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We’re proud to be able to say that Cambridge is one of the best universities in the world, and below are just a few reasons why we hope you’ll consider applying to us.

Top 5

In 2016 in the Academic Ranking of World Universities, QS and Times Higher Education World University Rankings.

90% student satisfaction (National Student Survey 2016).

No. 1

for well-structured courses, tuition in small groups, and helpful/interested staff (Times Higher Education Student Experience Survey 2016).

3 years Cambridge guarantees most students College-owned accommodation for at least three years (see p22-3).

Top 5

Cambridge is one of the top five universities most often targeted by Britain’s leading graduate employers (The Graduate Market in 2016).

150 open days and events in Cambridge each year for you to visit us (see p150-1).

Cambridge Open Days

Whether you know lots about the University or almost nothing, come along to an open day and see for yourself what we have to offer. See p150 and visit our website for information and booking.

6 and 7 July 2017

www.cam.ac.uk/opendays
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Anglo-Saxon, Norse, and Celtic
Archaeology
Archaeology, Assyriology, Biological Anthropology, Egyptology
Architecture
Asian and Middle Eastern Studies
Arabic, Chinese, Hebrew, Japanese, Persian
Chemical Engineering
Classics
Computer Science
Economics
Education
Education, Psychology and Learning, Education, Policy and International Development, Education, English, Drama and the Arts
Engineering
Aerospace and Aeronautical Engineering;
Biomedical Engineering;
Civil, Structural and Environmental Engineering;
Electrical and Electronic Engineering;
Electrical and Information Sciences;
Energy, Sustainability and the Environment;
General Engineering;
Information and Computer Engineering;
Instrumentation and Control;
Mechanical Engineering
English
Geography
History
History and Modern Languages
History and French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Russian or Spanish
Human, Social, and Political Sciences
Politics and International Relations
Social Anthropology, Social Science
Land Economy
Law
Linguistics
Management Studies (final year only)
Manufacturing Engineering (final years only)
Mathematics
Medicine

Choosing a College
History and Politics
History of Art
Human, Social, and Political Sciences
Politics and International Relations
Social Anthropology, Sociology
Land Economy
Law
Linguistics
Management Studies (final year only)
Manufacturing Engineering (final years only)
Mathematics
Medicine

Including Graduate Course in Medicine
Modern and Medieval Languages
French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish
Music
Natural Sciences
Astrophysics; Biochemistry; Biological and Biomedical Sciences; Chemistry; Earth Sciences; Genetics; History and Philosophy of Science; Materials Science; Pathology;
Pharmacology; Physical Sciences; Physics; Physiology;
Development and Neuroscience; Plant Sciences; Psychology;
Psychology, Neuroscience and Behaviour; Zoology
Philosophy

Psychological and Behavioural Sciences
Theology, Religion, and Philosophy of Religion
Veterinary Medicine

More than 65 subjects are offered within our undergraduate courses – see the Index (p156-8) for a full list of subjects.

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www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk
Academic ability and potential
We're looking for students with the academic ability and potential to flourish at the University. Therefore, you should be aiming for excellent examination grades.

• Typical A Level/IB offers and subject requirements are outlined on the relevant course pages (see p40-113).
• Further guidance on entry requirements as well as typical offers for a range of other qualifications can be found on p147-9.

Learning at Cambridge
We're looking for an indication of your ability to think critically and independently, and your willingness to argue logically while keeping your mind open to new ideas as well. You also need self-discipline, motivation, commitment, and the desire and potential to go beyond what you’ve learned so far. See also p10.

Cambridge Explained
Cambridge is one of the best universities in the world, offering undergraduate degree courses (also called Triposes at Cambridge) in the arts and humanities, social sciences, sciences and engineering.

Flexibility
Many of our courses encompass several subjects, which means they’re much more flexible than a lot of specialised courses elsewhere – the Index on p156-8 lists all the subjects we offer and in which course(s).

Exploration
Most courses cover the subject area broadly to start with before allowing you to choose from a range of specialisms – this means you can explore the subject and your strengths and interests fully before you decide which area to focus on.

What are we looking for?
Admissions decisions at the University are based solely on academic criteria – your ability and your potential. We assess everyone individually, which means we look at – and for – different things in different people for different courses. Consequently, there’s no magic formula that will guarantee you’re offered a place. However, all Admissions Tutors are looking for the students who they believe:

• have the most academic ability and potential
• will benefit from and flourish in the Cambridge learning environment
• are best suited to the course they applied for

Suitability and enthusiasm for your course
Finally, we’re looking for students who really want to learn about the subject they’ve applied for and aren’t just interested in the degree at the end, important though this is. Think carefully about your options and which course(s) and subject area(s) you’re most enthused and inspired about studying for the next few years.
Applying to Cambridge:

Six simple steps

If you want to apply to Cambridge, you do so through UCAS. However, at Cambridge the process starts earlier to allow time for all of the application information to be gathered and considered. This section guides you through the application process.

1. Course
You’re going to be studying to a very high level for several years so make sure you choose a course you’re personally interested in and will really enjoy studying! See p38-113 for course information.

2. College
Where would you like to live when you’re here? In your UCAS application, indicate if you have a preference College or if you’re making an open application. See p114-6 for guidance on choosing.

3. Apply
Submit your UCAS application online1 by 15 October2 – our institution code is CAM C05. Soon after, submit your Supplementary Application Questionnaire (SAQ) – a few extra questions requesting information not included in your UCAS application which we find helpful. www.cam.ac.uk/apply

Information used to assess applications
There’s no blueprint for an ideal Cambridge student and we want to give applicants as many opportunities as possible to demonstrate their strengths and potential. Therefore, each application is considered individually and holistically, using all of the following information:
• academic record
• school/college reference
• personal statement
• any written work submitted
• performance in any written assessment
• contextual data
• performance at interview (if interviewed)

Further information
www.cam.ac.uk/apply

4. Written assessment
Most applicants are required to take a written assessment, either pre-interview or at interview (if interviewed). www.cam.ac.uk/assessment

5. Interview
Everyone with a realistic chance of being offered a place is invited to attend an interview. That’s around 75 per cent of applicants each year. If you decide to apply, you can find films and full information about interviews online.

www.cam.ac.uk/interviews

6. Decision
We’ll advise you of our decision before the end of January. See p8.

www.cam.ac.uk/apply

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1 You also need to submit an additional application form if you’re living/attending school/college outside the EU at the time of application (see p8), applying for the Graduate Course in Medicine (see p87), and/or applying for an Organ Scholarship (see p17). Please note that it’s not possible to apply to both the Universities of Cambridge and Oxford in the same year.

