

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE ORGAN & CHORAL AWARDS



Organ and choral scholars at Univ find themselves at the heart of a thriving musical community. They play a leading role in the chapel choir, but are often also involved with the University College Music Society, which organises a programme of concerts each term, and with the Univ Chorus. This is a large choir that gives two or three major concerts each year.

There are usually two **organ scholars** in residence at any one time, so the college normally makes elections in two out of each three years. Some of our recent applicants have had a gap-year, perhaps in a cathedral or teaching music at a school, but others have come straight from school. We welcome applications from candidates in either position.

Organ scholars are each awarded an annual scholarship of £200, and are offered accommodation in college for all three years. Their rooms are two of the best sets available for undergraduates and there is an upright piano in each room. The college also pays for organ lessons and conducting lessons for the scholars.

The chapel has a warm acoustic. Its organ, a Walker, is available for practice throughout the day and evening. There is also a grand piano in the college's music room and another in the hall.

The organ scholars are responsible to the Chaplain for the choir, which they oversee and direct, and for all the music in chapel. We sing Choral Evensong on each Sunday in term and a Sung Eucharist once or twice term, so the time-commitment expected of an organ scholar is not excessive. The repertoire is wide-ranging, and organ scholars are encouraged to develop their own interests. There are also opportunities to involve instrumentalists in chapel worship, and to organise concerts, tours and other performances in a wide range of contexts.

In recognition of the stature of the choir and its central place in the life of the college, Univ elects a number of **choral scholars** each year. Choral scholarships are awarded to sopranos, altos, tenors and basses, but there is no quota for any one part. Choral scholars are able to read any subject offered by the College. They are each awarded an annual scholarship of £150, and the college pays for them to have free individual singing lessons with a professional teacher. It is envisaged that they will take a central role in the life of the choir, and that they will also be active in the wider musical life of the College.

The Master, Chaplain and other fellows are also glad to lend their active and enthusiastic support to the organ scholars, to the choral scholars and to the choir. Further information on the choir, the chapel and the college is available on the college website: www.univ.ox.ac.uk/chapel, or from the Chaplain, the Revd Dr Andrew Gregory (andrew.gregory@univ.ox.ac.uk), who is always glad to speak to prospective applicants.

Dr Daniel Grimley (Daniel.grimley@univ.ox.ac.uk) teaches music at Univ. He is willing to talk to candidates who might wish to apply for an organ scholarship and/or to read music. Prospective applicants are also welcome to attend the college Open Days in July and September, and can find further information about Univ on our website: www.univ.ox.ac.uk or by emailing admissions@univ.ox.ac.uk.