Welcome to Cambridge

Cambridge has welcomed and nurtured students for hundreds of years. The collegiate University is bound together by a deep-rooted sense of community and shared purpose. Our commitment to excellence in education, learning and research is uncompromising. My student days at Cambridge offered me the precious opportunity to challenge and deepen my knowledge. They also provided the space and the time to broaden my intellectual horizons.

Today Cambridge continues to reach outwards, welcoming an ever more diverse group of students who have the desire and ability to learn and produce new insights that shift and deepen our understanding of the world around us.

My time at Cambridge will remain with me for the rest of my life. Academically, it is an environment in which you study alongside leaders in your field, and are given the opportunity to develop skills that will help you pursue your goals, whatever they are. But Cambridge offers more than just an academic education. It is a place where you can learn from those around you through the interests you pursue, and develop as an individual.

Above all, Cambridge provides you with the tools to make positive change in the world, and I wouldn’t be representing students today if my time at the University had not given me hope that change is possible. I hope that Cambridge can provide you with a rewarding University experience!

Ben Margolis
Cambridge SU (Undergraduate President)

Find out more about Cambridge Students’ Union on p16.

In this Prospectus

Use our Prospectus to find out more about the University of Cambridge and make sure to check the websites referred to throughout the publication for further details, advice and the most up-to-date information.

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Please note
This Prospectus represents life at the University and Colleges prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. We may need to make changes to the information in this publication due to the pandemic and/or Government guidelines and restrictions. It is very important that you check the University and College websites for the most up-to-date information before applying or accepting an offer to study at the University. Please see p159 for more details.

Take a Virtual Tour of Cambridge
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Cambridge is one of the best universities in the world. Home to over 23,000 students from more than 140 countries, we offer undergraduate degree courses in the arts and humanities, social sciences, sciences and engineering.

Why Cambridge?

+ Excellent Teaching
  - Top 3 in the 2020 Academic Ranking of World Universities.
  - Number 1 in the Complete University Guide 2021.

+ World class research
  - Top 10 for research quality (Complete University Guide 2021).
  - 110 affiliates of the University have been awarded the Nobel Prize since 1904.

+ A place to call home
  - 3 years: Cambridge guarantees most students College-owned accommodation for at least three years (p24-5).
  - Support: to help you settle in and get involved with (p16-21).

+ Great prospects
  - 89% of our students who responded to the Graduate Outcomes Survey were in work or further study within 15 months of graduating (find out more on p34).
  - Top 10: Cambridge is one of the top ten universities most often targeted by Britain’s leading graduate employers (The Graduate Market in 2020).

“My years here have been the best of my life. I have improved both academically and personally, meeting fantastic friends and learning a subject that I adore. I would not trade this experience for the world.”

Charlotte
Caerwedros
Applying to Cambridge

The Cambridge application process is slightly different to other universities. You still need to apply through UCAS, however, at Cambridge the process starts earlier to give us time to collect and consider all of the application information.

The steps below and the follow pages will guide you through the process.

1. **Choose a 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 p40-113 for course information.

2. **Decide on your College**
   Where would you like to live when you're here? In your UCAS application, you can apply directly to one of our 29 Colleges or make an open application. Find out more on p114-46.

3. **Submit your application**
   Submit your UCAS application online by 15 October – our institution code is CAM C05.
   You'll find more information about the application process, including additional items you'll need to provide, on the next few pages.

4. **Written assessment**
   Most applicants are required to take a written assessment, either pre-interview or at interview (see p8). You can find more information about admissions assessments, including examples of specimen papers, on the course pages of our website.

5. **Interviews**
   Everyone with a realistic chance of being offered a place is invited to attend an interview (see p8). If you decide to apply, you can find videos and full information about interviews online.

6. **Our decision**
   We'll advise you of our decision before the end of January. See p10.

Remember to check our website for all relevant application deadlines – our UCAS application deadline is 15 October, but other deadlines apply in certain circumstances (see ‘a few essentials’ opposite).

A few essentials

- You can't apply to both the Universities of Cambridge and Oxford in the same year.
- After you've submitted your UCAS application, you may need to fill in an additional questionnaire(s) which we'll send you links to by email. Find out more on our website: www.cam.ac.uk/apply
- In some cases, different application deadlines might apply. International and mature applicants, and applicants to the Foundation Year Course should check the relevant pages of this Prospectus and associated webpages for more information. International Students: p38, www.cam.ac.uk/uginternational; Mature Students: p36, www.cam.ac.uk/mature; Foundation Year: p43, www.cam.ac.uk/foundationyear.

Please note

The next few pages detail our application process as it would run in a normal year. We may need to make changes to the format of elements of the process, such as interviews and admissions assessments, due to the pandemic and/or Government guidelines and restrictions or any other unforeseen circumstances. Please check our website for the most up-to-date information.

www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk
Your Application

What are we looking for?

We assess every application individually, and all admissions decisions are based solely on academic criteria – your ability and potential. We look for different things in different people for different courses, which means there’s no blueprint for the perfect Cambridge student.

There are elements our Admissions Tutors look for in every application.

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 our course pages (p43-113) and guidance on a range of other qualifications can be found on p149-50.

An ability to think critically and independently

We're looking for an indication of your willingness to argue logically while keeping your mind open to new ideas. You also need self-discipline, motivation, commitment, and the desire and potential to go beyond what you've learned so far. See also p12.

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 courses and subject areas will inspire your curiosity and commitment.

