larger): this should explain how you meet the selection criteria for the post outlined above, using examples of your skills and experience;
- a statement of research and funding plans- up to two pages (font 11 points or larger): this should outline your current research activities and your plans for the next five years, including your funding strategy, and explain how your work would contribute to the Centre.

Please upload all documents **as PDF files** with your name and the document type in the filename. All applications must be received by **12 noon UK time on Monday 28 September 2026**.

Please email recruitment.support@admin.ox.ac.uk should you experience difficulties using the online application system. Further help and support is available from <https://hrsystems.admin.ox.ac.uk/recruitment-support>. To return to the online application at any stage, please log back in and click the 'My applications' button on the left-hand side of the page.

You will be notified of the progress of your application by automatic emails from our e-recruitment system. **Please check your spam/junk mail** regularly to ensure that you receive all emails.

All applications will be considered by the Electoral Board as soon as possible after the closing date. The Electoral Board is free to search for other candidates at this or any subsequent stage in its proceedings. You will be kept informed of the progress of your application at each stage, but in some cases there may be a delay while deliberations are ongoing. All shortlisted candidates will be interviewed and will be asked to give a research presentation to the Electoral Board and members of the Faculty of Law as part of the interview. The composition of the Electoral Board will be published in the [University Gazette](#) when it is finalised.

The University and Wolfson College welcome applications from candidates who have a disability or long-term health condition and are committed to providing long term support. The University's Staff Disability Advisor can provide support to applicants with a disability, please see the [disability support pages](#) for details. Wolfson College works closely with Occupational Health Advisers and the University Disability Advisory Service aiming to optimise the working environment for staff who have a disability or long-term health conditions. Please let us know if you need any adjustments to the recruitment process, including the provision of these documents in large print, audio or other formats. If we invite you for interviews, we will ask whether you require any particular arrangements at the interview. The [University Access Guide](#) gives details of physical access to University buildings.

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Equal Opportunity

The University of Oxford is committed to equal opportunity, and to being a place where everyone belongs and is supported to succeed. We recognise how the diversity of our community enriches our ability to deliver on our academic mission.

We welcome applications from individuals from all backgrounds, including those under-represented within higher education. No applicant shall be unlawfully discriminated against on the basis of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage or civil partnership, pregnancy or maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, or sexual orientation.

Employment with the University and progression within employment will be determined according to personal merit and the application of criteria related to the duties and conditions of the post. In all cases, the primary consideration will be the ability to perform the job.

As stated in the University's Equality Policy and Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Strategic Plan, our commitment to equality and diversity goes hand in hand with our commitment to academic freedom and free speech.

The Faculty of Law

The Faculty of Law is one of fifteen units located in the Social Sciences Division (see below). There are some 185 members of the Law Faculty, of whom around 100 are employed by the Faculty in permanent posts as Professors or Associate Professors.

The Law Faculty has adopted a [strategy](#) to guide its work for the next five years (2024, which provides useful context about current projects and priorities.

The executive body of the Faculty of Law is the Board of the Faculty, an elected body of 26 members of the Faculty. The Professor will be eligible for election to the Board. In common with other non-departmentally organised subjects in Oxford, most members of staff are based in their colleges. Promoting Faculty cohesiveness, whether in terms of supporting junior colleagues or maximising the opportunities for research collaboration, is thus important, and members of the professoriate are expected to contribute substantially to this process. Statutory Professors in the Faculty are expected to play a leading role in the running of the Faculty including, from time to time, holding the Faculty Board's administrative offices when asked to do so.

The Faculty itself is based in the St Cross Building, a listed modernist building designed by Leslie Martin and opened in 1964. Recently partially refurbished, the St Cross Building houses the Bodleian Law Library and also provides facilities for administration, teaching, conferences and teleconferences, and social events. The St Cross Building serves as a hub for Law in Oxford, but Faculty events are also held in the thirty or so Oxford Colleges that have Fellows in Law. There are five specialised centres associated with the Law Faculty: the Centre for Criminology, the Institute of European and Comparative Law, the Centre for Socio-Legal Studies, the Oxford Intellectual Property Research Centre, and the Bonavero Institute for Human Rights.

Oxford's Faculty of Law was one of the first in the UK to be awarded an Athena Swan Bronze Certificate (now Charter) to recognise its work on advancement of gender equality and the building of inclusive cultures. The Faculty's commitment to equality and inclusion is led by its Associate Dean for Equality and Diversity.

Further information about Faculty members can be found on the [Law Faculty website](#).

