

## **Daniel Slifkin Scholarship**

### **St. John's College, Oxford**

#### **1. General**

The Daniel Slifkin Scholarship was established by the College in 2010 as a result of a generous endowment by Mr Daniel Slifkin, who took the BA in Jurisprudence and the Bachelor of Civil Law at the College.

The purpose of the scholarship is to enable a student to read for the degrees of Bachelor of Civil Law or Magister Juris of the Oxford Law Faculty. The scholarship is open to any student who has been awarded a place by the Oxford Law Faculty to read on one of these two courses and has placed St. John's College as his or her college of preference. It is open to a law graduate of any University, including (but not restricted to) undergraduate or graduate students of St. John's College. It is open to Home/EU Students or Overseas Students.

The Scholarship covers full fees (University, whether Home/EU or Overseas, and College) and maintenance of the Scholar at the UK research council rate for a full year (currently £13,290). The award is not means-tested. Given the comprehensive nature of the Daniel Slifkin Scholarship, the Scholarship cannot normally be held in conjunction with any other scholarship held for the academic year in question, in relation to undertaking the BCL or MJur course (as the case may be), although a successful candidate may apply to hold an awarded scholarship on an honorary basis.

#### **2. Selection Procedure**

An applicant for the BCL or Mjur degree who wishes to be considered for the Daniel Slifkin Scholarship should apply to Oxford University in the normal way, naming St. John's College as his or her College of preference and indicating on the application form that they wish to be considered for a Departmental Studentship (as described in relation to Law Faculty Scholarships on its website at <http://www.law.ox.ac.uk/postgraduate/scholarships.php>). All such applicants for the BCL and Mjur course who are successful in winning a place in the Law Faculty competition will be considered by the College for the Daniel Slifkin Scholarship. There will be no interviews for the Scholarship. The successful candidate will be informed of the College's offer of the Scholarship together with its offer of a College place to read for the degree in question. Unsuccessful candidates for the Daniel Slifkin Scholarship will be considered by the Law Faculty for any relevant Law Faculty Scholarship in the normal way.

##### **(iii) Selection Criteria**

The fundamental criterion for the award of the Scholarship is academic excellence. The more specific criteria for this purpose are the same as those set by the Law Faculty for admission to the degrees, viz.

Application: exceptional academic motivation; capacity for sustained and intense work; developed ability to organise time and set own agenda for study; intrepid attitude towards investigation and learning.

Knowledge: a broad, deep, advanced, and integrated understanding of the main branches of law of at least one municipal legal system.

Reasoning ability: outstanding analytical abilities, including the ability to draw and maintain fine distinctions, the ability speedily to separate the relevant from the irrelevant, and the ability to develop and sustain complex arguments under pressure; capacities for accurate observation and insightful criticism, including willingness and ability to engage with disciplines other than law and to bring their insights to bear on legal problems; originality and creativity of thought, open-mindedness, and capacity for lateral thinking; excellent powers of synthesis and economy of thought.

Communication: willingness and ability to express highly complex ideas clearly and effectively in English, with a particular eye to finesse and economy; ability to conduct a mature debate leaving room for the contributions of others; aspiration to professional standards of style and organisation in legal and scholarly writing.

A secondary criterion for the award of the Scholarship is one of educational opportunity already enjoyed and for this reason, the College may, for example, give preference in deciding on the award-holder to an applicant who has not previously undertaken graduate studies in law.

The award-holder will be the applicant who best fulfils these criteria in the judgment of the Law Tutors of the College.

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