If you think you have these qualities, we're looking for students like you and hope you'll apply to join us at Cambridge.

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. Check the course pages (p43-113) for more information.

Should I refer to extra-curricular activities in my personal statement?

Our admissions decisions are based on academic criteria (ability and potential) and we expect to see evidence in your application of your wider engagement with areas of academic interest, such as reading and other explorations relevant to the course for which you have applied. Extra-curricular activities which are of no relevance to the course will not increase your chances of receiving an offer.

If, however, particular extra-curricular activities have enabled you to develop transferable skills, such as organisation or time management, then do include them in your personal statement. Such activities might include significant caring responsibilities or paid employment, which can help us fully contextualise your application, as well as sport, physical activity, music, drama and volunteering.

Our The Subject Matters leaflet offers advice about how to choose the most appropriate subjects and subject combinations at A Level. You can find it on our website.

www.cam.ac.uk/ugpublications
After your UCAS application
Following the submission of your UCAS application, there are several more elements to the application process at Cambridge, including additional questionnaires, admissions assessments and interviews.

Additional questionnaires
We’ll send you links to any additional questionnaires by email. These usually collect information that isn’t on the UCAS application but which we find useful when assessing your application to Cambridge. You’ll also have the opportunity to complete an optional Cambridge specific personal statement. You can find out more on our website: www.cam.ac.uk/apply.

Admission assessments
Most applicants are required to take a subject-specific written admission assessment. Depending on your chosen course, this might be before interview, or at interview if you are invited to attend. The assessments are designed to supplement the information you provide on your UCAS application and to assess skills, such as writing and language skills, and levels of knowledge and understanding relevant to your course. You can find examples of past papers on the course pages of our website (www.cam.ac.uk/courses).

- Pre-interview assessments – these are taken in early November at a centre local to you (usually your school or college) and you must be registered for the assessment by your school or college in advance.
- At-interview assessments – these are taken when in Cambridge for interview.

For more information about these assessments, see p41, our course pages (p43-113) and the website (www.cam.ac.uk/assessment).

The interview
Everyone with a realistic chance of being offered a place is invited to attend an interview, so it’s a good idea to be aware of what might happen during your interview so you can be fully prepared.

Interviews help our Admissions Tutors to get to know you and your motivations for applying to Cambridge; they contribute to our assessment of your academic potential and suitability for your chosen course, while giving you the opportunity to expand on the written elements of your application.

What do interviews involve?
The form and length of interviews varies from subject to subject and from College to College. You’ll have one, two or three interviews (most commonly two), each lasting between 20 and 45 minutes.

If you’re applying for a course which has an at-interview written assessment, you will normally sit this on the same day as your interview (see opposite).

Can I take a gap year?
Around six per cent of students accepted to Cambridge take a gap year. You should state your intention to defer entry in your UCAS application and be prepared to talk about your proposed year out if interviewed. Please also refer to the specific course pages if you’re considering applying for Engineering (p65), Mathematics (p86) or the Graduate Course in Medicine (p91).

How should I prepare?
There aren’t any special tricks to preparing for interviews, however there are some things you can do beforehand which will, at the very least, make you feel more confident.

- Watch our interview films to give you an idea of what to expect on the day.
- Re-read your personal statement and any written work.
- Read around your subject and think about any particular topics you’d like to talk about.
- Practise talking and answering questions about your subject and wider academic interests with your friends, family and/or teachers.

For more tips, advice and interview films, visit our website (www.cam.ac.uk/interviews).

Probably the most important tips are to be on time, be as relaxed as possible, and, above all, be yourself!

How do we 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

What’s the most important part of my application?
Admissions Tutors consider all of the information available together before making any decisions. While the most recent academic performance carries the greatest weight, the relative importance of each element of the application 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.
Our decision
All undergraduate admissions decisions are the responsibility of the Cambridge Colleges. Following the assessment of your application, there are two possible outcomes.

1. You’re made an offer.
This might be from the College you applied/ were allocated to, or from a different College as a result of your application being ‘pooleed’ (see right). An offer may be unconditional, or conditional and dependent on achieving certain grades in the qualifications you’re taking (the University makes unconditional offers only to those who have already met the conditions for entry to their chosen course).

2. Your application is unsuccessful.
With around five applications per place, every year we have to turn down many students whom we would like to have taken. Don’t let the prospect of not getting a place put you off applying. We can’t offer you a place if you don’t apply to us!

The pools
The ‘winter pool’ is designed to ensure that the best applicants who have been squeezed out by the competition at their original College are offered places – Colleges would rather admit a strong applicant from the pool than a weaker applicant who applied directly/ was allocated to them.

Although impressed by your application, your College may not have a place for you and so may pool your application for other Colleges to consider.

Some pooled applicants may be asked to attend another interview in early January. When all pooled applications have been reviewed, you may be offered a place by a different College. If no College can offer you a place, your original College will advise you of this decision by the end of January.

Typically, one in four applicants is pooled and, of these, around one in five is made an offer of a place by a different College from the one they applied/ were allocated to (IB1 for 2020 entry and deferred entry in 2021).

In a few cases, offer holders who haven’t quite met the conditions of their original offer may still be offered a place following a small ‘summer pool’ that takes place once examination results are released.

Visit www.cam.ac.uk/apply for more details about the application process and to watch our explainer video.