2 Other application deadlines apply for those wishing to be considered for interview in particular overseas countries (see p87), and for some mature applicants (see p35).
Excutuating circumstances
If your education has been significantly disrupted or disadvantaged, your school/college referee (or your doctor or social worker, if appropriate) should complete the Extenuating Circumstances Form (available online) by 15 October 2017.

The information provided on the form gives context against which Admissions Tutors can consider your academic record and, if appropriate, your performance at interview.

The sort of extenuating circumstances that this form should be used to advise us of include:
- serious, acute or chronic illness which has led to significant educational disruption
- significant caring responsibilities, or recent bereavement or serious illness within close family
- significant disruption to educational provision at school/college

See online for more details. If you or your referee wish to discuss your particular situation, please contact a College admissions office for advice as early as possible.

Further information
www.cam.ac.uk/apply

Applying from outside the EU
If you're living and/or attending school/college outside the EU at the time of your application, in addition to your online UCAS application you need to submit a Cambridge Online Preliminary Application (COPA).1

If you're attending school/college within the EU at the time of your application (even if you live outside the EU), you don't need to submit a COPA.

For most students, the UCAS application must be submitted by 15 October 2017 and the COPA submitted by 19 October 2017.2

Further information
www.cam.ac.uk/uginternational

Frequently asked questions
What’s the most important part of my application?
Every application is assessed holistically – Admissions Tutors consider all of the information available (see p7) together before making any decisions. While the most recent academic performance carries the greatest weight, the relative importance of each element varies because each student is different. No part of an application is considered in isolation; for example, a student’s performance at interview alone doesn’t determine the outcome of their application.

What extra-curricular activities will help my chances of admission?
As our admissions decisions are based on academic criteria (ability and potential), your participation (or not) in specific extra-curricular activities isn’t taken into account (unless it’s relevant to the course you’re applying for) and doesn’t affect your chances of being made an offer of a place at Cambridge.

However, when composing your personal statement you should consider the importance that your other university choices may place on extra-curricular activities.

What work experience do I need to have?
Work experience isn’t expected or required. However, for vocational courses, such as Medicine and Veterinary Medicine, having some relevant work experience is useful and recommended. It demonstrates commitment to your intended career and gives you the opportunity to acquire greater understanding of the realities and pressures associated with that career.

1 There’s an overseas application fee associated with the COPA, as well as an interview fee for those interviewed overseas. See the website for more information.
2 Other application deadlines apply for those wishing to be considered for interview in particular overseas countries (see p37).
Teaching and Learning: A world class provision

We provide unparalleled learning opportunities for our students. Not only are you taught in the lecture theatre by academics who are experts in their field, but our supervision system means that you receive more personal tuition from them too.

The Cambridge Advantage: Academic excellence

We’re committed to encouraging and developing enquiring minds, and Cambridge is known and respected across the globe for the excellence of our teaching and research, and the quality of our graduates.

No. 2
in the world for academic reputation (QS World University Rankings 2016).

Supervisions
provide regular small-group tuition with subject specialists.

95% student satisfaction with library and IT resources (National Student Survey 2016).

How you’re taught

The University faculty or department arranges lectures, seminars and practicals that students from all Colleges attend together. Your College also arranges supervisions (see opposite) for you. However, as at all universities, there’s much greater emphasis on independent and self-directed study here compared to school or college.

Each academic year consists of three eight-week terms. As the terms are short, the pace and volume of work is likely to be greater than you’re currently used to.

During term time, you’re expected to spend an average of 46 hours a week on your academic studies (including teaching/contact time and independent study), and you also need to undertake some work during the vacations (eg further reading/research, revision, assignments).

Every student adjusts to this new workload in their own way and time, and there are plenty of people who can offer advice and support while you get settled in and throughout your degree (see p24-7).

Teaching methods

Lectures
The core
Lectures act as a starting point for your own research and typically last around 50 minutes. Depending on the subject anywhere up to several hundred students may attend. Many lecturers are leading academics working at the forefront of their field, so lectures are a fantastic opportunity to find out about the latest research.

Seminars and classes
More detail
These are usually for medium-sized groups (eg 10-30 students), last between one and two hours, and provide the opportunity to explore particular topics in more detail. They’re led by academics but you’re expected to actively contribute to the discussions.

Practicals
Hands-on
Sometimes called ‘labs’ or laboratory classes. Practical work on some courses may be assessed.

Supervisions
In-depth exploration
This system of more personal tuition is one of our greatest strengths. Supervisions provide the opportunity to explore your subject more deeply, discuss your own work and ideas, and receive regular feedback.

• Supervisions are small-group sessions (most often for between one and three students) that are organised by your Director of Studies (see p24).

• Supervisors are specialists in particular subject areas (they may be one of the country’s or world’s leading authorities), so you go to different supervisors throughout your course as what you’re studying changes.

• Typically, you have one or two hour-long supervisions each week, though the frequency varies from course to course.

• You do some preparation for each supervision, usually reading, writing an essay or working on some problems. In the session, you get feedback on your work and discuss your ideas.

Field trips, study visits, language courses
Several courses include opportunities to go on field trips, study visits or language courses. Naturally, where you go, how long for and what you do varies depending on your course. The faculties, departments and Colleges often have funds available to help you go on trips in Britain and abroad.

Independent research
Dissertations, research projects
A chance to carry out your own research, test out theories and put forward your own ideas. Your work might even get published while you’re still an undergraduate.

Study abroad
Some courses include the opportunity to study abroad through exchange programmes with other leading institutions.

Work experience
Some courses include a period of work experience, giving you a chance to explore potential career paths and possibly leading to the opportunity of a job after you graduate.

Refer to the individual course outlines (p40-113) and faculty/department websites for more details about teaching.

Further information
www.cam.ac.uk/courses
Facilities and resources

We admit the most academically able and motivated students to our courses and provide them with inspiring teaching that's world class. We're also confident that we offer the best resources and facilities to support their learning.

Libraries
You certainly won't be short of libraries at Cambridge – the collegiate University has more than 100!
- College libraries contain standard course texts and other related materials.
- Faculty and department libraries offer more specialised collections and electronic resources for particular subjects.
- The main University Library (or UL) is a legal deposit library holding more than eight million books, journals and other documents ranging in age from 3,000-year-old manuscripts to the latest electronic articles.
- You can use the online Spacefinder tool to find out about libraries and other study spaces across the city.
To ensure you get the most from the University's libraries, the UL and many of the College, faculty and department libraries offer practical sessions and one-to-one help. These include introductory tours, sessions to highlight the resources available for particular disciplines and information skills classes.

