The Mica and Ahmet Ertegun Postgraduate Scholarship Programme in the Humanities



Guidance notes on completing the Supporting Statement

- 1. In order to be considered for an Ertegun Scholarship, each applicant must complete and upload a supporting statement as part of the application for a graduate course. Please check that you have answered all sections, including the three questions in **Section C**.
- 2. **Section A** of the form simply asks you to provide your name.
- 3. **Section B** of the form requires you to provide details of the degree programme to which you are applying. A list of eligible degree programmes is available on the Ertegun Programme website under 'Eligibility' (https://www.ertegun.ox.ac.uk/scholarships#tab-420031). As a general rule, these are courses based within the Humanities Division. **Only degree programmes on this list are eligible.**
- 4. **Section C** is the core of the supporting statement. It asks that you complete three questions concerning your current study and career plans, how you will act as an ambassador for the Humanities, and how you will contribute to Ertegun House as a scholar.
 - a. Question One asks you to explain your current study and career plans and how these will advance the <u>mission</u> of the Ertegun Scholarship Programme. In addressing this question, you should seek to demonstrate the specific skill and knowledge sets you will acquire through your programme of study, as well as how you plan to increase your skills and knowledge outside of this. You may also wish to refer to your motivations and aspirations as well as the specifics of your previous/current and future study or work experience, etc. In addition, you should explain how the specific opportunity of an Ertegun Scholarship would allow you to broaden your perspective(s) within and beyond your research.
 - b. **Question Two** invites you to reflect on how as an Ertegun Scholar and alumnus you could contribute to your own country of origin or home community, and act as an ambassador for the Humanities. In your answer you may wish to demonstrate how you have been an active participant in, or contributor to, the Humanities *before* applying to Oxford, and how you propose to continue, develop, or reimagine your commitment to extending your vision/being an ambassador in the future.
 - c. Question Three asks you to consider how you would contribute to the Ertegun House community during your time in Oxford. This is not restricted to academic interests but may also include the social and cultural life of Ertegun House during your time here. In order to understand the activities of the Ertegun House community, please consult the Programme website and social media channels (Instagram, X, and Facebook).