

2025 Admissions Round Feedback

Human Sciences

Please note this is subject admissions feedback from the 2025 selection round - there will be changes each year, and these pages are only retained to provide a general indication of process.

The tutors in Human Sciences would like to thank all applicants and those who supported them by giving advice and writing references. Although it was not possible to make everyone a place, we are confident that our applicants will go on to successful University careers.

The Institute for Human Sciences produces a summary report on admissions, a link to which is available on our own college website. This report describes the criteria for shortlisting and final decisions.

At Keble, there were 31 applicants for the 3 places available; 12 were shortlisted for interview at Keble and 10 more were shortlisted and reallocated to other colleges for interview.

As described below, tutors consider candidates from other colleges as well, so the direct application to place ratios for each college are not strongly indicative of a candidate's chance of success.

In their assessment of individual applications, the tutors took account of contextual data concerning relative individual and school performance as well as some background characteristics related to place of residence. This information is available only for applicants from within the UK. An explanation of how the University uses contextual data can be found here: <https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/applying-to-oxford/decisions/contextual-data>. Tutors also remained aware of the enduring and uneven impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on both learning and assessment.

As in previous years, tutors across the University worked together to ensure that the best candidates from the entire cohort applying to Oxford were offered places, regardless of which college they had applied to. Candidates were therefore interviewed by at least two different colleges. There are no written tests, but candidates may be asked to read a passage to discuss in the interview or to engage with material such as graphs.

The outcome was that three offers were made to candidates for Keble and one was made an offer at a different college.