Language Centre
The Language Centre provides language-learning opportunities to all students wishing to take up or continue a language. Our Language Programme (CULP) offers taught courses at various levels in a number of languages and we also run a popular conversation exchange scheme with native speakers and conversation sessions for students to maintain their spoken ability.
For international students, we offer an academic English support programme.
Our range of static and interactive resources includes books, CDs, foreign films and online programmes. In addition, the John Trim Centre houses self-study resources in more than 170 languages (including English) and a dedicated Advising Team is available to help and advise.

Further information
www.langcen.cam.ac.uk

Museums and collections
Cambridge has nine specialist museums and collections, all of which are open to students and the public. The fascinating exhibits range from dinosaurs to modern art, and rock samples to Rembrandt. Even if none relate directly to your course, a look at the whale skeletons, classical sculpture or the totem poles from Vancouver has to add something to your time in Cambridge!

Further information
www.cam.ac.uk/museums

Computing and IT
Your College and department, together with the University Information Services (UIS), provide computing facilities to help you with your academic work.
Most student rooms are connected to the University network and internet, and wireless hotspots are available throughout the University and Colleges. In addition, all Colleges and many departments have computer suites offering a range of general and specialist software, as well as printers and scanners.
The UIS offers comprehensive support, including:
- a service desk
- an email account and central file storage
- free training courses (introductory to advanced levels)
- Assistive Technology advice and training for users with specific requirements

Further information
www.uis.cam.ac.uk/for-students

I chose to study my course at Cambridge because it would let me obtain a ‘broad grounding’ before specialising in the final year. The teaching was something that attracted me too – the one-on-one supervisions are a perfect way to ask all those questions you’re dying to have answered. The Faculty and Library staff are supportive and resourceful in helping students in any way possible, and the Faculty Library is such a wonderful and open work environment.
Laura, Cumbria
The Cambridge Advantage: Work hard, play hard

Cambridge isn't just about academic work – it’s important that you have time out from your studies and get involved socially too! We encourage our students to take advantage of the social/recreational opportunities here, as well as the academic ones.

100s of student clubs and societies to choose from.

No. 1 for good extra-curricular activities/societies (The Student Experience Survey 2016).

80+ sports, with opportunities to get involved at any level.

We have a great social scene here. There’s loads going on within the University and Colleges, and with students accounting for about a fifth of the city’s overall population, this makes Cambridge a great place to be a student.

Tailored teaching, specialised facilities and learning from the world’s leading academics are what make Cambridge a spectacular institution at which to be an undergraduate. Not only is the teaching excellent, but with hundreds of student societies, world class sports, debating, performances, art and more, this vibrant city is bursting with opportunities.

As your central students’ union, CUSU is here to ensure that the student experience is as fulfilling as possible and that you have access to the resources and information needed to make the most of your time here. As officers elected by you, we represent your interests on committees, offer essential professional services, and provide welfare support and training.

Students are always welcome to pop into the CUSU offices for a chat with the Sabbatical Officer Team – tell us how you want to shape the University and we’ll help you to do it.

The CUSU Team wishes you all the best in your application.

Amatey Doku
CUSU President
Other media societies include:
- training in many aspects of radio. University members and offers Cam FM, which is presented by award-winning radio station, Eddie Izzard and Nina Ansary – speak alongside students.
- Other political societies include:
  - Model United Nations
  - Cambridge Defend Education
  - TEDxCambridgeUniversity

Further information like-minded people.

Rachel, Birmingham
Sport

The sports scene at Cambridge is huge. Whether you want to improve your health, try a new activity, become a coach/match official, train for competitions or represent the University in your sport, we can help you to achieve your goals.

There are more than 100 sporting clubs and societies to choose from. Just about every sport you can think of is catered for, including team games, water sports, martial arts, racket sports and extreme sports. Many clubs exhibit at the Societies (Freshers’) Fair and have taster sessions at the beginning of the year so you can find out more.

More than 80 sports including:
- American football
- athletics
- badminton
- basketball
- capoeira
- caving
- cheerleading
- cricket
- cycling
- diving
- golf
- gymnastics
- handball
- hockey
- ice hockey
- kayaking
- kickboxing
- mixed martial arts
- modern pentathlon
- motor sports
- netball
- orienteering
- powerlifting
- rugby
- skiing
- snowboarding
- squash
- swimming
- trampolining
- triathlon
- Ultimate Frisbee
- volleyball
- water polo
- windsurfing

Sport for all levels

There are College teams offering opportunities for novices and experts alike to compete in inter-College leagues and cup competitions. Alternatively, you may want to try out for one of the University teams and represent Cambridge against other universities, and local and national club sides.

Facilities

The University’s state-of-the-art Sports Centre houses a 37m x 34m hall that provides for sports including archery, badminton, basketball, five-a-side football, trampolining, volleyball and more.

In addition, the Sports Centre offers:
- a multi-purpose room for floor-based sports such as martial arts, fencing and dance
- a team training room with a training rig
- an Astroturf strip
- a permanent boxing ring
- five glass-backed squash courts
- rugby fives courts
- a Fitness, Strength and Conditioning Suite

The Fitness Suite is equipped with the latest cardiovascular and strength training equipment, and the Strength and Conditioning Room consists of eight Olympic lifting platforms and a plyometric track.

Subject to funding, future developments will add indoor and outdoor tennis courts and a 50-metre swimming pool.

The University also has:
- a floodlit UK Athletics grade 1 athletics track
- a floodlit, sand-dressed hockey ground
- Fenner’s Cricket and Tennis Ground (home to the MCCU Cambridge Centre of Cricketing Excellence)

Colleges also provide facilities for traditional team games and sports such as tennis and rowing, and many have their own gym and other sports facilities too. There are several sports centres, gyms and pools around the city as well.

Financial support

Some financial support is available for students studying at the University who play competitive sport at a high level or wish to progress within coaching or officiating. For further details see the Sports Service website.

Further information

www.sport.cam.ac.uk

www.cam.ac.uk/studentlife

www.cam.ac.uk/studentlife
In and around Cambridge

Cambridge is a beautiful city, one that combines and embraces the old and the new. You’re surrounded by historic architecture as well as ultra-modern buildings. It has the welcoming feel of a small town with the variety and energy of a larger city.

Music
Live music is a big part of life in both the city and University. There’s something on offer for every taste; from buskers in the street and gigs in pubs, to classical concerts and big name acts. Among many others, You Me At Six, the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, Slaves, Birdy, Two Door Cinema Club, The Shires, Jamie Lawson, Primal Scream, Rebecca Ferguson and Laura Mvula have all performed in Cambridge during the last year.