Centre for Socio-Legal Studies

There are five specialised centres within the Law Faculty: the Centre for Criminology, the Institute of European and Comparative Law, the Centre for Socio-Legal Studies, the Oxford Intellectual Property Research Centre and the Bonavero Institute for Human Rights.

For over fifty years the Oxford Centre has been at the forefront of research into the nature of law in society. Our researchers study law as a historical, political, and culturally specific mode of social organisation that takes a variety of forms within and across societies. Our expert staff bring together a wide variety of disciplinary expertise including law, sociology, anthropology, politics, international relations, human rights, economics, geography and art history. Staff at the Centre also have area expertise in Eastern Europe, Africa, Australia, Asia and the US. Researchers at the Centre specialise in theoretically informed studies of law in action and much of our work draws on expertise in interviewing, participant observation, oral history, focus groups, surveys, discourse analysis and statistical analysis of data.

Our core staff of experienced Professors, Associate Professors and Post-doctoral fellows are complemented by over 50 research students who form the largest collection of socio-legal students in one academic unit in the UK. In the informal and relaxed atmosphere of the Centre we teach and supervise graduate research students at both Master's and doctoral level. Our students are international in their backgrounds and outlook as well as being diverse in their academic qualifications. They bring exciting and fresh ideas to our research clusters and their commitment and energy contribute substantially to our success.

The Centre is also an ideal base for post-doctoral scholars who wish to receive specialist mentoring, develop their projects, gain academic experience, and launch their careers. Members of our community conduct research into the socio-legal dynamics of some of the most pressing political questions of the day, and are broadly structured around several overlapping clusters such as: Access to Civil and Administrative Justice; Law beyond the State; Law and Society in a Digital World; Lived Experiences of Human Rights; and Regulation and Governance. The Centre is open to new clusters that may focus on the interests of the successful applicant.

In addition to its core research programmes, the Centre is engaged in a range of academic activities including running a socio-legal discussion group and an Academic Visitor Programme, and hosting a variety of international conferences and workshops throughout the academic year.

The Centre is currently based in the Manor Road Building, which accommodates several Social Science departments, and is adjacent to the Law Faculty in the St Cross Building. It is anticipated that the Centre will be relocated to the Centre to the St Cross Building in 2028/29 as part of a major expansion of the space available to the Law Faculty.

The Centre's Director is responsible for the academic leadership and day-to-day operations of the Centre, reporting to a management committee, currently chaired by Professor Joshua Getzler, which reports to the Law Faculty Board.

For further details, please visit the [CSLS website](#).

Research

The Law Faculty has a distinguished reputation in research and publications in Law. In the Research Excellence Framework 2021, we were again ranked first in the research power index, with 55% of our submissions being judged to be world-leading (4*, the highest score available). More than four-fifths (83%) of the research's impact was also recognised as world-leading (4*). Oxford Law has been ranked second in the world in the QS World University rankings and first in Europe for the last four years.

The Faculty employs a Research Facilitator to support internal and external grant applications, and for socio-legal research projects, additional support is available from the administrator at the Centre for Socio-Legal Studies, who has expertise in research grant administration. The Centre has an excellent track record in securing external grant funding for its members' research projects and in attracting fully-funded postdoctoral scholars.

The Faculty has always encouraged excellence in diversity as its research strategy, seeking to achieve high quality in the broad range of subjects in which Faculty members pursue their interests. The Faculty's Research Support Fund provides resources for research assistance, conference attendance and other research-related activities. The Faculty employs a Research Facilitation team to support internal and external grant applications.

The Professor will receive a start-up grant of £7,500 from the Law Faculty to use during the first two years of appointment, and will be eligible to apply for funding from the Faculty's grant schemes, which currently include those for IT equipment and Research Support. The Professor will also have access to the University Higher Studies Fund for research costs during the first three years in post.

The Professor will be expected to supervise research students working on projects related to Socio-Legal Studies. Leadership in the graduate research student community will be an important focus of the Professor's work.

Teaching

The Law Faculty sustains a major graduate programme, and its graduate research school is the largest of any law school in the English-speaking world. There are currently around 640 graduate students, of whom approximately half are enrolled in taught programmes, the largest being the Bachelor of Civil Law (BCL) and Magister Juris (MJur) which account for approximately 150 students combined. In these programmes, we currently offer an elective course on Civilian Foundations of Contract Law; we also offer electives on Law and Society in Medieval England and Modern Legal History. These electives examine the operation of civilian principles within the common law.

