

The House of St Gregory & St Macrina

An Ecumenical House for Students and Scholars and a Centre of Studies for Orthodoxy and Christian Unity
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The House of St Gregory & St Macrina Oxford was founded in 1959 by Dr Nicolas Zernov, then Spalding Lecturer in Eastern Orthodox Studies in the University of Oxford, as a residence and place of encounter for Christians of East and West, with the aim of promoting a greater understanding between these traditions. The House is an ecumenical charity and serves also as a centre of studies for Eastern Christianity and Christian unity, and as a meeting place for the Orthodox church and other groups interested in its work.

The House is home to eighteen students and scholars from different backgrounds who have an interest in the House's purpose and wish to experience, and engage with, such a diverse scholarly community. Applications for residence are encouraged from a wide range of both undergraduate and graduate students - Christians, those of other faiths, and those who profess no creed - who are sympathetic with the aim of the House to promote greater understanding of Eastern Orthodox Christianity and to foster exchange between Christians of East and West. Usually there is one social event each term, which all residents are encouraged to attend and at which residents may meet members of the House Council, its governing body, and others who support the mission of the House.

The House supports research in its area of interest and visiting scholars also stay in the House for short periods, especially during the summer vacation. For a moderate charge a guest room is available throughout the year for such visiting scholars or friends of residents. There is a small but fine library rich in materials relating to the Eastern Church. Anyone wishing to use the library should contact the Warden.

The House has close links with the Orthodox community - the Orthodox Church is situated in the garden and there is plenty of opportunity to learn about the Eastern Orthodox tradition. The House also works closely with two sister charities: the Fellowship of St Alban & St Sergius, which is similarly engaged in promoting understanding between the Orthodox and other churches, has its office in the House; and the St Theosevia Centre for Christian Spirituality is at No. 2 Canterbury Road and hosts termly study days which are free for students. Other groups wishing to use the meeting room or library for events should contact the Warden.

The House comprises two large Victorian buildings situated in north Oxford with a large shared garden. Shops, restaurants and cafes are conveniently found on North Parade, just around the corner. Life in the House is informal. Residents live in individual furnished rooms (of varying sizes and rents), with shared facilities, cooking for themselves in common kitchens. There is a washing machine and dryer available for the use of all residents for a small charge. The House also allows residents access for light use to its wireless broadband network without charge, provided that they have their own computer.

Residents are expected to sign a licence agreement normally for the full academic year (that is a minimum period of nine months). Rent is paid in advance in termly instalments and includes utilities. Residents and guests are expected to abide by a few simple House Guidelines aimed at ensuring their safety and wellbeing, which include no smoking.

Those wishing to apply for a room should fill in the accompanying application form and send it to the Warden, together with a letter of reference, following receipt of which applicants will be invited to attend a short, informal interview, usually in mid May. Referees should be college chaplains, tutors or supervisors who know the applicant well. As well as confirming the suitability of the applicant as a tenant, they should be asked to indicate the extent to which they believe the applicant would benefit from and contribute to the kind of community life described. New enquiries are welcome at any time, but for 2024-25 it is recommended that **applications arrive before 8 May**. Interviews will be held shortly thereafter, with a decision expected by the beginning of June. For short term stays during the year or in the summer only, please use the same form and specify dates. If you have any questions about the House, or would like to visit it before applying, please contact the Warden.

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This form, together with a letter of recommendation, should be returned to the Warden, at the above address or by email, as soon as possible.

| APPLICATION FOR RESIDENCE 2024-2025 | |
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| Full Name | |
| Date of Birth | |
| Nationality/Nationalities | |
| College/Institution | |
| Degree, Faculty, Year | |
| Enrolment status (when enrolled, the applicant will be asked to provide confirmation of status) | |
| Permanent Home Address | |
| Contact Details (tel./email) | |
| Referee contact details (please arrange that your referee sends a reference directly to the warden) | |
| Religious affiliation | |
| Interests, Clubs, Societies | |
| Reasons for application | |
| Any other information you would like to add | |

Rents of the rooms in the House vary according to size, and for 2024/2025 are likely to range from £141.50 to £185 per week for single occupancy. If offered a room would you prefer:

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| | a small room |
| | a medium room |
| | a large room |
| | do not mind |

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