

Bank accounts for European and International Students starting in 2023

The University has been in touch with the main banks in Oxford (Barclays, HSBC, Lloyds, Metro, Nat West and Santander) about the requirements to open a bank account and you will find a guide on the University's webpage for [International students | University of Oxford](#), under the 'Finances and Banks' tab.

Documents required to open a bank account

For most banks, students will need the following documents to open a bank account as an international student, as explained in the above guide:

i. An in-date passport

All of the banks in the guide require a valid passport as part of the documentation needed to open a bank account.

ii. A valid visa

EU/EEA, Swiss nationals usually only need to show their passport.

For non-EU nationals most banks will accept a valid student visa/other visa permission (or an online eVisa). They will usually prefer to see your vignette and BRP (or online eVisa) but Lloyds and HSBC will accept the vignette alone if your BRP is delayed.

iii. Student Enrolment certificate

This can be printed via Student Self Service once you have registered as a student. It must be signed and stamped by the College (you can email a pdf to academic.office@sjc.ox.ac.uk or call in to the office with your certificate once you've arrived in Oxford). Barclays will require you to provide your tenancy agreement and will not accept the certificate alone. Nat West will not accept the student enrolment certificate and need a letter of introduction from the college; you can ask the Academic Office for a letter via [email](#).

iv. A bank statement from the student's home bank, from the past 3 months

This may be helpful if you have it available.

v. For all banks students will need a UK mobile number to open an account online or via their app.

You can buy a pay-as-you-go sim card with cash at any mobile phone store.

Please do visit each bank's page for more information on the documentation required from them:

[Barclays Bank](#)

[HSBC](#)

[Lloyds Bank](#)

[Metro bank](#)

[NatWest](#)

[Santander](#)

3. Bank opening hours

Banks are usually open Monday to Friday and until midday or early afternoon on Saturday. Note that Metro bank opens until 8pm in the evenings during the week and is open on Saturday and Sunday.