Our other full-time postgraduate degree courses include the Master of Science (MSc) in Law and Finance and Master of Philosophy (MPhil) in Criminology and Criminal Justice, while the MSc in Criminology and Criminal Justice is offered both as a full-time and part-time course. There are then a number of courses which are exclusively part-time – the MSc degrees in Intellectual Property, in International Human Rights Law, and in Taxation; and the Postgraduate Diploma in Intellectual Property and Practice.

Research degrees account for the remainder of the students and comprise the Doctor of Philosophy (DPhil) degrees in Law, in Socio-Legal Studies, and in Criminology (all offered as both full-time and part-time courses), and the one-year Master of Philosophy (MPhil) degrees in Law and in Socio-Legal Research (both full-time courses). All part-time courses are non-residential.

The graduate programmes, including graduate admissions, are the immediate responsibility of the Faculty's Graduate Studies Committee and its two Associate Deans (one for research degrees, the other for taught programmes). The graduate cohort provides a base for a productive interaction between advanced study and research - this is something to which the Faculty attaches great importance.

The Faculty of Law is also responsible for a large undergraduate programme, with around 240 students per year admitted to read for the BA in Jurisprudence. It would be open to the Professor of Socio-Legal Studies to offer undergraduate lectures in their area or expertise should they wish to do so. The Professor of Socio-Legal Studies would not be required to give undergraduate tutorials (small group teaching).

The Bodleian Social Sciences Libraries

The Bodleian Social Sciences Libraries work collaboratively to provide subject support, collections and services to the Social Sciences Division of the University of Oxford, the largest grouping of social science disciplines in the UK. The Bodleian Social Sciences Libraries comprise six interdisciplinary and specialised libraries, namely the: Bodleian Social Science Library; Bodleian Law Library; Sainsbury Library at the Saïd Business School; Tylor Library for Social and Cultural Anthropology; Bodleian Education Library; and the Bodleian Latin American Centre Library. Together, the Bodleian Social Sciences Libraries deliver world-class services and collections to support world-leading social science research, doctoral training programmes and some of Oxford's most widely recognised teaching programmes.

The Bodleian Law Library

The Bodleian Law Library, accommodated alongside the Faculty Centre in the St Cross Building, houses over 600,000 volumes. It receives copies of all law books published in the United Kingdom, and has extensive holdings of overseas legal publications, notably of the Commonwealth, the US, and European countries. Oxford is designated as an EU documentation centre, and materials relevant to European law are also housed in the Bodleian Law Library. The library has one of the most extensive collections of domestic and foreign law databases and e-resources in the UK.

Further information can be found at the [Bodleian Law Library website](#).

The Social Sciences Division

The University's academic departments and faculties are organised into four large groups known as Academic Divisions (Social Sciences, Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences (MPLS), Medical Sciences, and Humanities). The divisions are responsible for academic strategy and operational planning, oversight of the teaching and research of their constituent departments and faculties, and for personnel and resource management. The social sciences at Oxford are distinctive for both their depth and breadth, with over 1,100 academic and research staff working across fifteen departments, faculties and schools. The Head of the Social Sciences Division is Professor Timothy Power.

The Division is a world-leading centre of research and education in the social sciences. The Times Higher Education (THE) University Rankings returned the University of Oxford to the number one spot in the world for Social Sciences in 2024. We have placed first in four of the last five years (2019, 2021, 2022 & 2023).

More than 800 researchers were returned to Main Panel C (Social Sciences) for REF 2021 across a diverse range of subject area 'units of assessment' – from geography and business to archaeology and law. Over 55% of the research submitted from the Division was judged to be world-leading (4*, the highest score available). More than two-thirds (69%) of the research's impact was also recognised as world-leading (4*). Research from across the Division was also submitted to subject areas across Panels A (Medicine, health and life sciences), B (Physical sciences, engineering and mathematics), and D (Arts and Humanities), highlighting the enormous breadth and diversity of research expertise across the Division.

Our academic and research staff and students are international thought leaders, generating new evidence, insights and policy tools with which to address some of the major global challenges facing humanity, such as sustainable resource management, poverty and forced migration, effective governance and justice. Particular research highlights in recent years have included [COVID-19](#) and [Climate Change](#). As well as active interdisciplinary links with researchers in other divisions at Oxford, we engage and collaborate extensively with other universities and a wide range of governmental and non-governmental practitioner communities such as law, business, public health and welfare, international development and education around the world. The Division has an extensive portfolio of external funders, partners and supporters, with competitively-

awarded external research income exceeding £50 million per year and philanthropic income over £25 million a year.

