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Dear Colleagues:

We are submitting for your approval a proposal to further UNC-Chapel Hill's partnership with Mansfield College, University of Oxford (Mansfield). The Board approved the proposal for a study abroad agreement in Spring 2010 allowing UNC-Chapel Hill students to participate on Mansfield's Visiting Student Programme. We now seek approval to expand the partnership by establishing a UNC-Chapel Hill faculty-led summer program at Mansfield and hosting a program for Mansfield students at UNC-Chapel Hill.

About Mansfield College

Mansfield is a constituent college of The University of Oxford, a university which is routinely ranked in the top ten worldwide and, depending on the source, ranked first or second in the UK. Mansfield is one of the youngest and smallest of the Oxford colleges having been founded in 1886 under Royal Charter and maintaining total enrollment around 320 students. Mansfield is known for accessibility and prides itself on a history of affording an Oxford education to previously excluded groups. While its original purpose was to train ministers for the Nonconformist, mainly Congregational, churches, Mansfield now provides a largely secular academic environment and admits students from all over the world to read for undergraduate and graduate degrees at Oxford. Mansfield's accessibility lends itself well to international collaboration which has led to mutually beneficial initiatives between Mansfield and UNC-Chapel Hill.

Further Information about Mansfield can be reviewed at: <http://www.mansfield.ox.ac.uk>

The Mansfield College and UNC-Chapel Hill partnership

UNC-Chapel Hill and Mansfield are developing a multi-faceted partnership which will best suit the needs of both institutions. The first initiative stemming from this relationship is UNC-Chapel Hill's participation in Mansfield's Visiting Student Programme (VSP) whereby UNC-Chapel Hill undergraduate students are

formally admitted to study at Mansfield for an academic year. This program was approved in Spring 2010 and the first UNC-Chapel Hill student will study at Mansfield through the VSP during the 2011-12 academic year.

A faculty-led summer program, hosted at Mansfield, is being developed to meet the student demand for such programs in England. In return for Mansfield hosting UNC-Chapel Hill students through the VSP and the faculty-led summer program, UNC-Chapel Hill has been asked to host a small group of Mansfield students for short-term cultural and academic (but not credit-bearing) program. This proposal will address both of these initiatives.

UNC-CHAPEL HILL FACULTY LED SUMMER PROGRAM

Academic overview

We seek approval for a summer program hosted at Mansfield for UNC-Chapel Hill undergraduate students, to commence in 2013 and continue in subsequent years. The program will be structured as a 6-week advanced undergraduate seminar with program participants enrolled in two 3-credit UNC-Chapel Hill courses. On this program, students will have an opportunity to explore a particular academic theme in depth through engaging lectures, intensive discussions, and complementary excursions led by UNC-Chapel Hill faculty with input from University of Oxford faculty.

The program will admit no more than 15 students to ensure small group teaching and the opportunity for undergraduate students to engage intellectually with the UNC-Chapel Hill and Oxford instructors. The minimum GPA requirement for admission to the program will be 3.5. Given that UNC-Chapel Hill courses will be taught, the program will offer UNC-Chapel Hill graded credit.

The program's academic theme will change from year to year allowing for student and faculty participation across the college. Themes likely to be offered in the first three years include Philosophy, Political Science, and the History of Science.

On-site administration and support

A UNC-Chapel Hill faculty member will serve as the program's resident director and professor. Additional academic support will be provided by Oxford professors through a varying combination of co-teaching, guest lectures, and informal discussions. A Mansfield graduate student from a complementary field of study will serve as the program TA to provide academic, logistical, and emergency support for the duration of the program. Having insight into the Oxford experience, the Mansfield TA will help the students acclimate both in and out of the classroom.

Currently, Dr. Carolyn Morningstar, a formally appointed Tutor at Mansfield who is also responsible for managing the VSP, serves as the primary support contact on-site. Dr. Morningstar's involvement includes assistance with securing on-site logistics, identifying appropriate Oxford professors and graduate students to complement the program, and supporting the students and faculty once the program is underway.

The 2013 program

Discussions are underway between the Study Abroad Office and Dr. Alan Nelson from UNC-Chapel Hill's Philosophy department to develop a philosophy-themed program to be offered in 2013. Dr. Nelson will teach two 3-credit upper-level UNC-Chapel Hill Philosophy courses that could satisfy degree requirements for Philosophy majors and PPE minors and could satisfy general education requirements for students from other disciplines.

