



Oriel College Middle Common Room

Associate Membership Guidance

The Associate Membership Scheme

Associate Membership of Oriel College is offered to provide a college affiliation, and thereby a means of association with the social and cultural life of the College for those who are known to, or work closely with, members of the SCR and/or MCR.

The scheme offers associate membership of the College and MCR. It does not apply to full members of the College, such as mature undergraduates who are already eligible for election to membership of the MCR.

Up to 25 Associate Memberships will be proposed by MCR members each year. Nominations by College Fellows will be outside this limit. Associate Membership will normally be limited to a total of three years.

Associate membership is valid until 10th September, unless renewed during the Long Vacation for the following academic year.

Eligibility

Associate Membership will normally be offered to:

- Postdoctoral researchers or visiting students known to members of the SCR / MCR
- Partners of MCR members
- Graduate students of other colleges living in Oriel accommodation
- Former Oriel students who are current members of the University of Oxford

Priority will be given to those living and/or working in Oxford.

Benefits of the Scheme

- Access card giving access to College and the Rectory Road site. Specifically, access is via the Porters' Lodge (24 hours) and O'Brien Gate (6am until midnight). No access to residential staircases or the library is given.
- Access to the MCR throughout the year.
- Access to the MCR Study Room, though priority use of the Study Room will be given to full members of the College if it reaches capacity.
- Access to MCR bar during opening hours.
- Access to MCR locker facilities, if available, subject to standard £10 deposit on battels.
- Access to College gym facilities, squash court and sports ground, subject to the signing of the gym code of conduct. Again, priority use of these facilities is given to full members of the College.
- Wi-fi internet access within College via The Cloud.
- A battels account with the College to charge meals, MCR bar drinks and some other college expenses as applicable e.g. MCR events, sports kit for members of college teams.
- Access to the MCR mailing list, term card and Facebook group with details of social events.
- Access to the MCR punting scheme during Trinity term at the same cost as a full MCR member.
- Dining rights in Hall at members' prices and the right to invite guests to dine.
- Access to the College Bar during opening hours.
- Access to any available College accommodation after full members but with priority over non-members.
- The right to book guest rooms during vacations, subject to availability. *Note that booking can be made no more than 10 days in advance, there is a limit of 3 consecutive nights, no children are allowed, and a member can only book for themselves and an accompanying partner.*

Other Information

Associate Members **will not receive:**

- A pigeonhole in the lodge
- A College or University email address
- Unconditional access to the Library (see discretionary benefits)
- The right to book College teaching/meeting rooms
- High Table dining rights

- Access to the MCR Trinity College Dublin Exchange
- JCR Membership
- The right to book guest rooms during term time
- Access to College welfare and medical support

Discretionary Benefits

The following additional benefits may be available:

- Joining of College sports teams and associations, subject to the constitutions of individual sports in the University and/or the discretion of the Captain/President.
- Access to Staircase 1, Staircase 2 or the College Boathouse, subject to the discretion of the appropriate Boat Club Captain.
- Access to the College library may be given at the discretion of the College Librarian, solely for the consultation of material unique to Oriel.

Associate members who are not current members of the University, but who wish to have access to library resources and study space on a regular basis, may wish to apply for a Bodleian Library reader's card (<http://www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/using/getting-a-readers-card>).

Please note that Bodleian library membership will entitle you to use the Oxford Bodleian libraries, but not the Oriel College Library.

Associate Membership Fees

All associate members will be required to open an Oriel College 'battels' account. This requires a £100 security deposit refundable at the end of membership.

Associate members pay £46.80 per term via battels (£140.40 for the full year). During the first term, the full termly fee is charged once approved by the Governing Body.

A discounted rate of £26.00 per term applies to partners of current MCR members or Oriel graduates currently studying at Oxford University. These members also have a reduced security deposit of £40.

Membership fees shall increase annually at an amount determined by the MCR executive committee, though the amount shall be no less than 2%.

If you lose your associate membership access card, please contact the Lodge immediately. A charge of £25 will be required for a replacement.

Election Process

Candidates for Associate Membership must be proposed by either two MCR members who are members of the College, or by one Fellow.

A completed application form, which includes an agreement to abide by the relevant College rules as set out in the College Memorandum, should be signed by the proposer(s) and the applicant. The form should then be sent to the Oriel MCR president: *MCR President, Oriel College, Oxford, OX1 4EW*. [Alternatively, a scanned copy may be sent to the *President* (mcr.president@oriel.ox.ac.uk) **and** the *Secretary* (mcr.secretary@oriel.ox.ac.uk)]

A vote will then take place at the next MCR General Assembly to approve the member. **You must attend this General Assembly or otherwise beforehand send an explanation for your absence to the MCR President.**

Following this approval, proposals for associate membership will be considered by a Tuesday lunch meeting of Fellows, prior to final approval by a full Governing Body meeting.

New or renewed Associate Members will then receive an invitation to join the College from the Provost. Please note that the College reserves its right to terminate your associate membership at any time.

Should an associate member break any of the rules as set out in the Oriel College Student Handbook, the College may choose to terminate membership at the sole discretion of the Senior Dean.

Membership may be automatically renewed up to two times by emailing the MCR President with confirmation that you will pay the relevant year's rate. If an associate member wishes to renew their membership after the first three years, you must submit a letter alongside your application form, supporting your request for continued associate membership. If you choose not to renew your membership it will expire on the 10th September.

If you have any questions about the renewals process, please contact the MCR President (mcr.president@oriel.ox.ac.uk)