The city also hosts a growing number of music festivals. Most well-known is the Folk Festival, but others include the Jazz Festival, Jazz and Brass in the Parks, the Rock Festival, and the Buskers and Street Performers Festival.

Pubs, clubs and restaurants
Cambridge is known for its great range of pubs – there are more than 100 before you even start to count the dozens of College and University bars! There are also several clubs offering the various music nights you’d expect, as well as cheap entry and offers for students.

There’s a great selection of places to eat too. Something for any mood, palate, occasion and price range. Better still, your Cambridge student card gets you discounts and special deals at numerous restaurants and cafés.

Shopping
Within Cambridge’s three shopping centres and the city centre streets, most high street names are represented, as well as many independent shops and boutiques. The daily market on Market Square sells everything from jewellery and vintage clothes to bread and fruit; and at the weekend there are also farmers’ and arts and crafts markets.

In addition, in the vibrant and eclectic range of shops, cafés and restaurants on Mill Road you can find just about anything from just about anywhere in the world and to suit any budget, all on one street!

Outside the city
If you want to explore further afield, London is just 50 minutes away by train and there’s plenty to discover in the region, for example:
- numerous walking and cycling routes
- punt up river to Grantchester
- Ely and its cathedral
- various local National Trust and English Heritage properties
- nature reserves, wildlife parks and zoos
- karting, a real snow slope, and indoor skydiving

Further information
www.visitcambridge.org

Entertainment and comedy
However you like to spend your time, there’s always something to keep you entertained. Cambridge has four theatres, three cinemas, and two major entertainment venues – The Junction and The Corn Exchange – offering varied programmes which include comedy, drama, dance, concerts and club nights.

Those into comedy won’t be disappointed as, along with student groups and the annual Comedy Festival in July (featuring many Edinburgh previews), Cambridge regularly attracts top stand-up acts – in the last year the city’s hosted comedians including Josie Long, Nathan Caton, Adam Hills, Ross Noble, Romesh Ranganathan, Henning Wehn, Stewart Lee, Rob Beckett, James Acaster, Jonathan Pie, Sara Pascoe, Joe Lycett and Zoe Lyons.

The city also offers numerous other events, fairs and festivals throughout the year, including:
- Watersprite International Student Film Festival
- History Festival
- Literary Festival
- Eat Cambridge Festival
- Beer Festival
- Strawberry Fair
- Midsummer Fair
- Shakespeare Festival
- Film Festival
- Dragonboat Festival
- Mill Road Winter Fair
Accommodation: A home from home

At Cambridge, the Colleges provide student accommodation for most undergraduates for at least three years. Much more than just a half of residence, your College is also where you do a lot of your studying and socialising.

The Cambridge Advantage: Accommodation guarantee

Cambridge guarantees most students College-owned accommodation for three years, and many Colleges provide for fourth-year students too. This means that you don’t have to find private accommodation after your first year. In addition:

Shorter contracts
Colleges offer shorter annual accommodation contracts (27-39 weeks), so you don’t pay rent during the vacations unless you choose to stay in Cambridge.

Top 10 for good accommodation

Not far to travel
College accommodation is close to the city centre and within walking or cycling distance of departments.

Where is the accommodation?
Some Colleges have all their accommodation on their main College site. Others have some on their main site plus a range of College-owned flats/houses around the city. Either way, most accommodation is within easy walking or cycling distance of the University departments and facilities, and the city centre. See the map on p154-5 for locations.

What’s the accommodation like?
Colleges have a variety of accommodation available – rooms vary from medieval to modern, and you usually have a choice of en suite or shared bathroom facilities. Whatever the style, you have a room of your own and access to a shared kitchen and laundry room. All Colleges provide a library and computer suite too (see also p12).

Somewhere to relax
The main social hub of every College is its common room and bar (also known as a JCR, or Junior Common/Combination Room). Many offer TVs, newspapers, pool tables or computer games.

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Somewhere to eat
At Cambridge, you don’t have to choose between ‘catered’ or ‘self-catered’ accommodation. Basic self-catering facilities are available if you want to cook for yourself, and all Colleges provide dining facilities where you can buy cafeteria-style meals as well as three-course dinners (known as ‘formal halls’) at a reasonable price (see p29).

The Colleges encourage communal dining; it’s a chance to catch up with friends and meet new people. A small number of Colleges require you to have a certain number of meals in the Buttery or dining hall each term (see College websites for details).

Porters
Every College has a team of Porters to maintain the safety and security of staff and students. One of the linchpins of College life, the Porters are often a first point of call about any problems in College or if you need any information.

How much does it cost?
The cost varies from College to College, and usually depends on the type and style of your room (size, en suite etc) but the cost generally covers utilities (water, electricity, heating), cleaning, internet access and basic self-catering facilities. The table below shows how our accommodation costs compare to regional and national average costs for university-provided accommodation. You must refer to individual College websites for full details. See p28-31 for more information about costs at Cambridge.

Further information
www.cam.ac.uk/accommodation

How does Cambridge compare?

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1 Accommodation guarantee applies to single undergraduates without children at all Colleges except St Edmund’s. All single undergraduates without children are usually expected to live in College-owned accommodation where possible and all students must ordinarily be available to study in Cambridge for the full duration of their course (with the exception of a year abroad where part of the course).
2 Figures based on the most common College accommodation contract length (30 weeks) in 2016-17 – see individual College websites for full details and costs.

Kiran, Corby

College life is nice; it gives you a good environment to meet a whole cross-section of people from around the world with their own unique interests and passions. I’ve made a lot of very good friends here and found it to be a friendly, inclusive place.

www.cam.ac.uk/accommodation
If you need a bit of extra support while at the University, we have an extensive welfare system in place, and consistently one of the lowest drop-out rates in the UK as a result.

The Cambridge Advantage: A supportive environment

As well as being part of our large University, you’re also part of a smaller College community. There are various University services and within your College you have a number of people looking out for your academic and personal welfare and supporting you throughout your time at Cambridge. Therefore, students who are struggling with a particular problem or feeling a bit lost won’t go unnoticed.

College welfare

Director of Studies

Your Director of Studies (DoS) is an expert in your subject and usually a Fellow of your College (a senior member of the College whose main duty is teaching, administration or research). Appointed to look after your academic welfare, they:

- advise you on your subject and course choices
- help arrange your supervisions
- monitor your progress and help with any problems arising from your studies

They’re also involved in the admissions process and will probably interview you if you apply.

Tutor

As well as a DoS, you have access to a College Tutor, who’s also an academic but normally in a different subject from yours. They’re there to protect your interests and provide pastoral support, and can advise you on any personal or financial matters.