As part of our commitment to equality of opportunity, thirteen of our departments have achieved Bronze awards under the Athena Swan Charter (a UK accreditation scheme recognising organisations' commitment to equality and diversity, particularly in gender). Our School of Geography and the Environment and our Department of Economics hold Athena Swan Silver awards. In February 2023, for the first time, the University as a whole was awarded an institutional Athena Swan Silver award, acknowledging the progress that has been made in addressing a number of gender gaps across the University over the last five years.

The Division delivers an exceptional range of high-quality educational programmes all underpinned by the innovative research being undertaken by our academics. The student body is made up of over 2,000 undergraduate students, nearly 3,000 students studying postgraduate taught programmes and 1,200 postgraduate research students. The programmes we offer are wide-ranging, often interdisciplinary and include professionally-oriented provision in areas such as business, law and education. The Division is home to several of Oxford's most widely recognised teaching programmes, such as Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE) at undergraduate level; and at the Masters level programmes such as the Bachelor of Civil Law (BCL), Environmental Change and Management, International Relations, and Social Data Science.

For more information, please visit: www.socsci.ox.ac.uk.

Wolfson College

Oxford has 39 self-governing and independent Colleges, enabling academic staff and students to enjoy the benefits of belonging to a small, interdisciplinary community as well as a large, internationally renowned University. The collegiate system encourages a strong sense of community, bringing together leading academics and students across subjects, and from different cultures and countries.

Founded in 1966, Wolfson is one of the University's largest graduate colleges and distinctive in its academic scope and international reach. Wolfson has grown and evolved over the past 60 years, retaining its founding President Sir Isaiah Berlin's egalitarian ethos of being 'new, untrammelled and unpyramided'. The College provides academic, living, social and pastoral support for about 850 students, studying for both master's degrees and doctorates, and around 100 research fellows; and is renowned internationally for its high standards of support. The College motto is '*Humani nil alienum*' – nothing human is foreign to me'; it is international and interdisciplinary.

Wolfson is housed in architecturally outstanding buildings, which are set in beautiful gardens and meadows beside the River Cherwell in North Oxford. A new and impressive academic wing and auditorium were added ten years ago. It has a strong egalitarian and democratic ethos and is known as one of the most energetic, innovative, and welcoming scholarly communities in Oxford. There is a single Common Room for all members of College, with shared dining facilities and an extremely family-friendly environment and an on-site nursery. Total membership of the College is around 1800. The Governing Body (GB) consists of around 60 Fellows. The College is the most biodiverse in Oxford and the leader in decarbonisation, having become completely zero carbon across the whole estate in 2023.

Originally established at Oxford and initially based at Wolfson College, Socio-Legal Studies has since moved to its current premises while maintaining a close and enduring relationship with the College. This connection is reflected in the consistent presence of the Professor of Socio-Legal Studies on Wolfson's Governing Body, alongside another senior departmental professor and several Centre members who hold Supernumerary Fellowships. Wolfson continues to host a strong community of socio-legal DPhil students and sustains its interdisciplinary engagement through the Law in Societies research cluster, led by the

Professor of Socio-Legal Studies. The College also serves as a hub for regular academic events in this field, including its annual flagship Adams Lecture, delivered by distinguished figures from politics, law, or journalism.

For more information please visit: www.wolfson.ox.ac.uk

About the University of Oxford

Oxford's departments and colleges aim to lead the world in research and education for the benefit of society both in the UK and globally. Oxford's researchers engage with academic, commercial and cultural partners across the world to stimulate high-quality research and enable innovation through a broad range of social, policy and economic impacts.

Oxford's self-governing community of international scholars includes Professors, Associate Professors, other college tutors, senior and junior research fellows and a large number University research staff. Research at Oxford combines disciplinary depth with an increasing focus on inter-disciplinary and multi-disciplinary activities addressing a rich and diverse range of issues. The current strategic plan can be found at <http://www.ox.ac.uk/about/organisation/strategic-plan-2018-23>.

Oxford's strengths lie both in empowering individuals and teams to address fundamental questions of global significance, and in providing all staff with a welcoming and inclusive workplace that supports everyone to develop and do their best work. Recognising that diversity is a great strength, and vital for innovation and creativity, Oxford aspires to build a truly inclusive community which values and respects every individual's unique contribution.

