



SAID BUSINESS SCHOOL UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

Receptionist

Egrove Park, Kennington and Park End Street, Oxford

Grade 3: £25,748 - £26,638 per annum including the Oxford University Weighting of £1,500 per annum

Fixed-term (to 31 December 2025), full time

Saïd Business School, University of Oxford



The role

Reporting to the Reception Manager, the Reception team are key members of the wider Central Services department. This is a flexible role, consisting of 5 shifts per week, over 7 days. Weekend and occasional evening shifts are a requirement of the role.

The Receptionist will be the first point of contact for people visiting or calling Saïd Business School. It is essential the post holder projects a smart, professional image with a helpful, efficient approach when dealing with colleagues, students and visitors. Excellent administrative and IT skills and a pleasant telephone manner are essential. This is a busy and varied role which requires flexibility and the ability to prioritise and meet deadlines. Previous experience of working in a busy environment as part of a team will be beneficial.

Saïd Business School operates across two sites: Park End Street (City Centre) and Egrove Park (Kennington). The post holder will be required to work at both locations, as required.

Responsibilities

Reception duties

- Greet all visitors to the building in a professional and friendly way ensuring efficiency and high standards of customer service at all times.
- Operate the visitor/contractor access card system.
- Deal with telephone and face to face enquiries efficiently, effectively, appropriately, and politely.
- Work as part of a team to ensure that tasks are completed, communicating with colleagues to ensure that service levels are consistently to a high standard.
- Make travel or accommodation arrangements.

- Ensure that the Reception lobbies are kept clean, tidy and to the required standard.
- Utilise booking system software for seminar and meeting rooms.
- Provide information to staff, participants and students for facilities and local services e.g. transportation, local points of interest etc.
- Accept deliveries, notify recipients, and arrange onward delivery.

Administrative duties

- Ensure stationery stock is replenished appropriately and cost effectively.
- Be responsible for sale and stock control of merchandise and ensure payments are processed accurately.
- Be an active member of the emergency evacuation team, ensuring the safety of staff, participants, and students in the event of incidents or fire alarm evacuation.
- Ensure the contents of first aid kits are maintained and replenished.
- Carry out administrative duties as directed.



Selection criteria

Essential selection criteria

- A good understanding of standard administrative procedures, evidenced by formal qualifications (e.g. NVQ Level 2 Business Administration or RSA Diploma) and/or work experience at a similar level.
- A proven ability to work in a busy and diverse customer-facing role and manage a range of tasks in a timely and efficient manner.
- Excellent written and verbal communications skills with outstanding customer service skills, including a good telephone manner.
- Competency in Microsoft Office, IT systems and use of a telephone switchboard.
- Demonstrable organisational skills, ability to prioritise and work to deadlines.
- Discretion and confidentiality.
- Ability to demonstrate initiative and exercise good judgment.
- A team player, able to work flexibly to support colleagues.
- Proven reliability, with an excellent timekeeping and attendance record.
- Smart and professional appearance.

Desirable selection criteria

- Customer service experience within hospitality, retail or academic environments.
- Relevant experience within the University of Oxford.
- Experience of hospitality software packages.
- First Aid and Fire Marshal training.

Pre-employment screening

Standard checks

If you are offered the post, the offer will be subject to standard pre-employment checks. You will be asked to provide: proof of your right-to-work in the UK; proof of your identity; and (if we haven't done so already) we will contact the referees you have nominated. You will also be asked to complete a health declaration so that you can tell us about any health conditions or disabilities for which you may need us to make appropriate adjustments.

Please read the candidate notes on the University's pre-employment screening procedures at <https://www.jobs.ox.ac.uk/pre-employment-checks>.



About the University of Oxford

Welcome to the University of Oxford. We aim to lead the world in research and education for the benefit of society both in the UK and globally. Oxford's researchers engage with academic, commercial and cultural partners across the world to stimulate high-quality research and enable innovation through a broad range of social, policy and economic impacts.