College staff

Colleges have a variety of people you can turn to for medical or personal support (or just a cup of tea and a chat), such as a nurse, counsellor, and/or chaplain.

Students supporting students

Throughout the University and Colleges, there’s an extensive student-run welfare network. Cambridge University Students’ Union (CUSU) provides an independent, professional and confidential Advice Service, offering information, support and impartial advice by phone, by email or in person at the CUSU Office. CUSU also runs campaigns and initiatives about issues surrounding mental health, sexual health and disabilities. As every student is a member of the Students’ Union, CUSU seeks to represent them all effectively.

In addition, every College students’ union has its own welfare officer or team, and many Colleges assign ‘College parents’ (students in other years) to new students to help them settle in and find their feet.

Further information

www.studentadvice.cam.ac.uk

Counselling

The University’s Counselling Service offers a free and confidential service to all students at the University. Professional counsellors and mental health advisers are available to talk through any personal or emotional concerns that you might have during your time at the University. More information, as well as a wide range of self-help resources, is available from the Service’s website (www.counselling.cam.ac.uk).

Student parents and childcare

The University’s Childcare Office operates the Information Service that provides comprehensive guidance on family-related matters such as childcare, schooling, health care, financial support and local community resources. The Childcare Office also oversees the facilities and assistance available to student parents, including the West Cambridge Nursery and the Holiday Playscheme.

Some Colleges can provide family accommodation (see the individual College websites). Where this isn’t available, please refer to the central Accommodation Service (www.accommodation.cam.ac.uk).

Further information

Childcare Office

01223 332249
childcare@admin.cam.ac.uk
www.childcare.admin.cam.ac.uk

I’ve needed a fair bit of support at Cambridge, due to mental and physical illnesses. During a particularly difficult time, when I’d been quite ill, my College organised for a Junior Research Fellow from my faculty to help me plan how I was going to get through everything.

One of the most important things I learnt at Cambridge was to prioritise my health — both physical and mental. Studying at Cambridge can be pretty demanding and it’s important to make a bit of time for yourself. It’s perfectly fine to spend a day in bed watching rubbish TV, or take an afternoon off to wander around the Botanic Gardens.

Frances, Portsmouth
Disabled students

The Disability Resource Centre (DRC) offers guidance, information and support, and is an essential contact for disabled applicants and/or applicants with a Specific Learning Difficulty or long-term health condition. The DRC supports individuals with an impairment/disability or long-term health condition, including those with:

- Specific Learning Difficulties (including dyslexia and dyspraxia)
- physical/mobility impairments (including wheelchair users and upper limb disorder/RSI)
- sensory impairments (eg hearing, visual)
- mental health difficulties (eg depression, anxiety disorder)
- long-term illnesses/health conditions (eg cancer, chronic fatigue syndrome, HIV, diabetes, epilepsy)
- Asperger syndrome, autism and ADHD

As a Cambridge student, you need to make appropriate adjustments to the interview process, if needed. If a particular College meets your specific requirements we recommend you apply to that College rather than make an open application (see p116).

Location and accessibility

Students are based in Colleges for day-to-day living and go to a faculty/department for lectures, practical work etc. Therefore, we encourage you to visit before applying to assess the suitability of your intended College and department, including their locations relative to each other.

The DRC’s online Disability Access Guide is a useful starting point for information regarding facilities and accessibility (www.cam.ac.uk/accessguide).

Study and academic support

With your agreement, the DRC liaises with relevant University staff before you start to ensure that appropriate support requirements are established. If you require support workers such as note-takers, specialist one-to-one study skills tutors or mentors, the DRC’s Non-Medical Help (NMH) Scheme may be able to help.

Examination access arrangements

If you require specific arrangements for examinations (such as additional time, someone to write on your behalf and/or use of a computer), the DRC Team can advise how to organise such arrangements via your College Tutorial Office.

Specific Learning Difficulties (SpLDs) including dyslexia and dyspraxia

If you have a SpLD you must have a current diagnostic assessment report as evidence for obtaining appropriate adjustments. Information about diagnostic assessments is available from the DRC’s SpLD Team and on the DRC website.

Financial support

Currently, UK students can apply for Disabled Students’ Allowances (DSAs) to cover some of their support costs. It’s important that you begin the application process for DSAs as soon as possible to ensure any available support is in place for the start of term. In addition, there are specific University funds that disabled students from the UK, EU and overseas may apply for (see the DRC website for details). The DRC can advise offer-holders on appropriate funding applications.

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Alternative formats

The information in this publication can be found on our website at: www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk. However, if you’d like some information in an alternative format (eg large print) please contact the Cambridge Admissions Office to discuss your requirements.

Cambridge Admissions Office

01223 333308
admissions@cam.ac.uk
www.cam.ac.uk/admissions

Care leavers

There’s a wide range of support available for care-leaver students at the University, including financial assistance (eg some care leavers are eligible for a higher level of Cambridge Bursary) and a guarantee of 365-day accommodation (if required).

In order to ensure you get the support available to you as a care leaver, you should indicate in your UCAS application that you have spent time in care. When you arrive in Cambridge, the Cambridge Admissions Office’s Widening Participation Team will also get in touch to provide you with more information.

If you are or have been in care, or you’re supporting a young person currently or previously in care and would like more information about visiting or studying at the University and the support available, please see the website or contact the Widening Participation Team.

Further information

Widening Participation Team

01223 766872
realise@admin.cam.ac.uk
www.cam.ac.uk/careleavers
Money: Financing your studies

The Cambridge Advantage: Value for money

Going to university is an investment in your future so, financially speaking, why should you consider Cambridge?

Cost effective

Student living costs (eg travel and accommodation) at Cambridge are competitive and our plentiful resources help to keep study costs low too.

Extensive support

The University and Colleges offer an extensive programme of financial support to ensure our students can meet the costs of their Cambridge degree, regardless of background.

Tuition fees

Tuition fees for students qualifying for Home fee status1 are regulated and capped by the government. Cambridge’s current policy is to charge fees at the maximum level permitted, which is anticipated to receive an annual inflationary uplift. 2

We’re committed to providing a world class education and access to the very best teachers, resources and support. Therefore, we invest significantly more than the amount of the capped fee on each student every year.

Cambridge tuition fees for Home fee status students starting their first undergraduate degree3 in 2018 are likely to be higher than for those starting in 2017 (£9,250), all these students should expect their tuition fees to rise year on year in line with inflation.

Currently, such students can take out a government loan for their tuition fees. If you do this you can defer payment of the loan until after you’ve left university and are earning a certain minimum salary, at which point you’ll start to repay the loan in instalments. Refer to the appropriate student finance award agency for details of tuition fee support (see p31).