While Oxford has long traditions of scholarship, it is also forward-looking, creative and cutting-edge. Oxford is one of Europe's most entrepreneurial universities. It consistently has the highest external research income of any university in the UK (the most recent figures are available at www.ox.ac.uk/about/organisation/finance-and-funding), and regularly creates spinout companies based on academic research generated within and owned by the University. Oxford is also recognised as a leading supporter of social enterprise.

Oxford admits undergraduate students with the intellectual potential to benefit fully from the small group learning to which Oxford is deeply committed. Meeting in small groups with their tutor, undergraduates are exposed to rigorous scholarly challenge and learn to develop their critical thinking, their ability to articulate their views with clarity, and their personal and intellectual confidence. They receive a high level of personal attention from leading academics.

Oxford has a strong postgraduate student body who are attracted to Oxford by the international standing of the faculty, by the rigorous intellectual training on offer, by the excellent research and laboratory facilities available, and by the resources of the museums and libraries, including one of the world's greatest libraries, the Bodleian.

For more information please visit www.ox.ac.uk/about/organisation.

University Benefits, Terms and Conditions

Standard duties

The Professor shall undertake research, lecture and give instruction in the field of socio-legal studies.

The Faculty of Law calculates teaching and supervision duties in terms of 'stint units', weighting the various inputs up to a total of 288 units per annum for full-time staff.

In more detail, the Professor of Socio-Legal Studies will be expected:

1. to lecture, or hold classes, in at least two of the three university terms and to give at least thirty-six lectures, seminars or classes in all and not less than twelve in each of two terms (equivalent to 108 stint points in total); and
2. to undertake research and original work and the general supervision of research and advanced work in your subject and faculty, and to assist students in their studies by advice or informal instruction.

As a guide, statutory professors are normally expected to supervise between 4 and 7 research students in addition to the teaching obligation in (1) above.

A professor may choose to have their contractual obligation expressed as 108 stint points plus supervision, or 228 stint points to include supervision. Please refer to our page on [Stint Obligation](#) for further details.

It is expected that professors will generally participate in the business and affairs of the relevant faculty or department.

University Benefits, Terms and Conditions

Details of University policy in the following areas can be found at the links provided.

Salary

<https://hr.web.ox.ac.uk/academic-staff-pay>

Pension

<https://finance.web.ox.ac.uk/uss>

Sabbatical leave

<https://governance.web.ox.ac.uk/legislation/council-regulations-4-of-2004>

Outside commitments

<https://hr.admin.ox.ac.uk/holding-outside-appointments>.

Intellectual Property

<https://governance.admin.ox.ac.uk/legislation/council-regulations-7-of-2002>

Managing conflicts of interest

<https://compliance.admin.ox.ac.uk/governance/integrity/conflict>

Membership of Congregation

<https://www.ox.ac.uk/about/organisation/governance>

<https://governance.admin.ox.ac.uk/legislation/statute-iv-congregation>

Family support

<https://hr.admin.ox.ac.uk/family-leave-for-academic-staff>.

<https://childcare.admin.ox.ac.uk/home>.

<https://www.newcomers.ox.ac.uk/>.

Welcome for International Staff

<https://welcome.ox.ac.uk/>

<https://staffimmigration.admin.ox.ac.uk/>

Relocation

<https://finance.admin.ox.ac.uk/relocation-scheme>

Promoting diversity

<https://edu.admin.ox.ac.uk/home>

Freedom of Speech

[Code of practice on Freedom of Speech | Compliance](#)

Other benefits and discounts for University employees

<https://hr.admin.ox.ac.uk/staff-benefits>

Pre-employment screening

<https://jobs.ox.ac.uk/pre-employment-checks>.

Retirement

The University operates an employer justified retirement age for academic posts of 30 September immediately preceding the 70th birthday. See <https://hr.admin.ox.ac.uk/the-ejra>

Data Privacy

<https://compliance.admin.ox.ac.uk/job-applicant-privacy-policy>.

<https://compliance.admin.ox.ac.uk/data-protection-policy>

College Benefits, Terms and Conditions

Wolfson College Governing Body Fellows are paid an annual stipend of £3,202.00. They are entitled to a common table allowance (meals in College) up to £58.00 per week, plus an entertainment allowance of £777.00 per year. Each Fellow may apply for an Academic Grant up to £851.00 per financial year. Please note that the figures stated above are subject to a yet to be agreed 2026-27 increase. The College also supports Fellows wishing to purchase homes in the Oxford area, and is willing to invest up to £250,000.00 or 45% of the house price (whichever is lower).