

Department of Sociology: Associate Members

This policy supersedes previous arrangements for all department associations, effective from January 2025. Current Associates will continue under the current arrangements until the end of their term of association.

Definition: In recognition of the significant contribution to the Department's work, research and teaching by individuals, the Department of Sociology offers Associate Membership to individuals from either within the collegiate university or typically, another academic/non-academic institution (in the UK or overseas) who have genuine reasons to be associated with the Department for purposes of meaningful collaboration in research activities with colleagues employed by the Department or who have some involvement in the Department's teaching activities.

In addition, Associate Member status may be considered for junior researchers whose contract with Sociology is coming to an end and who are continuing to conduct research with a Sociology member of staff, whereby a Departmental association will benefit this ongoing research activity.

Benefits: As an Associate Member, you will become a valued member of our Department. You will receive:

- Information on all Department seminars, lectures and events.
- A profile on the Department of Sociology website, under 'Associate Members'.
- Those from other institutions can also be entitled to a Bodleian visitor card with access to library facilities and an Oxford email address if there is a strong operational reason.

Associate Members of the Department will not have membership of the Departmental Committee or building access and are not eligible for Department funding and resources. If access to additional resources is required, this must be approved by the Department's Steering Committee.

Conditions: Associate Membership will be conferred and reviewed at least every three years by the agreement of the Department Steering Committee.

Procedure: Before submitting an application, it is essential to have an academic sponsor who is a full member of the Department.

a) Applicants should submit:

- Their CV.
- A completed Associate Membership application form, which includes a short statement of why you are applying for Associate membership and a note of support from your Departmental sponsor.

b) Applications must be approved by the Department's Steering Committee (DSC) – applications should be sent to hr@sociology.ox.ac.uk at least one week before a DSC meeting (in Week 0 and Week 7 of each term).

This policy applies to all Associate Members. Enquiries about Associate Membership should be made to the HR Officer at hr@sociology.ox.ac.uk.