



RELIGION AND THE
RULE OF LAW
At Oxford

YOUNG SCHOLARS FELLOWSHIP LOGISTICS INFORMATION

We look forward to the upcoming 2026 Young Scholars Fellowship on Religion and the Rule of Law at Christ Church, University of Oxford. **Please carefully review all of the following information to prepare for your travel and participation.**

Air Travel

eTicket. Your final flight itinerary sent via the BYU Travel Office lists an eTicket Receipt number under a shaded bar, below the information on your first flight. Please contact Deborah Wright immediately if your final itinerary does *not* have an eTicket Receipt number, or if you have questions about your itinerary: wrightde@law.byu.edu; office +1 (801) 422-6842; mobile +1 (801) 360-2793.

Luggage. Please follow airline guidelines on size, weight, and number of bags allowed. Participants are expected to cover their own excess luggage fees.

Missed Flights. If you miss a flight or encounter delays, please inform Debbie Hall in the BYU Travel Office (or the afterhours service), Deborah Wright, and/or another of the Emergency Contacts below, as quickly as possible so we can help you make travel-plan adjustments and advise Workshop organizers of any necessary scheduling changes.

Emergency Contacts

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What to Bring

Along with any other personal, identification, and travel-related items you require, please be sure to bring the following.

- **For the Bodleian Library “Reader” card.** You will need to fill out, print, and bring with you a hard copy of the [Bodleian Libraries Admissions Form document](#). When we meet with Bodleian staff for an orientation and to receive our cards, you will also need to bring your passport as proof of personal identification.

- **Clothing**

For classes: Cool, casual clothing

- The lecture room and accommodations at Christ Church are not air conditioned. The British claim their summers are cool and drizzly, but Oxford experienced unusually hot, dry periods in July 2018, 2019, and 2022.
- In case the weather is cool and wet, however (like it was in 2023), be sure to bring some warmer layers, including at least one jacket.
- To inform your packing, you can check the 10-day Oxford forecast [here](#) (Fahrenheit) or [here](#) (Celsius).

For group dinners: Business casual clothing

For our Oxford Day activities: Weather-appropriate business casual clothing

- **Laptop computer** with any necessary files and software (i.e., Microsoft Word and PowerPoint) uploaded. Please let us know if you lack access to a computer or software.
- **Other supplies** you require for your research
- **UK adapters** for all your electronic/corded devices, if necessary. The standard voltage in England is 230V, and the frequency is 50 Hz. Adapters to UK voltage are readily available online or in UK stationery/office supply shops. Hair dryers may require an additional voltage converter; therefore, we recommend you use the hairdryer provided in your room.
- **A personal credit and/or debit card.** We strongly encourage you to bring a personal credit and/or debit card. Post-COVID, many Oxford stores and restaurants no longer accept cash.

Health-Related Items and Precautions

COVID/illness protocols. We meet in a confined lecture room, where illness can spread. One person in 2022 and another in 2023 caught COVID during the Young Scholars Fellowship program and had to isolate in their dorm rooms. We can provide COVID self-tests for those who begin to experience COVID-like symptoms. (You’re also welcome to bring your own test(s) with you.) If you test positive for COVID, or are otherwise ill, we can arrange for you to observe classes remotely and will deliver meals to your room during any isolation period.

Travel insurance. We are mindful that illness or accident could result in a prolonged stay in England and even hospitalization. Out of an abundance of caution, we provide minimal travel insurance for participants, which offers some medical and transportation coverage. Upon request, we can provide more information about the scope and amount of coverage, after 10 July.

To Bring

- A thermometer for taking your temperature
- A supply of personal medications sufficient for the length of the program and any unexpected extended stay (e.g., due to cancelled flights, COVID isolation, etc.)
- A COVID self-test (optional)
- Face masks, in case of illness (optional)

Meals

The following information is noted on our schedule:

- On weekdays, breakfast and lunch are provided in the Christ Church Dining Hall. You will be responsible for your own dinners, with the exceptions noted below.
- On Saturdays and Sundays, only breakfast is provided. You will be responsible for your own lunches and dinners.
- On our Oxford Day, 14 July, we will have lunch at the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies and dinner at a local restaurant.
- The ICLRS will host and provide an opening dinner on 12 July and a closing dinner on 31 July.

The Christ Church Dining Hall can accommodate the following diets:

- gluten-free,
- diabetic,
- halal,
- dairy-free,
- nut-free,
- seafood-free
- shellfish-free,
- vegan,
- and vegetarian.