Extenuating circumstances
If you have experienced health or personal problems, disability or difficulties with your schooling, your school or college referee (or GP or social worker) should let us know by completing our Extenuating Circumstances Form by 22 October 2021.

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:

• a serious, acute or chronic medical condition (especially since the age of 14)
• significant caring responsibilities or recent bereavement or serious illness within close family
• any kind of disruption due to adverse family circumstances
• serious disruption due to educational provision at school/college that is not COVID-19-related
• other circumstances where disruption has occurred

You can find the form and more details about extenuating circumstances online. If you or your referee wish to discuss your particular situation, please contact a College admissions office for advice as early as possible.

COVID-19-related disruption
Any disruption to your education caused by the COVID-19 pandemic should not be included on the Extenuating Circumstances Form. All applicants will be asked to detail COVID-19-related educational disruption on a separate form.

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* You should definitely apply – you might even enjoy your interview! Ignore the stereotypes – if you think you would enjoy studying here then you should apply.*

Sarah Guisborough
How you’re taught

Our University faculties and departments arrange lectures, seminars and practicals that students from all Colleges attend together. At Cambridge, you'll also attend supervisions, a system of personal tuition that is one of our greatest strengths. Your College also arranges supervisions for you.

Each academic year consists of three eight-week terms and you must ordinarily be available to study in Cambridge for the full duration of your course (with the exception of a year abroad, where part of your course).

As the terms are short, the pace and volume of work is likely to be greater than you're currently used to and there's much greater emphasis on independent and self-directed study here compared to school or college.

During term time, you're expected to spend an average of 42-46 hours a week on your academic studies (including teaching/contact time and independent study), and you also need to undertake some work, such as further reading or research, revision or assignments, during the vacations.

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 p26-9).

Teaching methods

Lectures

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

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

Practicals

Sometimes called 'labs' or laboratory classes. Practical work on some courses may be assessed.

Supervisions

Small-group sessions most often for between one and three students, supervisions provide the opportunity to explore your subject more deeply, discuss your own work and ideas, and receive regular feedback. As they aren’t assessed, supervisions provide the ideal environment for you to test your ideas and interests, while encouraging you to develop your thinking.

Typically, you have one or two hour-long supervisions each week (this varies from course to course) and you do preparation for each one – usually reading, writing an essay or working on some problems. Supervisors are specialists in particular subjects (they may be one of the country’s or the world’s leading authorities) and throughout your course, your supervisors will change depending on what you are studying at the time.

Field trips, study visits, language courses, study abroad

Several courses include opportunities to go on field trips, study visits or language courses, or to study abroad through exchange programmes. 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

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.

Work experience

Some courses include a period of work experience, giving you a chance to explore potential career paths, develop your employability skills and create networks that could lead to job opportunities after you graduate. Refer to the individual course outlines (p43-113) and faculty/department websites for more details about teaching.
Computing and IT
University Information Services (UIS) works in partnership with your College and department to provide for all your computing needs while you are at Cambridge. This ranges from the provision of wi-fi throughout the University and Colleges, to access to specialist computer rooms and advanced research computing services.
UIS offers all students comprehensive IT support, including:
• a service desk
• free email accounts and file storage
• free software, including Microsoft Office and McAfee antivirus protection
• free IT training courses.

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. 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 180 languages (including English) and a dedicated Advising Team is on hand to help.

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 relates directly to your course, a look at the whale skeletons, classical sculpture or even the camera used by Robert Falcon Scott at the South Pole in 1912 has to add something to your time at Cambridge!
Highlights from our museums and collections include:
• Snow goggles used by Ernest Shackleton
• 140 million year old fossil ferns
• Samurai armour complete with a moustache made of boar’s bristles
• Rembrandt, Titian and Monet at the Fitzwilliam Museum
• Modern and contemporary art at Kettle’s Yard
• Charles Darwin’s microscope
• 21 metre fin whale skeleton

Facilities for worship, celebration and meditation
There are religion-specific places of worship in and around Cambridge for those following the Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Jewish, Muslim and Sikh faiths, and many Colleges have chapels and designated spaces for prayer and reflection by students of all faiths or none. A number of rooms are also made available by the University for its students, staff and authorised visitors with the primary purpose of providing a safe, clean and inclusive place for worship, celebration or meditation.

Course-specific facilities and resources
Our course specific facilities range from laboratories and surgical suites to concert halls and theatres. You can find out more about the facilities and resources that support learning at Cambridge on our course pages (p43-113).
Cambridge SU is led by a team of eight elected sabbatical officers who campaign and lobby for change across the collegiate University to improve the student experience. Cambridge SU:
- represents the student body on University committees
- campaigns on important student issues, such as student support, liberation work and education policy
- supports and connects College student unions through training, forums and advice
- runs the professionally staffed Student Advice Service
- manages the Alternative Prospectus website (which includes the ‘Ask a Student’ facility)

There are seven campaigns that exist within Cambridge SU; they are communities within the SU’s student membership. Each group has its own committee, events and campaigns that they run. Groups include those representing self-identifying women and non-binary students, disabled students, BME students, international students, LGBT+ students, and students from access backgrounds.

Every College also has its own students’ union, to which undergraduates are elected to represent students at a College level. So, if you want to have a say in student affairs, consider running for election!

Further information
www.cambridgesu.co.uk

Alternative Prospectus website
www.applytocambridge.com

Student societies
University is about trying new things. At Cambridge, you can do almost anything at almost any level, from having a go to semi-professional. Your extra-curricular activities might provide a springboard for careers or be part of life beyond university too.