Oxford tutors Dr. Paul Lodge and Dr. Michael Freeden will augment the philosophy-themed program's curriculum in 2013 through a combination of guest lectures and informal dinner discussions. Dr. Lodge specializes in the history of philosophy, as does Dr. Nelson, and would be available to offer co-teaching support to provide students with a complementary perspective to the historical approach to philosophy. Dr. Freeden specializes in modern political theory and could add a political science dimension to PHIL 370- Political Philosophy which could then be cross-listed as POLI 271- Modern Political Thought.

Facilities and resources

Housing: Students will be provided accommodation in the Ablethorpe Building, one of Mansfield College's primary purpose-built student residences. Located on the edge of the city center, between St Clements and Cowley roads, Ablethorpe is a 10-minute walk to Mansfield. Rooms are single-occupancy with communal bathrooms, kitchen, and lounge facilities. Rooms are furnished and include bed linens.

In the event of an emergency, the porter's lodge is available between 7am and midnight and the live-in Mansfield graduate student will be available between midnight to 7am.

Meals: Cafeteria-style meals are available to the program through the College dining hall. Three meals a day can be offered seven days a week, although the Program will likely choose a reduced arrangement to include lunches Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday and dinners Monday through Friday. The College will also provide three formal gala dinners with a soft drink reception preceding.

Classroom and facilities: A seminar room within the College is available for formal classroom instruction. Students and teaching faculty will also have access to the Ablethorpe lounge 24 hours a day free of charge. This room, equipped with a computer, printer, TV, chairs, tables, sofas, and a tea/coffee maker, may be used for studying, socializing, or hosting informal events.

Library and computing: Students will have access to the Bodleian library, the main research library of the University of Oxford and one of the oldest in Europe. Wi-fi is available throughout the College areas including Ablethorpe. The Ablethorpe lounge has a desktop computer and laser printer intended for student use.

UNC HOSTING MANSFIELD STUDENTS

Background and rationale

In return for Mansfield's logistical and financial support in hosting UNC-Chapel Hill students through the VSP and the proposed summer program, UNC-Chapel Hill has been asked to host an academic and cultural program for Mansfield undergraduate students. Unlike traditional partnerships involving a student exchange

component, Mansfield students are unable to study at UNC-Chapel Hill as exchange students and transfer credits towards their Oxford degree. In order to offer them an international experience and an opportunity to be a part of a large public university in the US South, an alternative program is being developed. Hosting Mansfield students at UNC-Chapel Hill will not only strengthen the partnership between the two institutions and pave the way for further collaboration, but these students will interact with UNC-Chapel Hill faculty, staff, and the community therefore enriching the campus and community.

The program

If this proposal were to be approved, commencing in September 2012, the Study Abroad Office will host a small group of Mansfield students for a four week cultural and academic, though non-credit bearing, program. September has been identified as the most appropriate month because, during this time, Oxford is between sessions and UNC-Chapel Hill is in session. Enrollment will start with two students in the first year and could grow in following years but will not likely exceed five at a given time.

Although the program participants will not receive a transcript nor earn transfer credit for participation in the program, there are several required components.

1. Participants will be connected with a UNC-Chapel Hill professor in their field of study and will be required to engage intellectually through guided readings, academic discussions, and/or research assistance. Fields of study could include English, History, Philosophy, and Political Science.
2. Participants will audit a 4-week portion of an undergraduate class to provide them with an introduction to the American academic system and the culture of the US South. The class will likely be one from the American Studies or History department.
3. Participants will be expected to immerse themselves in student life by taking part in campus activities, programs designed to introduce international students to American culture, and a community service project through the Campus Y.
4. Participants will be provided with the opportunity to attend seminars, lecture series, and excursions to further enhance the academic and cultural components of the program.
5. Participants will synthesize all aspects of their experience into a paper or presentation as a way to summarize and reflect upon what they've learned.

The logistics

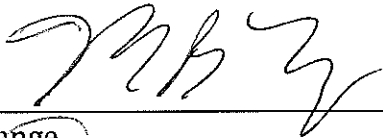
The program participants will be granted official university status either through HR's affiliate status or through official registration with the Registrar's Office. Having official university status will give the program participants access to facilities across campus, including the library.

Program participants will be housed in the on-campus guest apartments managed by University Housing. <http://housing.unc.edu/guests>

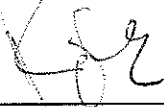
The Office of International Student and Scholar Services will provide immigration advice and support. Program participants will enter the US on a visitor visa with an invitation letter from the Study Abroad Office.

We are happy to provide any further information that you may need to evaluate this proposal.

Yours sincerely,



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