The fee status of EU nationals for 2018 entry onwards has yet to be determined by the UK government. EU students should regularly check for updates at: www.cam.ac.uk/eu.

If you’re from outside the EU,1 please see p32.

EU students should regularly check for updates at: www.cam.ac.uk/eu. Specific additional course costs can be found on the relevant faculty or department website – see course entries for web links (p40-113).

The University’s numerous libraries and IT facilities (see p12) help to keep your costs down and many Colleges and some departments offer grants to help with particular costs.

Personal expenses

What you spend on food, clothing, transport etc depends on your lifestyle. However, there are lots of free recreational facilities plus loads of College-based and student-run activities that don’t cost very much.

What’s more, Cambridge is a small place so transport is cheap or free: most students walk or cycle everywhere and there’s a ‘Universal’ bus service that offers discounted fares to students.

Cost-effective living

‘Living costs’ cover whatever you need to pay for, excluding tuition fees, while you’re at university. For example accommodation, food, course costs/study materials, personal expenses and transport.

We’ve estimated that in 2017-18 students should allow approximately £8,960 for living costs in Cambridge for the year (though this will vary depending on lifestyle, and students should allow for increases in future years).

Accommodation

See individual College websites for details about accommodation and costs. As a rough guide, the rent for a 30-week year for single study bedrooms1 is currently as follows:

- £105-£180 per week with shared bathroom
- £130-£190 per week with en suite

See also p22-3 for general information about accommodation.

Food

Colleges provide basic self-catering facilities as well as cafeterias/dining halls (see also p23). Some levy a separate charge towards the running costs of the College kitchens – the kitchen facilities charge – while others include this within their accommodation costs.

- Individual meals typically cost £3-£6.
- Many Colleges have regular ‘formal halls’ (three-course dinners) that are also great value at around £8-£15.

Additional course costs

The cost of study materials varies depending on your course but may include:

- equipment (eg calculators, lab coat)
- photocopying
- study materials (eg paper, pens, books)
- travel costs (eg field or dissertation research trips)

The level of additional course costs will usually increase annually in line with inflation, except where a rise in directly attributable expenses warrants an above-inflation uplift.

Figures based on the most common College accommodation contract (30 weeks) in 2016-17 – see individual College websites for full details and costs.

1 Islands students (from the Channel Islands and Isle of Man) are usually classified as overseas students and so charged tuition fees at the overseas rate (see details on p37 and at: www.cam.ac.uk/ugtuitionfees). As overseas students, Islands students also have to pay College fees in addition to tuition fees (see p37).
2 Using the Office for Budgetary Responsibility forecast for RPI-X.
3 Students undertaking a year abroad pay a different fee during their year abroad (www.cam.ac.uk/ugtuitionfees).
4 Students studying for a second undergraduate degree should refer to the website for information regarding fees (www.cam.ac.uk/ugtuitionfees).
5 Figures are per year unless otherwise stated, and you should allow for increases in subsequent years.

www.cam.ac.uk/studentfinance

Money
Financial support
You now have a reasonable idea of the costs involved in studying at Cambridge, but what about financial support? Well, there’s a range of help available, including:
• government student loans for tuition fees and living costs
• the Cambridge Bursary Scheme
• College awards
Some support is currently available to all Home fee status students. Eligibility for other funding depends on your financial circumstances. Arrangements can also vary depending on where you’re from (England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, or Wales) so please refer to the appropriate student finance authority for details and guidance (see opposite).

The table opposite outlines the types and levels of support that first-time undergraduates from England may be able to access in 2017-18 but if you’re from elsewhere in the UK similar types of support may be available to you too (information correct at the time of printing, refer to the relevant student finance authority for details and latest figures).

Cambridge Bursaries
We don’t want financial considerations to stop you applying to the University and are committed to providing the financial support you need while you’re here. Cambridge Bursaries are available to UK students studying for their first undergraduate degree to support living costs.1
• If your household income is £25,000 per year or less you’re eligible for the maximum non-repayable Cambridge Bursary, currently of £3,500 per year.
• If your household income is between £25,001 and £42,620 per year you’re currently eligible for a partial non-repayable Cambridge Bursary.
• There’s no limit to the number of Bursaries available.
• You’re automatically considered for a Cambridge Bursary if you’re financially assessed by your student finance authority.

Further information
www.cam.ac.uk/cambridgebursary

College awards
Additional sources of funding may be available from your College, such as:
• book and equipment grants to help with specific study-related costs
• scholarships and prizes for academic or other achievements
• travel grants for academic work and personal enrichment
• grants and loans to help deal with unforeseen financial difficulties
Information on any such funds is available from each College (www.cam.ac.uk/collegeawards).

Part-time work
The University takes the view that our students should not work during term-time – it’s important that you have an appropriate work-life balance, and we offer a range of financial support to ensure you don’t have to. However, there may be a few opportunities available within the University and Colleges that are an exception to this, such as working in the College bar, College library or as a student helper during open days.

Financial support for students from England at Cambridge 2017-18

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<th>Support</th>
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| Government  
Tuition Fee Loan | Tuition fees | If you’re studying for your first undergraduate degree | Up to £9,250 | Yes, but only after you’ve left university and are earning a minimum salary |
| Government  
Maintenance Loan | Living costs | Dependent on your household income | Up to £8,430 | Yes, but only after you’ve left university and are earning a minimum salary |
| Cambridge  
Bursary2 | Living costs | If your household income is £42,620 per year or less | Up to £3,500 per year (up to £5,600 for some care leavers and some mature students) | No |
| Cambridge College  
awards and scholarships | Prizes for academic or other achievements | College and award dependent |
| Cambridge College  
grants and loans | To help with specific costs or unexpected financial difficulties | College and award dependent |

Please note that you’re strongly advised to apply for financial support as early as possible. Applications for government support will open early in 2018 and you don’t need a confirmed place at a university to apply for this.

Student finance award agencies
Government financial support arrangements can vary according to where you’re from in the UK. Please refer to the relevant organisation for the most up-to-date information and guidance: Information about government financial support is correct at the time of printing but is subject to change and/or government approval.

Student Finance England  
0300 100 0607  
www.gov.uk/studentfinance

Student Finance NI  
0300 100 0077  
www.studentfinanceni.co.uk

Student Awards Agency Scotland (SAAS)  
0300 555 0505  
www.sass.gov.uk

0300 200 4057  
www.studentfinancewales.co.uk

Student Finance Services Non UK Team  
+44 (0) 141 243 3570  
www.gov.uk/studentfinance

1 Non-UK/EU nationals should regularly check online for updates (www.cam.ac.uk/eu). For information about costs and support for international/overseas students including those from the islands (Channel Islands/Ile of Man), see p57.
2 Details are correct at the time of printing for 2016-17 – please refer to the Cambridge Bursary Scheme website for updates (including information for non-UK EU nationals).
Careers:
Transforming your future

Cambridge has one of the highest proportions of graduates entering graduate-level employment or further study in the country. In addition, the Careers Service promotes more vacancies each year than there are Cambridge graduates seeking employment.