Community and charity
There are lots of opportunities for Cambridge students to get involved in community projects, campaigns and charity work. Many national and international charities have student society branches in the University, from Amnesty International to the Anthony Nolan Trust, and there are also student groups who work closely with local charities and community organisations.

Cambridge RAG focuses on fundraising and raises more than £100,000 annually for 10 student-selected charities. Jailbreak is one of their most popular fundraisers, with sponsored students racing to get as far away from Cambridge as possible in 36 hours, spending only the money they raise along the way!

Drama
Cambridge is renowned for its student-produced drama. From the cutting-edge comedy of the Cambridge Footlights to classical plays, popular musicals and original productions, there’s something for everyone.

Auditions are often open to all and there are opportunities to direct, produce, and get involved with set design, lighting, sound, stage management, costume, make-up and front of house, even if you’ve never done it before.

There are excellent performing arts facilities around Cambridge. In addition to the University’s ADC Theatre, a number of Colleges have their own purpose-built auditoria and several major productions take place in the city’s Corn Exchange and Arts Theatre.
Music
There's an enormous range of music societies and student bands, for any style and level of experience. Many Colleges run open mic nights and numerous bands, choirs and orchestras regularly record and tour nationally and internationally.

The Faculty of Music offers masterclasses and workshops, and has an extensive collection of instruments that can be used by students (some instruments may be available to hire).

Music groups include:
- a capella groups
- Baroque Ensemble
- Brass Band Society
- Ceilidh Band
- Chamber Orchestra
- Concert Band
- Hip Hop Society
- Jazz Orchestra
- Mixtape Society
- Opera Society
- Rock Society
- Show Choir
- String Ensemble
- Symphony Orchestra

To find out more, see Cambridge SU’s online Societies Directory (opposite), the Faculty of Music website (www.mus.cam.ac.uk) and individual College websites. Information about music in the city can be found on p23.

Further information
www.cambridgesu.co.uk/opportunities/societies

Music awards
Are you an organist or instrumentalist of a high standard, or do you like to sing? If so, you may like to consider our music awards. The awards vary, but all include a small bursary and professional coaching and/or music lessons. Visit our website for more information about the awards available for students joining the University in 2022.

Further information
www.cam.ac.uk/musicawards

Other interests?
As well as those already mentioned there are societies relating to religious and cultural groups, dance, food and drink, games and hobbies, and a range of academic subjects.

The Societies Directory on the Cambridge SU website has a list of all the societies within the University. There are also lots of clubs and societies within the different Colleges. If there isn’t a group or society for your particular passion or interest at the moment, you could start one – all you have to do is find a few like-minded people.

Further information
www.cambridgesu.co.uk/opportunities/societies

To find out more, see Cambridge SU’s online Societies Directory (opposite), the Faculty of Music website (www.mus.cam.ac.uk) and individual College websites. Information about music in the city can be found on p23.
Sport

Cambridge offers a diverse range of competitive and recreational sporting opportunities to help you lead a healthy and active lifestyle alongside your academic studies. Whether you want to continue playing a sport you love or try something new, we have more than 80 sports clubs and societies, and the University and Colleges offer a variety of facilities and support services for everyone from beginners to elite athletes.

Among our 80 sports clubs and societies, you will find:
- Australian Rules Football
- Basketball
- Cheerleading
- Dancesport
- Football
- Handball
- Ice Hockey
- Judo
- Kickboxing
- Korfball
- Netball
- Orienteering
- Squash
- Table Tennis
- Taekwondo
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Volleyball

Sport for everyone

At a University level, our teams range from National League hockey to casual badminton, so there are plenty of ways to compete or stay active. You will also find College teams for novices and experts alike. You could get involved in the extensive range of sports available via inter-college competition.

You can also try out to represent the University against other universities, and local and national club sides. Many University teams compete in BUCS (British Universities & Colleges Sport) competitions throughout the season, giving them the opportunity to try their talents against the best teams from universities throughout the UK. Varsity matches, played against the University of Oxford across a range of sports, are a highlight of the season.

Staying active

You don’t have to get involved in team sports to stay active while you’re here at Cambridge. University Sport offers beginner’s strength and conditioning, personal fitness programmes, and a wide range of group fitness classes.

Facilities

The University’s sport facilities are based at three sites around the city. Colleges also provide facilities for traditional team sports and games such as tennis and rowing, and many have their own gym and sports facilities too.

Sports Centre, West Cambridge Site:
- Gym (including flexible student gym memberships and personal training)
- Strength and conditioning room
- Sports hall
- Studios
- Team training room
- Squash and fives courts
- Physiotherapy and sports injury clinic
- Group fitness classes

Wilberforce Road Sports Ground:
- Athletics facilities, including an eight-lane track and all associated field events
- Three sand-dressed hockey pitches

Fenner’s Cricket and Tennis Ground:
- Cricket pitch and indoor cricket school
- Three hard and eight grass tennis courts

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.

Find out more about University Sport

Visit the Sports Fair at the beginning of your first term to meet the Sports Service team and our clubs, and find out how to get involved with sport and keep active. You can also visit our website for more information about competitive and recreational sport at Cambridge.

Are you an elite athlete?

If you are a nationally ranked athlete, or you regularly represent your country on the international stage, you may be eligible for the University of Cambridge Athlete Performance Programme (UCAPP). UCAPP is an initiative that offers support from highly qualified and experienced staff who will work with you to enhance your performance, ensuring you don’t have to compromise your academic or sporting ambitions while at the University. To find out more about UCAPP, visit www.cam.ac.uk/ucapp.

