



2020 Admissions Round Feedback

Philosophy Politics and Economics

Please note this is subject admissions feedback from the 2020 selection round - there will be changes each year, and these pages are only retained to provide a general indication of process.

Keble College admits around eight students a year to study PPE. There were 71 applicants to Keble this year. We shortlisted 21 candidates from this pool, were reallocated 1 candidate from another college prior to interview, and performed 2 second-round interviews for candidates who received first-round interviews at another college. That is a total of 22 first round interviews and 24 total interviews. Generally, colleges interview about 2.75 candidates for each offer made, so that candidates at interview have just over a one in three chance of earning a place.

Data from this year's admissions round

Oxford had more applicants for PPE than last year as shown in the following figures (last year's figures are in brackets):

Total applicants: 2285 (2224)

Not invited to interview: 1577 (1487)

Interviewed: 708 (737)

Expected offers 2019-20: 257 (240)

Approx. ratio of applicants to places 8.9 (9.3)

Decision to call for interview

Some applicants are not invited for interview. We make these decisions based on: UCAS information about past and predicted exam results; UCAS academic reference; and the result of the Thinking Skills Assessment test (TSA Oxford). For UK-based candidates, we are typically aware of achievement that goes above or below the norm for the school as

measured by contextualized data. The Thinking Skills Assessment is a two-hour test involving multiple-choice reasoning questions and an essay. Each candidate will be issued a statement of results by ATS (the TSA provider) on January 14. For further information, please visit this website:

<http://www.admissionstesting-service.org/for-test-takers/thinking-skillsassessment/tsa-oxford/scoring-and-results/>

Candidates who score well in the TSA (above 76.8 this year) and had good exam results and references were likely to be asked for interview. Candidates who scored between 76.8 and 74.1 may have been invited for interview. Candidates scoring below 74.1 will only have been invited for interview with special consideration of other factors.

Reallocation between colleges

Applications to colleges for PPE vary every year and colleges have varying numbers of places to offer. Where a college has a large number of shortlisted candidates relative to its places there is a process by which candidates are reallocated to colleges with lower shortlisted candidate to place ratios. Candidates selected for reallocation are those for whom information available at the shortlisting stage suggests the chance of acceptance can be improved by reallocation. This year, only one applicant was reallocated to Keble from other colleges.

Criteria for admission

We seek highly motivated students with a strong interest and potential in PPE. Specific knowledge of the three subjects in PPE is not required either for the interview or for admission to PPE. Mathematics A-level is extremely helpful for understanding the material we teach once admitted and the vast majority of students with A-levels that we admit have this subject. We are open to overseas applicants who are assessed on exactly the same basis as domestic candidates. For general information on PPE and how to apply please visit the website at <http://www.ppe.ox.ac.uk/>

Admissions criteria can be found here:

<http://www.ppe.ox.ac.uk/index.php/admissionscriteria>

Keble Offer Information

Keble has a quota of 8 places for PPE. This year we made an additional, 9th offer for an Opportunity Oxford candidate for which we did two additional interviews of candidates who had been first interviewed by another college. As a result, out of the 22 applicants called for interview by Keble and the 2 additional interviews, an applicant had a 3/8 chance of receiving an offer conditional upon receiving an interview.

Information on the Opportunity Oxford program is available here:

<https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/increasing-access/opportunity-oxford>