If you have indicated one of the above dietary restrictions in your registration, we will submit that information to Christ Church administrators. When you check in at the Porters' Lodge, you will receive a packet that includes a laminated card indicating your dietary needs. You will take the card to the Dining Hall for each meal so that Dining Hall personnel can help you access diet-friendly foods.

Most past participants who eat kosher or halal diets have eaten vegetarian options in the Dining Hall. In past years, we have ordered kosher meals from the Oxford Chabad Society for individuals who follow a strict kosher diet.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns about dietary needs.

Accompanying Spouses/Partners/Family

If you are accompanied by a partner/spouse, you will need to submit payment for the double occupancy portion of your room (£45.25 per night, plus VAT) upon check in at the Porters' Lodge. Please immediately inform Deborah Wright and Holly Lesan if you have not informed the ICLRS team that a partner/spouse will accompany you: wrightde@law.byu.edu, holly.lesan@iclrs.org.

Spouses/partners may eat breakfast in the Dining Hall each morning. Unfortunately, ***lunch in the Dining Hall is limited to Young Scholars and Workshop participants.***

Christ Church does not allow children under age 18 on site unless they are participating in a paid tour with an adult guardian.

Christ Church and Accommodations

Christ Church Map. A map of Christ Church is included below.

Checking in at Christ Church. When you arrive at Christ Church, you will check in at the Porters' Lodge, located just inside the [Tom Tower/Gate entrance](#). You may check in any time **after 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, 11 July**. If you arrive on the 11th before that time, you may check your luggage with the porters and explore the city.

Upon check in, the porters will provide you with a packet with your room number, lanyard, and key fob (and special-diet card, if applicable). The porters may ask to see your passport. Your key fob and lanyard identify you as a Christ Church "resident." For residents, the gate is open daily, 7:00 a.m.–7:30 p.m. (For visitors, it is open Mondays–Saturdays, 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.).

The Porters' Lodge is open all hours. If the gate is closed, to alert the porter you may push a button on the left-hand side of Tom Gate, or you can call: +44 1865 276150.

Getting to 117 St Aldates. Once you've checked in, you can take your luggage to [117 St Aldates](#), where our accommodations are located.

- **Walking directions.** After exiting Tom Gate, you will cross the road with your luggage, turn to the right, and walk up the road [about 0.2 mile](#) to 117 St Aldates, located next door to the Sainsbury's Local grocery store. (In [this photo](#), the 117 St Aldates door is on the far left, with the octagonal window above the door.)

Accommodations. You can read about [St Aldates accommodations here](#). St Aldates provides the following:

- As mentioned above, you will receive a lanyard and key fob when you check in at the Porters' Lodge.
 - You must show your lanyard to the porters at Tom Gate each time you want to enter Christ Church.
 - You must use your key fob to gain access to the entrance of St Aldates and to take the elevator to your floor.
 - To activate electricity in your room, you must insert your key fob in the box on the wall, just inside the door.
- Linens and towels are changed weekly. Trash is removed from rooms daily.
- A free laundry facility is on the ground floor, including two washers and two dryers, two irons, and two ironing boards. It is accessible with your key fob. You must provide your own laundry detergent (available at Sainsbury's next door). If the St Aldates laundry room is closed for repairs, two other free laundry facilities are available at Christ Church, accessible with your key fob.
- A [Guest Information booklet](#) is provided in each room.
- Free Wi-Fi (with code) is available in each room.
- All rooms have a small refrigerator, tea/coffee-making equipment, and a small safe for valuables. Other kitchen facilities are not available.
- All rooms have a small ensuite bathroom and a hairdryer. There are no electrical outlets in the bathroom, so if you need a mirror to dry your hair, you may want to bring a small mirror from home.
- A [Boots Pharmacy](#), the [Westgate Shopping Mall](#), the historic [Covered Market](#), and shops on the [High Street](#) are all within easy walking distance of 117 St Aldates, in addition to [Sainsbury's](#) and [Tesco Express](#) grocery stores.

Issues/Concerns with Accommodations. If you have issues or concerns with your accommodations, or you need to request a new check-in or check-out date/time, please inform Holly Lesan who will liaise with the porters (rather than communicate directly with the porters): holly.lesan@iclr.org; +1 513-884-7113.

Classroom. Our classroom is Lecture Room 2, located to the right of the Cathedral's entrance. It will be marked by a small sign on a stand, posted outside the entry.

Check out of St Aldates accommodations is **by 10:00 a.m.** on your day of departure and requires depositing your key fob and lanyard in the check-out box located in the St Aldates entry hall. There is no need to check out at the Porters' Lodge.