“I take part in plenty of sports which provide the perfect offset to work life. At College level, I’m the mixed lacrosse captain (a sport I didn’t know existed before I came here!), and at a University level I’m a member of the cross country club, even taking part in a race against Oxford, the highlight of my time here so far.”

David
Portsmouth
Entertainment and comedy

However you like to spend your time, there’s always something to keep you entertained. Cambridge has theatres, cinemas and entertainment venues offering varied programmes that include comedy, drama, dance, concerts and club nights.

Those who are into comedy won’t be disappointed as, along with student groups, Cambridge regularly attracts top stand-up acts.

Music

Live music is a big part of life in both the city and University, from buskers and pub gigs, to classical concerts and big name acts.

The city usually hosts a number of music festivals featuring a wide variety of acts and music styles, including folk, jazz, rock, ska, UK urban and dance.

Pubs, clubs and restaurants

Cambridge has a great range of pubs, bars and cafés, from traditional pubs with open fires perfect for a winter evening to modern bars overlooking the river, ideal for a spot of people watching. The city has a mix of clubs offering everything you’d expect – a variety of music nights alongside cheap entry and offers for students.

There’s a great selection of places to eat too. Something for any mood, taste, occasion, and price range. Better still, there are lots of discounts and special deals for students at various restaurants and cafés.

Shopping

Cambridge’s three shopping centres and the city’s central streets house most high street names alongside independent shops and boutiques. The stalls in Market Square sell handmade jewellery, vintage clothes, books and much more. You can pick up baked goods and local produce as well as a range of street food.

Just on the edge of the city centre, is an eclectic mix of shops, cafés and restaurants on Mill Road (www.mill-road.com), offering anything from just about anywhere in the world and to suit any budget.

Outside the city

If you want to explore further afield, Cambridge has direct rail connections to London, Brighton, Birmingham and a range of local attractions in the surrounding area, including:

- Ely (historic city and Norman cathedral)
- Shepreth Wildlife Park
- Thetford Forest
- Audley End (English Heritage property)

And you don’t have to go far to feel like you’ve escaped the city – you can walk or punt up the river to nearby Grantchester, a traditional village that has inspired songs, novels and television dramas.
Where is the accommodation?
Some Colleges have all their accommodation on their main site. Others have some on their main site plus a range of College-owned flats/houses around the city – check the table on p116-7 for details. All College accommodation is within the University precincts, an area covering a three mile radius around Great St Mary’s Church.

During term time, students are required to live in this area unless given permission to live elsewhere by their College. All students should be available to study in Cambridge for the full duration of their course (with the exception of a year abroad should that form part of your course). 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?
There’s a variety of accommodation available – rooms vary from medieval to modern, and you can usually express a preference for 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, amongst a range of other facilities (see p116-7).

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

Colleges have a wide range of sports and music facilities too – such as playing fields, gyms, music practice rooms and performance venues. See p19-21 for more information about music and sport at the University.

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 p31).

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 contact 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. Some Colleges may charge a deposit in addition to your rent. Please check individual College websites for details.

You can find more information about accommodation costs, living costs, tuition fees and financial support on p30-3.
Support

The transition to university study and living away from home can be a big change for many of our students. If you need a bit of extra support while at the University, whether that’s with your academic work or personal issues, we have an extensive welfare system in place.

There are various University services and within your College community you have a number of people looking out for your academic and personal welfare and supporting you throughout your time at Cambridge. 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 they usually conduct interviews.

**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. Every College students’ union has its own welfare officer or team that can provide support and advice to students. Many Colleges also assign ‘College parents’ (students in other years) to new students to help them settle in.

Cambridge SU runs campaigns and initiatives about issues that matter to the student community. As every student is a member of the SU, Cambridge SU seeks to represent them all effectively.

In addition to this, most clubs, societies and College students’ unions have officers representing various groups within the University. They are able to provide support and advice to ensure all of our students enjoy their time at Cambridge.

**Student Advice Service**
The Student Advice Service provides free, confidential and impartial advice to students by phone, email or video call. Working independently of the Colleges and University, the Advice Service offers help to undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate students across a range of areas, from making friends to working relationships, exams to internships, and welfare concerns to finance.

1[Higher Education Statistics Agency; all UK domiciled full time first degree entrants (March 2020).]
Disability students

The Disability Resource Centre (DRC) offers guidance, information and support, and is an essential contact for disabled applicants, including those with a specific learning difficulty, mental health conditions, or long-term health conditions.

The DRC supports applicants, offer holders and students with disabilities including:

- specific learning difficulties (including dyslexia and dyspraxia)
- physical/mobility impairments (including people with upper limb disorder/WRULD)
- sensory impairments (eg hearing, visual)
- mental health difficulties (eg depression, anxiety disorder)
- long-term health conditions (eg cancer, chronic fatigue syndrome, HIV, diabetes, epilepsy)
- Asperger syndrome, autism and ADHD

If you’re considering Cambridge, you’re advised to get in touch with the DRC and a College admissions office as early as possible to discuss your application and specific requirements. We strongly recommend that you indicate your disability and provide any relevant information in your UCAS application. Such disclosures are looked at separately from academic assessment and allow us, for example, 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 p115).

