University of Oxford
Enterprise
and the
Environment
Summer School
July 2016
I’m delighted to invite you to the Smith School’s very first Enterprise and the Environment Summer School in July 2016. This intensive programme of teaching combines our strengths in environmental economics and policy, enterprise management, and financial markets and investment to study critical global environmental challenges in the 21st century. We’ll be exploring the value of the environment to enterprise, and asking: can enterprise save the environment?

The Smith School of Enterprise and the Environment is a leading interdisciplinary academic hub focused upon teaching, research, and engagement with enterprise on climate change and long-term environmental sustainability. We work with social enterprises, corporations, and governments; we seek to encourage innovative solutions to the challenges facing humanity over the coming decades. Our work is complemented by close ties with the physical and social sciences, and especially the research and teaching of our parent department, the School of Geography and the Environment.

We are very excited to be hosting this engaging Summer School and look forward to meeting you in Oxford in July!

Professor Gordon Clark, Director, Smith School of Enterprise and the Environment
Designed and delivered by Smith School faculty, the Summer School will explore leading Oxford research on subject-specific questions such as:

- How does climate change affect economic stability?
- How do financial markets drive long-term environmental decision-making?
- What is the future of energy markets?
- How can we safeguard clean water for everyone?
- What can corporations do to protect biodiversity?

We’ll bring these complex issues together to look at the future of enterprise and the environment, scaling up to tackle big questions:

- What is the value of the environment for enterprise?
- Can enterprise save the environment?

If you are interested in hearing the latest world-class thinking on these questions and in searching for answers, the Summer School is right for you.

The course teaching is intensive, with lectures, class discussions and exercises constituting around six hours each day, and will take place in the School of Geography and the Environment’s teaching facilities.

### SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAMME

**Summer School Academic Director:** Professor Cameron Hepburn, Professor of Environmental Economics, SSEE

**Confirmed Teaching Faculty:**
- Professor Gordon Clark, Director, SSEE
- Dr Gerard Dericks, Research Fellow, SSEE
- Professor Bob Hahn, Professor of Environmental Economics, SSEE
- Dr Rob Hope, Director (Water Programme), SSEE
- Dr Caitlin McElroy, Research and Teaching Fellow, SSEE
- Dr Alex Money, Director (Business Fellows Programme), SSEE
- Dr Michael Viehs, Visiting Research Associate, SSEE

*With others to be confirmed.*
Who Should Apply?

The Summer School is particularly relevant for:

- Those already studying related topics at an undergraduate level who would like to supplement their current studies, which may be in fields such as finance, management, economics, geography, or the physical sciences.
- Those who are considering a Masters degree in a related topic and would like an introduction to key issues.
- Undergraduates or graduates considering careers in enterprise and the environment who would like an overview of the sector.

We also welcome applications from others whose interests are aligned with the Summer School teaching.

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What Makes Us Different to Other Summer Schools?

While many summer schools operate in Oxford, hiring University staff and facilities, only a handful of University departments design, teach and manage their own summer programmes. The Enterprise and the Environment Summer School is aligned with SSEE’s internal research and taught to the same standards as our year-round commitments. In addition, our maximum class size is 35, meaning that you’ll have close contact with our teaching staff. This is not the case at many other summer schools in the UK but we believe is an important part of helping students to understand the topic and engage personally with faculty.

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The Summer School is a rare opportunity to experience the University of Oxford from a typical student’s perspective. You will be taught by University faculty in a University department, live in a college’s student accommodation, and attend formal dinners in a traditional college atmosphere.

The Smith School of Enterprise and the Environment (SSEE) was established in 2007 as an independent research centre of the University. In 2013, we joined the School of Geography and the Environment (SoGE), deepening our teaching programmes in collaboration with the broader department and its other research units, the Transport Studies Unit and the Environmental Change Institute.

The School of Geography and the Environment and its research institutes are internationally recognised for their excellence in environmental research and scholarship. The historical origins lie in the former School of Geography, the first geography school to be established in the UK, over 100 years ago by Halford Mackinder. The ethos of SoGE is to promote research that is bold, innovative and challenging while remaining committed to the highest standards of scholarship.

Oxford is consistently ranked in the top five universities globally.

Oxford is the oldest university in the English-speaking world.
Outside of the classroom, you’ll have the opportunity to explore the beautiful city and all it has to offer whilst getting to know your classmates and developing a network of international peers and connections for the future.

Some of the social activities planned as part of the programme include:

- Welcome BBQ
- Formal welcome and farewell meals in historic colleges
- Punting
- Quiz night
- Guided tours of the Bodleian library/Ashmolean Museum and central colleges
- Weekend excursion to another city

**The City of Oxford**

Oxford is a relatively small but vibrant city with plenty to keep you busy outside of the classroom. The University of Oxford itself has no central campus: instead, most colleges and departments are based in or near the cosmopolitan city centre and interspersed with shops, places to eat and drink, theatres, museums and galleries. Riverside walks and the oldest botanic garden in the UK are close by. The University Parks, directly behind the School of Geography and the Environment, are a lovely place to sit at lunchtime and during the summer many colleges and city venues host outdoor plays, films and concerts.

The city itself is easy to navigate on foot or by bike, while London is just an hour away by train and there are regular bus links from Oxford to Heathrow and Gatwick airports.

The Ashmolean Museum was the first public museum in the UK
Accommodation will be provided in modern, single en-suite rooms at Wolfson College, a pleasant riverside walk away from the School of Geography and the Environment’s teaching facilities.

Bedrooms are grouped in sets of 4-9 and each group has a shared kitchen/lounge area for eating and socialising.

Breakfast each day, lunches on weekdays and some course-related evening meals are provided. Kitchens at Wolfson will be equipped for self-catering, and hot meals may be available from the college on a cash basis. Oxford city centre has a range of cafes and restaurants to cater to all tastes.
In order to apply for the Summer School, you ought to be able to provide evidence of prior/current undergraduate level study. Applicants will be asked to demonstrate a record of high academic achievement and explain their interest in and motivation for applying to the Summer School.

In order to fully benefit from, and participate in, the Summer School, all participants must be able to provide evidence of proficiency in English at the higher level required by the University (details are available on our website).

To provide the best classroom environment, places on the Summer School are limited to 35 students.

Applications will be assessed and places awarded on an on-going basis.

An application form and further details are available on our website: www.smithschool.ox.ac.uk/education.

Fees

The course fees for the Summer School are £3,300. This includes all teaching, social activities during the week, accommodation and some meals. The fees do not include the cost of travel to and from Oxford, visas, insurance or personal expenses such as laundry. Social activities on weekends are optional (and therefore not included in the course fee) but are subsidised and highly recommended.

We hope to offer some places with partial bursary funding: details will be on our website if there is availability.