The Cambridge Advantage: Graduate prospects

No.1 in the world for employer reputation (QS World University Rankings 2016).

1,500+ internships and vacation placements available each year to provide valuable work experience.

200+ careers events and briefing and skills sessions typically offered by the Careers Service each year.

Career destinations

Our courses are respected all over the world and Cambridge graduates of all disciplines are highly employable, so there’s no need to worry about your choice of course limiting you to one career path.

- The majority of employers recruit students with any degree discipline.
- It’s the flexibility, teaching style and demands of your degree, as well as the range of transferable skills that you develop, that are of interest to employers.

- Our degrees don’t just prepare students for employment – a third (33.5 per cent, compared to 14.7 per cent nationally) progress to further study or training.
- Three per cent of our graduates (half that of the national average of 5.9 per cent) are still seeking employment or further study six months after graduation.

Examples of career destinations of recent graduates can be found in the relevant course entry as well as on the Careers Service website (www.careers.cam.ac.uk).

The graduate employment market

Cambridge students are ambitious, intelligent, motivated, hard-working, passionate, committed, curious, intellectually creative, independent thinkers, and able to manage their time effectively.

Employers know this and look for the same attributes in potential new employees, which is why our graduates are so sought after. The diagram below shows the destinations of 2015 Cambridge graduates, six months after graduation (where known):

Destinations of 2015 UK/EU Cambridge graduates (six months after graduation)

- 57.6% in employment
- 33.5% in further study or training
- 3.0% still seeking employment or further study
- 6.4% not available for employment/further study (eg year off, travelling etc)

Transferable skills

While at Cambridge, you can develop a wide range of ‘transferable skills’ through both your studies and recreational activities (www.skills.cam.ac.uk/undergrad), for example:

- communication – written, aural, oral, non-verbal
- computer literacy
- intellectual skills – critical and analytical thinking, problem-solving
- interpersonal skills – working with others, flexibility, adaptability
- organisation – independent working, initiative, managing finances and time
- research – data acquisition and analysis

It’s these skills that employers look for when reviewing job applications. Employers value achievements and experiences gained through involvement in clubs and societies, and vacation employment as well. Potential employers also interact with some department-based societies so you have opportunities to network and make contacts long before graduation.

The Careers Service

The Careers Service offers a wide range of services and staff can help you make informed career choices and work out what to do next, whether that’s:

- advice about internships and vacation work experience
- matching your interests and skills to possible careers

No postgraduate study guidance
- Job application support

There are also numerous opportunities for you to meet employers through events organised by the Careers Service and department-based societies. And the advice and guidance don’t stop when you graduate – you can continue to access the Careers Service at any time in the future.

How the Careers Service can help you

Choosing a career
- Careers consultations.
- Online resources.
- Online vacancy information on more than 5,500 organisations.
- CVs and Cover Letters book written specifically for Cambridge students.
- Email subscription service.

Internships and work experience
- More than 1,500 internships available across all sectors, with bursaries offered to support unpaid opportunities.
- GradLink – contact details for Cambridge alumni who can offer first-hand advice.
- Information on occupations, further study courses and funding.

Researching occupations and employers
- Career information events for a range of sectors.
- More than 50 employment-related skills training sessions.
- University of Cambridge Alumni Network.

Finding vacancies
- Online vacancy information on more than 5,500 organisations.
- Email subscription service.

Making successful applications
- CVs and Cover Letters book written specifically for Cambridge students.
- One-to-one CV and interview advice and support.
Mature Students: Returning to study

If you’ll be aged 21 or over by 1 October in the year in which you hope to come to Cambridge you’ll be applying as a mature student. We have around 350 mature undergraduates studying for their first degree at Cambridge, most of whom are in their 20s.

Colleges

Mature students can apply to any of the undergraduate Colleges, though most choose one of the four Colleges that are exclusively for students aged 21 or over – Hughes Hall, Lucy Cavendish College (women only), St Edmund’s College or Wolfson College. Mature students who make an open application (see p149) are allocated to one of these mature Colleges.

Supporting mature students

Information about student support can be found on p24-7.

Cambridge Bursary

Some mature UK students may be eligible for a higher level of Cambridge Bursary (currently up to £5,600 per year). See the website for details (www.cam.ac.uk/cambridgebursary).

Further advice

Further information and advice, including details about events for mature applicants, is available online and from the mature Colleges (see the website for details).

Further information

www.cam.ac.uk/mature

Entrance requirements

The nature and demands of Cambridge courses mean they do require academic preparation, and mature students must be of an equivalent academic standard to school leavers. Therefore, you’re expected to demonstrate evidence of recent academic achievement at a high level, for example in one or more A Levels, an Access to HE Diploma, or an Open University course (Level 2 or above). Many of our courses require specific academic preparation. Please read the information on Access to HE Diplomas on p149 carefully, and contact one of the mature Colleges for advice.

Further information

www.cam.ac.uk/mature

UCAS information

www.ucas.com/maturestudents

Applying

Mature students apply in the same way as school leavers (see p6-9). Please also note:

• If you apply from outside the EU you need to submit a Cambridge Online Preliminary Application (see p8) in addition to your UCAS application
• those applying for the Graduate Course in Medicine need to complete an additional application form as well as the UCAS application (see p87)
• apart from those applying for Medicine and Veterinary Medicine (see p84 and p109), applicants to the mature Colleges aren’t required to take any pre-interview written assessments but will take a written assessment at interview (if interviewed) instead

Application deadlines for mature applicants

15 October 2017
• Mature students applying for any subject to a standard-age College or in the first application round to one of the mature Colleges.
• Mature students making an open application.

1 March 2018
• Mature students applying to Hughes Hall, Lucy Cavendish College, St Edmund’s College or Wolfson College to study any subject except Architecture, History of Art, Medicine, Graduate Course in Medicine, Music, Philosophy, Veterinary Medicine.

Second undergraduate degrees

If you’re a graduate with a first or upper second class Honours (or equivalent) in an approved undergraduate degree from another university, you can apply to take a second undergraduate degree at Cambridge. Tuition fees for Home fee status students taking a second undergraduate degree may be different to the standard Home fee – see online for details (www.cam.ac.uk/ugtuitionfees). The fee status of EU nationals for 2018 onwards has yet to be determined by the UK government. EU students should regularly check for updates at: www.cam.ac.uk/eu. See p37 for tuition fees for overseas students.