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 Building Access Guide is a useful starting point for information regarding facilities and accessibility (www.disability.admin.cam.ac.uk/building-access-guide).

Study and academic support

With your agreement, the DRC liaises with relevant University and College 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 (NMHS) Scheme may be able to help.

Other support may also be available through Disabled Students’ Allowances (DSAs). Visit www.gov.uk/disabled-students-allowances-dsas for more information.

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 can advise how to organise such arrangements via your College Tutorial Office. Please note that arrangements, and evidence required, at university may differ from those at your school/college.

Specific learning difficulties (SpLDs) including dyslexia and dyspraxia

If you have an 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 Neurodiversity 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.

Further information

Disability Resource Centre

01223 332301
disability@admin.cam.ac.uk
www.cam.ac.uk/disability

Alternative formats

The information in this publication can be found on our website: 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

Care leavers and estranged students

Further support is available for care leavers at the University, including a guarantee of 365-day accommodation, if required. Care-leaver students could also receive enhanced financial support, such as a higher level of the Cambridge Bursary (see p32).

In order to ensure you get the support available to you as a care leaver, you should indicate in your UCAS application that you’ve spent time in care.

The University also provides support, including year-round accommodation and an enhanced bursary, to estranged students.

If you are or have been in care or estranged, or you’re supporting a young person currently or previously in care and would like to find out more about visiting or studying at the University, please see the website or contact the Widening Participation Team. Students can also contact the team when they arrive in Cambridge to find out more about the support available.

Further information

Widening Participation Team

01223 766872
realise@admin.cam.ac.uk
www.cam.ac.uk/careleavers
Money

Going to university is an investment in your future. Whichever university you apply to, you need to consider the cost of your tuition and your living (or ‘maintenance’) costs. These amounts can seem daunting but there’s lots of support available to help you finance your studies.

Tuition fees

The University is committed to providing a world class education and access to the very best teachers, resources and support. Therefore, we invest significantly more than the government regulated tuition fee on each student every year to ensure you get the most from your Cambridge education.

The tuition fee for Home fee status students starting their first undergraduate degree in 2021 will be £9,250 for the year.¹ At the time of going to print, the government regulated tuition fee for 2021–22 hasn’t been set. It may be different from your Cambridge education.

Currently, Home students can take out a government loan for their tuition fees. At the moment, students can defer payment of the loan until after they’ve left university and are earning a minimum salary, at which point the loan is repaid in instalments. Refer to the appropriate student finance award agency for details of tuition fee support (p33).

For more details about the fee status of EU nationals for 2022 entry, please check our website: www.cam.ac.uk/ugtuitionfees.

You should check the website for the most up-to-date information on tuition fees before applying and prior to accepting an offer from the University should your application be successful.

Cost effective

The University’s plentiful resources include specialist computer rooms and more than 100 libraries which can help to keep your study costs low.

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 2021–22 students should allow approximately £9,890² for living costs in Cambridge for the year (though this will vary depending on lifestyle and students should allow for increases in future years). Living costs for international students and for those who choose to stay in Cambridge during the vacation periods will be higher. See p39 for more details.

Accommodation

The University offers a range of accommodation to suit your preference and affordability. The table below details the median weekly rent across our 29 undergraduate Colleges. The weekly rent and the length of your accommodation contract will vary depending on your College choice – minimum contract lengths in 2020–21 range from 27 to 39 weeks. Please see individual College websites for details about accommodation costs, contract lengths and additional charges.

Food

Colleges provide basic self-catering facilities as well as cafes/dining halls (see also p25). Some levy a separate charge towards the running costs of the College kitchens – a Kitchen Fixed Charge which ranges from £195 to £575 per year in those Colleges that make such a charge – while others include this within their accommodation costs. Some Colleges also have a minimum meal charge, which is paid in advance and provides credit for meals bought in College. Please see individual College websites for details.

- Individual meals typically cost £4–£7.
- Many Colleges have regular ‘formal halls’ (three-course dinners) that are also great value, usually at around £9–£15 at most Colleges.

Additional course costs

These costs are in addition to tuition fees and living costs and will vary depending on your course but may include you having to pay for your own:

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

The University’s numerous libraries and IT facilities (see p14-5) help to keep your costs down and many Colleges and some departments offer grants to help with particular costs.

You can find specific details of additional course costs on our website (www.cam.ac.uk/courses).

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 in the city is cheap or free: most students walk or cycle and there’s a ‘Universal’ bus service that offers discounted fares to students.

¹ Figures rounded up to the nearest £10.
² Figures based on the median room costs for first year undergraduate students in 2020–21. Students should allow for price increases in subsequent years of study. A choice of shared bathroom and en-suite rooms is not available at all Colleges and figures do not include any deposits that may apply. Costs have been rounded up to the nearest £10. Please see individual College websites for further details.
Financial support
You now have a reasonable idea of the costs involved for Home fee status students studying at Cambridge, but what about financial support? Well, there’s currently 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 eligible Home fee status students. Eligibility for other government and University funding usually depends on your financial circumstances. You should refer to the appropriate finance award agency website for the most up-to-date information and guidance (see opposite). For more information about the financial support Cambridge offers to eligible students, please refer to our website for details and the latest figures (www.cam.ac.uk/studentfinance).

For more information about tuition fees and the financial support available for international students, see p39. Students from the EU should check our website for updates (www.cam.ac.uk/eu).

