

## The Voltaire Foundation in Oxford

The Voltaire Foundation was established in Oxford in 1976, with a bequest from Theodore Besterman. Beyond our broad mission to encourage research into the Enlightenment, we have successfully completed many prestigious publishing projects including:

- The *Complete Works of Voltaire* in 205 volumes
- The correspondence of Jean-Jacques Rousseau
- The correspondence of Françoise de Graffigny
- The *Oxford University Studies in the Enlightenment*, numbering to date some 650 volumes, all now available online

### Watch our film

To learn more about our broad mission to encourage research into the Enlightenment, see *Editing Voltaire*.

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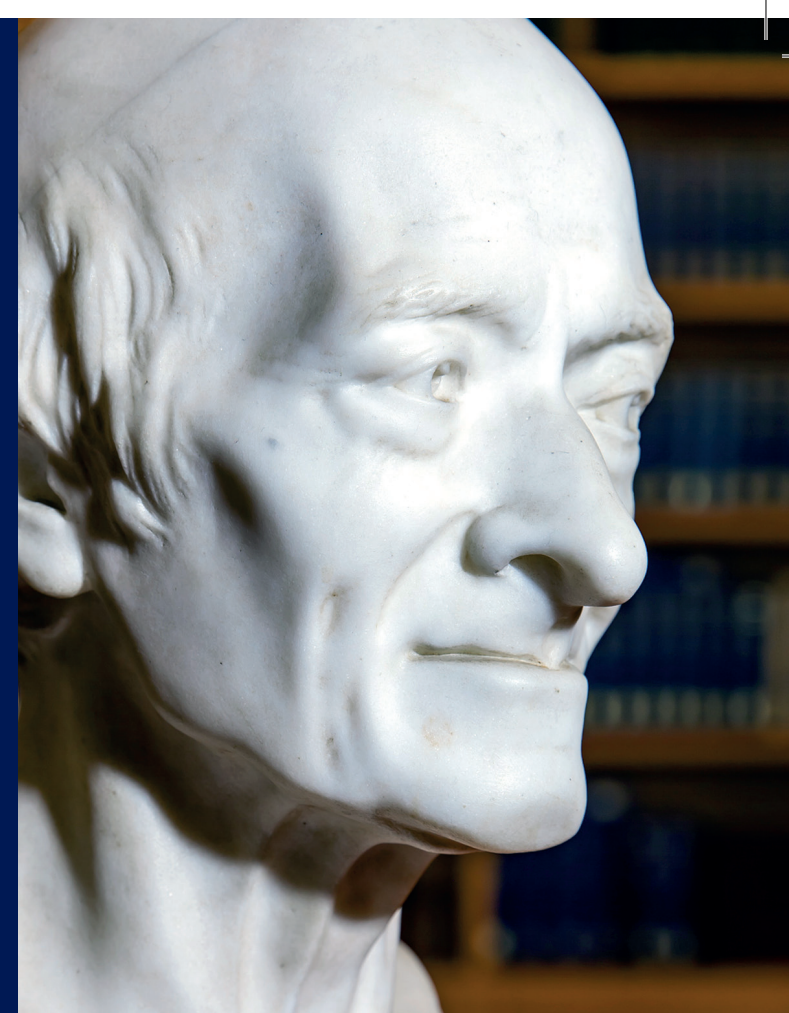


## Enlightenment values in the modern world

In a recent interview, President Macron declared: 'We believe in the Enlightenment!'

Whenever we now speak about toleration or free speech, we are continuing a debate begun in the eighteenth century. The ideas of eighteenth-century *philosophes*, including Voltaire, Montesquieu and Jean-Jacques Rousseau, were a powerful influence on the Founding Fathers when they drafted the US Constitution. Enlightenment thought has remained seminal in the evolution of our modern liberal democracies.

The values of the Enlightenment have never been more relevant or more important.



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## Digital scholarly editing

Building on our international reputation as the pre-eminent publisher of critical editions of French Enlightenment writers, the Voltaire Foundation is now creating exemplary digital editions that possess the same scholarship and authority as the print editions of the past.

We plan to create state-of-the-art digital editions of eighteenth-century writers including Françoise de Graffigny and d'Holbach, as part of an over-arching *Digital Enlightenment* project.

Work has already begun on the first phase: *Digital Voltaire*, an ambitious project to reshape the *Œuvres complètes de Voltaire* into a dynamic digital resource, will enable research into Voltaire's writings in wholly new ways.

## The Voltaire Lab

The Voltaire Foundation's commitment to Digital Humanities gives us a leading role in humanities research in Oxford.

From 1999, the Voltaire Foundation created *Electronic Enlightenment*, a pioneering digital resource bringing together editions of eighteenth-century correspondences.

Now, the resources of our cutting-edge digital scholarly editions will provide ideal research material for experimentation of all kinds. We have created the Voltaire Lab to promote a programme of innovative digital research, exploring new ways of investigating literary, historical and philosophical themes of the Enlightenment.

## A community of Enlightenment researchers

The Voltaire Foundation will help train the next generation of Enlightenment scholars, providing opportunities for students across the Humanities Division to engage with our visiting scholars and researchers. As the originator of *Oxford University Studies in the Enlightenment*, the leading monograph series in the field, we are positioned at the centre of current research activities in our discipline.

The Voltaire Foundation is committed to a programme of Enlightenment studies that is both international and interdisciplinary. Working with the Director and the recently appointed Astra Foundation Research Fellow in Digital Humanities, we now plan to expand our community of Enlightenment researchers to include:

- Visiting fellows
- MSc students on the University's new Master's course in Digital Scholarship
- DPhil students and postdoctoral researchers