



## A GLOBAL APPROACH TO LEADERSHIP

The Blavatnik School of Government is a global school pursuing a vision of better government, stronger societies, and richer human opportunities across the world. We examine practices of government in all continents, recognising that societies work in different ways but can learn from one another. We explore challenges and opportunities which demand international cooperation. We equip our students with practical skills – such as in communication, finance, and negotiation – so that they become better policy makers.



*'Oxford has a special place in my heart... I am therefore delighted about the establishment of the new School of Government at Oxford, which will help train future leaders from all parts of the world. I wish it every success.'*

Nelson Mandela  
President of South Africa (1994-1999)

## Training future leaders to thrive amid complexity

Tomorrow's most urgent and significant problems are difficult to solve. They are not just economic, social and political, but also scientific and technological. The Blavatnik School of Government tackles head-on the complexity of these challenges.

The Blavatnik School of Government offers students a pioneering multi-disciplinary programme of study. Alongside the social sciences and law, the School uses philosophy to teach about the moral dilemmas faced by those in public service, history to teach about the differences in government across the world, and draws on scientists and medics to ensure students become informed users of scientific advice. Our MPP course teaches students to bring a critical eye to taken-for-granted assumptions; helps them to understand the nature of scientific – and often contradictory – advice; and enables them to translate that advice into workable policy solutions that serve the public good.

Our innovative curriculum draws upon Oxford's vibrant research community and its cutting-edge, multi-disciplinary research into twenty-first century problems. Blavatnik students learn from Oxford's top scholars, in lectures and seminars, and through innovative teaching methods are challenged to excel beyond what they think is possible.

## Master of Public Policy

The course is very intensive, spanning 50 weeks and mixing Oxford's traditional lecture environment and world-renowned teaching systems with Masterclasses taught by external experts, and collaborative learning using state-of-the-art technology.

The curriculum includes four compulsory core courses, anchored in key disciplines, which equip our students to: **1** Resolve ethical dilemmas in public policy and to understand the historical trajectory of government in different regions of the world (philosophy and history) **2** Understand economic drivers and pressures on government and how economists across the world analyse public policy (economics) **3** Act as informed users of scientific and medical advice provided to government (science and medicine) **4** Understand the practice and organisation of government nationally and globally (politics, law and international relations)

Students also take practical week-long "intensives". In 2012/13, these courses are: **1** Data and decision analytics; **2** Strategy and communications in the public sector; **3** Negotiation; **4** Public and private finance; and **5** Delivery and evaluation in the public sector. Additional skills classes are provided on Leadership and Team-Building in the Public Sector, Writing Policy Briefs, and Making Effective Presentations.

Finally, students have the opportunity to specialise in two policy options which they take in their final term at Oxford, and in a summer project pursued through either a placement or field-study. Throughout the syllabus our students study practices and experiences from across the world, working closely with their classmates, and building a lifelong network of global peers.

*'In the Blavatnik School, the brilliant young policy-maker from Zambia will sit in class next to students from Britain, China, Germany, India, Brazil, the United States, the United Arab Emirates, and others. They will all sharpen their abilities to serve the public. They will discover how things are done in other countries - and at the global level.'*



Professor Ngairé Woods  
Dean of the School and Professor of Global Economic Governance

## BLAVATNIK STUDENTS

Our first cohort of 38 students represent 19 different nationalities and were selected from a large pool of applicants from more than 80 countries. This diversity is something the School is committed to maintaining and expanding in our recruitment for 2013.

We are looking for outstanding practitioners and students from across the world, to compete in Oxford's admissions process for a place in the School. Candidates may come from any discipline. There are 60 places available on the programme for 2013. We look forward to welcoming individuals who have an outstanding undergraduate degree and aspire through their professional work to contribute to the public good in their country, region or internationally.

A track record of outstanding academic achievement is essential for consideration. It will also be important to have a proven capacity for hard work and the ability to engage in a very demanding programme of study. Lastly, we require a high level of commitment to public service and evidence of leadership potential that may be demonstrated in your professional work to date or activities while studying, and the ability to carry this into your studies and to make the most of your time at Oxford.

If you meet these demanding criteria and want to know more please see the University's full application information and register with us online. We'll send you more detailed information at the appropriate times.



*"To me, the study of public policy from multidisciplinary perspectives is the best way to build the intellectual foundation required to accomplish this goal, particularly the ability to synthesize, and make critical decisions based upon, masses of information."*

Charles Deutscher  
Master of Public Policy student, Australia



*"At the end of the day, I would like to be remembered as someone who was successful in eradicating the bureaucratic barrier that separates the common man and the political elite. That is what motivated me to pursue BSG's MPP programme."*

Uttara Narayan  
Master of Public Policy student, India



*"...the international, cultural and academic diversity of the MPP's first class will undoubtedly increase the level of analysis by allowing students to compare the various ways of making public policy around the world and to bring together present solutions with future forward-looking ideas."*

Enrique Zapata  
Master of Public Policy student, Mexico

## KEY DATES

Next cohort starts: *September 2013*

Applications for the 2013 intake opened in September 2012 and will close on 18 January 2013.

The school and Oxford University both have a number of fully-funded scholarships that will be competitively allocated. We will do whatever we can to ensure that all students accepted for study are able to attend the School regardless of their financial means. The School's website contains much *useful information*.

Potential applicants are advised to explore their funding options as soon as possible as some scholarship schemes close well before the application deadline.

[www.ox.ac.uk/feesandfunding/prospectivegrad](http://www.ox.ac.uk/feesandfunding/prospectivegrad)

## MORE INFORMATION

We are very keen to keep in touch with potential students, friends, employers or other bodies. Our website will be updated with all new developments and is a good source of information for all interested parties. You can also follow us on Twitter (@BlavatnikSchool) for live updates, and 'Like' us on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/oxfordbsg](http://www.facebook.com/oxfordbsg)) for Q&A sessions and more.

[www.bsg.ox.ac.uk/prospective-students](http://www.bsg.ox.ac.uk/prospective-students)

If you would like to receive information about the School please register with us online - it's the simplest, quickest and most reliable way to ensure that you'll be kept informed of all developments and key dates as they approach as well as access to information about graduate study at Oxford in general. Fill out our short online form at: [www.bsg.ox.ac.uk](http://www.bsg.ox.ac.uk).

Interested parties should also visit the University's main website which offers a wealth of information on aspects of the University, its courses and the beautiful city of Oxford: [www.ox.ac.uk](http://www.ox.ac.uk).