We believe our strengths lie both in empowering individuals and teams to address fundamental questions of global significance, while providing all our staff with a welcoming and inclusive workplace that enables everyone to develop and do their best work. Recognising that diversity is our strength, vital for innovation and creativity, we aspire to build a truly diverse community which values and respects every individual's unique contribution.

While we have long traditions of scholarship, we are also forward-looking, creative and cutting-edge. Oxford is one of Europe's most entrepreneurial universities and we rank first in the UK for university spin-outs, and in recent years we have spun out 15-20 new companies every year. We are also recognised as leaders in support for social enterprise.

Join us and you will find a unique, democratic and international community, a great range of staff benefits and access to a vibrant array of cultural activities in the beautiful city of Oxford. For more information, please visit www.ox.ac.uk/about/organisation.

Saïd Business School

Saïd Business School blends the best of new and old. We are a vibrant and innovative business school, but yet deeply embedded in an 800 year old world-class university. We create programmes and ideas that have global impact. We educate people for successful business careers, and as a community seek to tackle world-scale problems.

We deliver cutting-edge programmes, including the highly regarded MBA, Executive MBA, a number of specialist MScs, a portfolio of custom

and open programmes and accredited diplomas for executives, and we undertake ground-breaking research that transform individuals, organisations, business practice and society. We are an international and outward looking School with our programme participants coming from more than 50 countries.

We seek to be a world-class business school community, embedded in a world-class University, tackling world-scale problems.

Sustainability

Saïd Business School is committed to the highest standards of environmental sustainability, preserving the planet for future generations and acting in a socially sustainable manner. As an employee you are expected to uphold these commitments in accordance with our Environmental Policy. You can learn more about our organisation's sustainability efforts at:

<https://www.sbs.ox.ac.uk/about-us/school/sustainability>.

Diversity and Inclusion

Oxford Saïd is committed to fostering an inclusive culture which promotes equality, values diversity and maintains a working, learning and social environment in which the rights and dignity of all its staff and students are respected. We recognise that the broad range of experiences that a diverse staff and student body brings strengthens our research and enhances our teaching, and that in order for Oxford to remain a world-leading institution we must continue to provide a diverse, inclusive, fair and open environment that allows everyone to grow and flourish.

Oxford Saïd holds a bronze Athena Swan award to recognise advancement of gender equality: representation, progression and success for all.



Our Values

To better understand our Values, what behaviours demonstrate them and how they are involved in your everyday work we have created the below descriptors.

Transformational

We challenge constructively, provoke thought, and influence and inspire others to develop.

Respectful

We are caring, supportive, appreciative, embrace difference and value each other's opinions.

Entrepreneurial

We embrace and encourage change and innovation. We are creative, flexible and brave.

Collaborative

We are stronger together. We are inclusive, approachable, listen to others and value good communication.

Purposeful

We are a community who believe in sustainable growth, and are responsible, principled and transparent.

Excellence

We are professional, focused and aligned, and have a responsibility to do the very best we can.

Wellbeing

Saïd Business School acknowledge the importance of wellbeing, in enabling people to thrive at work and ensure a work-life balance. It provides a number of initiatives to help support wellbeing and would encourage you to participate. At an individual level, wellbeing means recognising what helps us remain resilient and taking appropriate steps. If we experience difficulties, doing our best to rectify them and making our line manager aware of aspects that they could support us with.

Further information about Saïd Business School is available at www.sbs.oxford.edu.

Social Sciences

Oxford Saïd is a department within the Social Sciences Division, one of four academic Divisions in the University, each with considerable devolved budgetary and financial authority; and responsibility for providing a broad strategic focus across its constituent disciplines.

The Social Sciences Division represents the largest grouping of social sciences in the UK: home to a number of outstanding departments and to the internationally ranked Law Faculty; all are committed to research to develop a greater understanding of all aspects of society, from the impact of political, legal and economic systems on social and economic welfare to human rights and security. That research is disseminated through innovative graduate programmes and enhances undergraduate courses. For more information please visit <https://www.socsci.ox.ac.uk>.