Students studying for a second degree normally have to pay a separate College fee as well (see p37; this doesn’t usually apply for Architecture, Medicine and Veterinary Medicine).

You should allow for annual increases to tuition and College fees, and note that there’s very little financial support available. Annual increases will be determined by various factors (e.g. cost of delivering educational and related student services, changes in government and other funding), and will usually be in line with the prevailing UK rate of inflation.

If you wish to take the Cambridge course in a year less than usual, you would apply as an ‘affiliate’ student. Please note that there are some restrictions:

• affiliate students cannot make an open application or apply for Architecture, History and Modern Languages or History and Politics
• some Colleges may not accept affiliate applications for other courses (see College websites for details)
• only Lucy Cavendish, St Edmund’s and Wolfson Colleges consider affiliate applications for Medicine and Veterinary Medicine

Cambridge is one of the only universities with mature Colleges and it’s nice to be with people of a similar age who have some previous experience before coming to university.

My favourite thing about Cambridge is probably the whole ‘work hard, play hard’ mentality – there’s a lot of work to do but there’s also loads of opportunities socially and a lot of clubs and societies. I play a lot of sport and represent the University in boxing.

Richard, Birmingham
International Students: A global community

Just over 11 per cent of our undergraduates (around 1,300 students) are from overseas (outside the EU), representing more than 65 countries.

Student life
Cambridge is a great place to be a student and has a truly diverse community. See p14-21 for information about student life and find further details on the Undergraduate Study website and CUSU International website (www.international.cusu.cam.ac.uk).

Each July and August, you can get a taste of student life here by joining the University’s International Summer Programmes, which include the opportunity to live in one of the Colleges (www.iice.cam.ac.uk/intsummer).

Please note that all students must ordinarily be available to study in Cambridge for the full duration of their course (with the exception of a year abroad where part of the course)

Visas and immigration
The UK operates a points-based immigration system and students from outside the European Economic Area (EEA) and Switzerland normally require a Tier 4 visa for study at Cambridge.

To apply for a visa you must be sponsored by the University and issued a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) to support your visa application. You are also required to demonstrate that you have the funds to meet your tuition fees and living costs.

The University’s International Student Team provides a visa advice service to assist students sponsored by the University in applying for their student visa.

The primary source of information on all matters concerning immigration is the Home Office – check the Home Office website regularly for the most up-to-date information. It is your responsibility to ensure that you understand and fulfil the immigration requirements for your Tier 4 visa application and comply with the conditions of your visa during your studies.

Further information
International Student Team
www.internationalstudents.cam.ac.uk

Home Office
www.gov.uk/tier-4-general-visa

Entrance requirements
In order to make a competitive application, you need to be in the top one or two per cent of your year group and doing very well in your subjects most relevant to the course you’d like to study.

Typical offer levels for a range of qualifications can be found on p147-9. If what you’re studying isn’t listed, you should check our website (www.cam.ac.uk/uginternational) for guidance on the appropriateness of your qualifications for admission to Cambridge.

Applying and interviews
All applicants must complete a UCAS application online by the relevant deadline. In addition to the UCAS application, students applying from outside the EU must submit a Cambridge Online Preliminary Application (COPA) by the relevant deadline (see p8).

The University conducts a number of interviews overseas. For 2018 entry, it is anticipated that these will take place in Canada, China, Hong Kong, Malaysia and Singapore. To be considered for interview overseas, you must submit both your COPA and UCAS application by a deadline which may be earlier than 15 October (depending on where you wish to be considered for interview). See online for details, deadlines and restrictions.

Costs
International student costs at Cambridge include tuition fees, College fees and living costs.

Visa applications require you to prove in advance that you can finance all these costs, as it’s not possible to work during the academic session. Colleges also ask for financial guarantees.

Tuition fees
The fee status of EU nationals for 2018 onwards has yet to be determined by the UK government and EU students should regularly check for updates at: www.cam.ac.uk/eu.

Students who don’t qualify for Home fee status* are currently charged the overseas fee rate, which varies by course. At the time of going to print, the University’s fee structure for overseas students is under review. Details of the fee structure and figures will be published as soon as they’re available at: www.cam.ac.uk/uginternationalfees. See also p29 regarding additional course costs.

If you’re uncertain about your fee status, please request a fee status questionnaire from any College admissions office (see p117-45).

Colleges fees
All overseas fee status (including most Islands)* students, and those UK students who aren’t eligible for tuition fee support (eg affiliate students), normally have to pay College fees in addition to University tuition fees (www.cam.ac.uk/ugcollegefees).

Annual College fees vary between Colleges and in many cases are fixed for the duration of your course. The fees in 2017-18 range between £6,580 and £12,264; see individual College websites for fees for 2018-19 onwards.

Living costs
Your living expenses may be higher than for a UK student (eg if you stay in Cambridge/The UK during vacations). In 2017-18, the minimum resources needed in Cambridge for the year (excluding tuition and College fees) are estimated to be approximately £10,080, depending on lifestyle (you should allow for increases in future years).

Financial support
The financial support available for overseas undergraduates is limited but at Cambridge this includes Cambridge Commonwealth, European and International Trust awards; College awards; and country-specific scholarships. Few full undergraduate scholarships are available – most support is a partial contribution and is means-tested. Details about these funding sources are available at: www.cam.ac.uk/uginternational.

Please pay particular attention to the application requirements and deadlines.

English language requirements
If English isn’t your first language, a reasonable standard of spoken English would be required for interview. You may also be asked to achieve a formal qualification, such as one of those listed below, as part of the conditions of an offer.

- IELTS – normally a minimum overall grade of 7.5, usually with 7.0 or above in each element.
- EU students – a high grade in English taken as part of a leaving examination (eg the European/French Baccalaureate, Abitur etc) may be acceptable.
- Cambridge English Proficiency – grade A, B or C.

See the website for more details and other acceptable English language qualifications (www.cam.ac.uk/uginternational).

*If English isn’t your first language, a reasonable standard of spoken English would be required for interview. You may also be asked to achieve a formal qualification, such as one of those listed below, as part of the conditions of an offer.

1 If you don’t have one of these formal qualifications but are currently being taught in English, please contact one of the College admissions offices for advice.
2 Earlier application deadlines may apply to students who are applying for certain scholarships as well. See the information online at: www.cam.ac.uk/uginternational.
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4 Most Islands students – from the Channel Islands and Isle of Man – are classified as overseas fee status.