Applying to Cambridge

If you want to apply to Cambridge, the process is much the same as that for other universities. However, at Cambridge the process starts earlier to allow time for all of the application information to be gathered and considered.

1. Course
Choose the course you'll most enjoy studying.

2. College
Consider where you'd like to live – either a preference College, or make an open application if you don't mind.

3. Apply
Submit your UCAS application online by 15 October.1 Soon after, you'll be asked to complete your Supplementary Application Questionnaire (SAQ) – a few extra questions requesting information not included in your UCAS application.

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

5. Interview
Around 75 per cent of applicants each year are invited to attend an interview in early December.

6. Decision
We'll advise you of our decision before the end of January.

What are we looking for?
We assess everyone individually and there's no magic formula that will guarantee you're offered a place. However, as our admissions decisions are based on academic criteria, all Admissions Tutors are looking for the students who they believe:

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

1 An additional application is required and/or another deadline applies for some students. See online for details.

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