Important information for candidates

Data Privacy

Please note that any personal data submitted to the University as part of the job application process will be processed in accordance with the GDPR and related UK data protection legislation. For further information, please see the University's Privacy Notice for Job Applicants at <https://compliance.admin.ox.ac.uk/job-applicant-privacy-policy>.

The University's Policy on Data Protection is available at <https://compliance.admin.ox.ac.uk/data-protection-policy>.

The University's policy on retirement

The University operates an Employer Justified Retirement Age (EJRA) for very senior research posts at **grade RSIV/D35 and clinical equivalents E62 and E82** of 30 September before the 70th birthday. The justification for this is explained at <https://hr.admin.ox.ac.uk/the-ejra>.

For **existing** employees, any employment beyond the retirement age is subject to approval through the procedures <https://hr.admin.ox.ac.uk/the-ejra>.

There is no normal or fixed age at which staff in posts at other grades have to retire. Staff at these grades may elect to retire in accordance with the rules of the applicable pension scheme, as may be amended from time to time.

Equality of opportunity

Entry into employment with the University and progression within employment will be determined only by personal merit and the application of criteria which are related to the duties of each particular post and the relevant salary structure. In all cases, ability to perform the job will be the primary consideration. No applicant or member of staff shall be discriminated against because of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage or civil partnership, pregnancy or maternity, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation.



Oxford Saïd Exclusive Benefits

Wellbeing initiatives

Oxford Saïd runs an annual Wellbeing Day for all staff. In addition to this, there is yoga, healthy food deliveries, health MOTs and a range of other ad hoc programmes. Our excellent catering facilities provide a high standard of food, including healthy eating and vegetarian options at a subsidised cost.

Staff Summer and Christmas parties

Oxford Saïd like to reward all of their staff for their great work and their Christmas and Summer parties are our way of saying thank you. The Christmas party is for all staff and the summer party is for staff and their immediate family members, because we know how important family is to all of us.

Employee Assistance provider

Validium is an employee assistance and wellbeing consultancy that works in partnership with the Business School to provide staff and their immediate family with a free 24-hour per day helpline providing confidential information and counselling services on personal issues.

University of Oxford Benefits

Annual leave

38 days (inc. public holidays). Long service additional annual leave – up to 5 days per annum, pro rata for part time employees. Previous service within higher education sector can be recognised. An additional scheme enables staff to request to purchase up to 10 additional days in each holiday year.

Salary and salary sacrifice schemes

The University salary and grading structure allows for annual incremental progression until a scale-bar point is reached. This incremental progression is automatic. Additionally, there are salary sacrifice schemes for bicycles and electric cars. See <https://hr.admin.ox.ac.uk/staff-benefits>.

Pension

If you are on an academic or academic related pay scale (grade 6 or above), you are automatically a member of USS. Employer contribution is 14.5% and Employee contribution is 6.1%.

If you are on a pay scale other than academic or academic related (grade 1-5) you are automatically a member of OSPS. Employee contribution can be between 4%- 8% and Employer contribution 6%-10%.

University discounts

All University staff can purchase a NUS Extra discount card for £12 for 12 months (£22 for 2 years, £32 for 3 years) which gives access to numerous exclusive offers and discounts from many popular retailers. There are a wide range of other discounts from external companies available using a university card.

University Club

Membership of the University Club is free for all University staff. The University Club offers social, sporting and hospitality facilities. Staff can also use the University Sports Centre on Iffley Road at discounted rates, including a fitness centre, powerlifting room and swimming pool. See www.club.ox.ac.uk and <https://www.sport.ox.ac.uk/>.

Access to Oxford buildings

Free access to a number of Oxford colleges, Botanic Gardens, Harcourt Arboretum, Wytham Woods and discount at numerous restaurants/shops.





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