Cambridge Bursaries
The Cambridge Bursary Scheme is a long running initiative, which gives non-repayable bursaries for living costs to eligible students. This financial support and the College support detailed below is offered in addition to any government financial support you might receive. Elements of the scheme (such as eligibility criteria and bursary value) are currently being reviewed – please check the website regularly for updates.

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
• supplementary bursaries for living costs/maintenance

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 shouldn’t undertake paid employment during term-time – it’s important that you have an appropriate work-life balance, and we offer a range of financial support to help you manage the costs of university study. However, there may be a few opportunities available within the University and Colleges that are exceptions to this, such as working in the College bar, College library or as a student helper during open days.

Further information
www.cam.ac.uk/cambridgebursary

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 details 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 and Non UK Team
www.gov.uk/studentfinance

Student Finance NI
www.studentfinanceini.co.uk

Student Awards Agency Scotland (SAAS)
www.saas.gov.uk

Student Finance Wales
www.studentfinancewales.co.uk

Please note that you’re strongly advised to apply for financial support as early as possible. Applications for government support will open early in 2022 and you don’t need a confirmed place at a university to apply for this.
Transferable skills
The majority of graduate employers recruit students with any degree discipline. It’s the flexibility of your degree, as well as the range of transferable skills that you develop, that are of interest to employers.

Cambridge students are typically 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.

Dedicated support and guidance
Once you’re at Cambridge, you can work with our dedicated Careers Service from day one to explore your career options. The team of experienced and impartial careers advisers can help you connect with employers and navigate the complex job market, saving you time and maximising your employability prospects. The Careers Service run a range of workshops on topics including choosing a career, cover letters, applications and getting ready for interviews. They also organise more than 200 careers events and briefing and skills sessions, and typically around 15 major careers fairs each year.

Further information
www.careers.cam.ac.uk

Networking opportunities
The Careers Service’s alumni database, GradLink, will give you access to contact details for over 1,200 Cambridge alumni working in a huge range of industries who can offer first-hand advice. The Service also runs more than 50 employment-related skills training sessions and can offer information on occupations, further study courses and funding.

Graduate employment destinations
Our graduates go on to work in a wide range of industries, from social work and education to legal activities and finance. The list below shows the top ten occupations of respondents to the Graduate Outcomes survey (15 months after graduation).

1 Medical practitioner
2 Programmer/software development professional
3 Management consultants and business analysts
4 Finance and investment analysts and advisers
5 Marketing associate professionals
6 Business and related associate professionals
7 Secondary education teaching professionals
8 Primary and nursery teaching professionals
9 University researchers
10 Higher education teaching professionals

Further information
www.information-hub.admin.cam.ac.uk

Further study
Our degrees don’t just prepare you for employment – usually, more than a quarter of our graduates each year progress into further study or training. We offer world-leading graduate education, with over 300 graduate courses spanning 21 types of qualification. Visit www.postgraduate.study.cam.ac.uk for more details.

Top 10 in the UK for graduate prospects (Complete University Guide 2021).

Internships and work experience
Our industry connections provide a range of opportunities for you to undertake work experience, enhancing your CV ready for graduation. Thousands of opportunities are publicised across all sectors on the Careers Service’s Handshake site, with bursaries offered to support unpaid opportunities with charities.

Further information
www.careers.cam.ac.uk

Further information
www.unicamcareers.edublogs.org

Based on responses to the Graduate Outcomes survey. This records the outcomes of students who completed their studies between August 2017 and July 2018. 62.4 per cent of graduates responded to the survey.

Find out about internships and placements on the Careers Service website www.careers.cam.ac.uk

Monica
History graduate

Monica graduated with a History degree in 2018 and the transferable skills she gained have allowed her to take an unconventional career journey. After graduation, Monica took some time to consider her options, travelling the world for eight months as cabin crew at British Airways. She is currently working at PwC after successfully completing their Management Consulting Graduate Scheme.

‘For upcoming graduates who may be stressed about deciding upon a career, I would advise taking your time until the right opportunity for you opens up. The Careers Service can be really helpful in connecting you to alumni. But don’t fret if you don’t have a clear idea of your career goals in your final year; sometimes it’s best to dip your toe in a few areas first as you might surprise yourself and fall in love with a vocation that you wouldn’t have expected.’

Read more about our graduates’ career destinations on the Careers Service website: www.careers.cam.ac.uk

Zain
Mathematics graduate

Zain spent the summer between the second and third years of his Mathematics degree interning as a data scientist at Satavia, an up and coming aviation tech company. Zain graduated in 2019 and is now using his experience in his current role as a Software Engineer at QuantumBlack.

‘Working at a start-up appealed to me as I was guaranteed to be working in an energetic environment where I would have the opportunity to take responsibility and have a far-ranging impact on the company. It also meant that I’d have a chance to work on a broad range of areas.

The internship was everything I expected and more. I had the chance to make core business decisions and was able to see and work on almost every part of the company. The experience really solidified the idea that I wanted to work in the tech industry when I graduated.’

Find out about internships and placements on the Careers Service website www.careers.cam.ac.uk

Further information
www.information-hub.admin.cam.ac.uk/university-profile/graduate-outcomes
Mature Students

Colleges
Mature students can apply to any of the undergraduate Colleges, though most choose one of the three Colleges that are exclusively for students aged 21 or over – Hughes Hall, St Edmund’s College or Wolfson College. Mature students who make an open application (see p115) are allocated to one of these Colleges.

Supporting mature students
The support detailed on p26-9 extends to mature students, and we’re committed to making sure you feel part of your College community.

Entrance requirements
The nature and demands of Cambridge courses mean they 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.

Many of our courses require specific academic preparation. Please read the information on Access to HE Dиплом or Open University courses carefully, and contact one of the mature-student Colleges for advice.

Applying
Mature students apply in the same way as school leavers (see p4-11). Please also note:

- after you’ve submitted your UCAS application, you may need to fill in an additional questionnaire(s) which we’ll send you links to by email (see www.cam.ac.uk/apply for more details)
- those applying for the Graduate Course in Medicine need to complete an additional application form as well as the UCAS application (see p91)
- applicants to Chemical Engineering, Computer Science, Engineering, Medicine, Natural Sciences, and Veterinary Medicine are required to take the relevant pre-interview written assessments
- applicants to Economics, English, and Land Economy are not required to take the pre-interview written assessment for their subject but may do so if they wish. Candidates who do not take the pre-interview assessment will take a written assessment at interview instead

Application deadlines
The standard deadline for applications to be received is 15 October. However, the three mature-student Colleges consider applications from mature students and for second undergraduate degrees in some subjects as part of a second application round, the deadline for which is 1 March 2022.

Those considering applying in the second application round (or for entry in future years) should consult the mature-student Colleges’ admissions offices for advice.

Second undergraduate degrees
If you’re a graduate with a first or 2.1 Honours (or equivalent) in an approved undergraduate degree from another university, you can apply to take a second undergraduate degree at Cambridge.

Applicants for a second undergraduate degree may apply for the full course or as an affiliate student. Affiliate students take the Cambridge course in a year less than usual. Please note that there are some restrictions:

- affiliate students can’t 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

Tuition fees for Home fee status students taking a second undergraduate degree (regardless of whether they are taking the affiliate or full course) may be different to the standard Home fee – see online for details (www.cam.ac.uk/ugtuitionfees). EU and international students should visit www.cam.ac.uk/uginternationalfees.

Students studying for a second degree normally have to pay a separate College fee as well (see p39; 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 (eg 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.

Further information
www.cam.ac.uk/mature

UCAS Information
www.ucas.com/maturestudents

¹ Please note that for Law, applications to Wolfson College must be submitted by the 15 October deadline.
International Students

More than 25 per cent of our undergraduates (around 3,200 students) are from outside the UK, representing more than 90 countries.

A global community
Cambridge has a diverse and vibrant community, making it a great place to be a student. As well as having access to the vast range of societies on offer to all Cambridge students (p16-21), there are also a number of events and societies specifically for international students. So, if you want to meet and socialise with other students from overseas, there are plenty of ways for you to do so! For more details see the Undergraduate Study website and the international student pages on the Cambridge SU website (www.cambridgesu.co.uk).

Help and support
There are plenty of people around the University who can offer help and support while you are in Cambridge (see p26-9). Our Language Centre can also help you develop your academic communication and language proficiencies through the ADTIS In-Sessional Programme. You can find out more at www.langcen.cam.ac.uk/adts/in-sessional.

You can get a taste of student life here by joining the University’s Virtual Festival of Learning. For more than a century, the University’s International Summer Programmes have brought people together face to face, and in Summer 2020, the first Virtual Festival took place. The Festival featured over 85 online courses and offered a new way of sharing inspirational learning with our global community. To find out more about upcoming Festivals and to register your interest, visit www.ice.cam.ac.uk/virtualfestival.

Fees and funding
Costs
International student costs at Cambridge include tuition fees, separate College fees and living costs. Visa applications require you to prove in advance that you can finance all these costs. Colleges also ask for financial guarantees. The University takes the view that students should not undertake paid employment during the academic session, as it’s important that you have an appropriate work-life balance.

- Tuition fees: the international/overseas fee rate which varies by course. For information on tuition fees for 2022 entry, please see the website where fee details will be published as soon as they are available: www.cam.ac.uk/uginternationalfees.
- College fees: all international/overseas fee status students, and those Home fee status students who aren’t eligible for tuition fee support, normally have to pay an annual College fee in addition to University tuition fees (www.cam.ac.uk/ugcollegefees). Net College fees in 2021-22 range between £9,300 and £10,470. See individual College websites for fees for 2022-23 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 2021-22, the minimum resources needed in Cambridge for the year (excluding tuition and College fees) are estimated to be approximately £11,480¹, depending on lifestyle (you should allow for increases in future years).

Financial Support
The financial support available for international 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 from: www.cam.ac.uk/uginternationalsupport.

Applying to Cambridge
All applicants must complete a UCAS application and an additional questionnaire online by the relevant deadlines (see www.cam.ac.uk/apply). If you do not qualify for Home fee status, you may also have to complete an additional form/application. Please check the website for details.

You can find information about country-specific entry requirements, English language requirements, interview details and the application deadlines for 2022 entry on our website: www.cam.ac.uk/apply.

Visas and immigration
The University’s International Student Office provides a visa advice service to assist students sponsored by the University in applying for a student visa. The primary source of information on all matters concerning immigration is the Home Office.

It’s your responsibility to ensure that you understand and fulfil the immigration requirements for your student visa application and comply with the conditions of your visa during your studies.

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

Home Office
www.gov.uk/browse/visas-immigration/student-visas

Visit our website for help and advice specific to the country you are applying from and to read our International Undergraduate Guide.

www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk

¹ Figure rounded up to the nearest £10.