Colleges

At Cambridge, as well as being a member of the University, you’re also a member of a College (see p3). Once you’ve decided on a course you’d like to study, you need to consider College choice.

Community

Colleges are a mix of students, both undergraduate and postgraduate, academic Fellows and staff, creating a strong community atmosphere within each College.

Accommodation

The 29 undergraduate Colleges provide accommodation for most students² for at least three years.

What’s a College?

Your College is your base for the time you’re at Cambridge. It’s where you live, eat, can do a lot of socialising, receive academic and pastoral support, and where you often (though not always) have your supervisions (see p13).

In your UCAS application, as well as listing Cambridge (institution code CAM C05) as one of your options in the ‘Choices’ section, you need to enter a College (campus) code. You can either choose a particular College or, if you don’t have a preference, you can make an ‘open’ application (see opposite) and accept the allocation made by a computer program.¹

In both cases, your UCAS application is sent to a College and that College assesses it.

Please note

The following pages represent life at our Colleges prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Colleges may need to make changes to their offering due to the COVID-19 pandemic and/or Government guidelines and restrictions. It is very important that you check the College websites detailed throughout for the most up-to-date information before applying or accepting an offer to study at the University. Please see p159 for more details.
How do I choose a College?
Everyone’s reasons for choosing their College differ. Some Colleges don’t take students in all subjects so check availability for your course first, using the table overleaf. Otherwise, you may want to consider the following points:

- **Your age** – three Colleges are exclusively for students aged 21 or older (mature students, see p36-7) and their facilities are geared accordingly
- **College size** – number of students
- **Appearance and type of accommodation** (eg on-site or College-owned houses around the city)
- **Particular facilities** – eg for certain sports, performing arts etc
- **Personal instinct** – it just ‘feels right’

Please note that two of the Colleges (Murray Edwards and Newnham) consider applications from female students only. You can find more details on the College websites. This section introduces each College. Once you’ve read the College profiles you may wish to:

1. shortlist around half a dozen
2. look at their websites to get more detailed information
3. get in touch with College admissions offices if you have any questions
4. explore the Colleges on our Virtual Tour (see p152-3) or visit a few Colleges so you can meet current students and see for yourself what it might be like to live and study there

How NOT to choose a College

- **Application statistics** – choosing a College that attracts fewer applications or making an open application won’t increase your chance of receiving an offer.
- **Travelling time** – Cambridge is a compact (and fairly flat!) city so wherever you are, it’s easy to travel between your College and your department on foot, by bike or by bus.
- **Age of the College** – your student experience isn’t dependent on the age of a College. They all provide the facilities and support you’d expect and each has its own traditions and history.
- **Specialisms of College Fellows** – the research specialisms of a College’s Fellows won’t dictate what you can study or guarantee you’ll be supervised by them. You’ll attend supervisions at another College if that’s where the relevant supervisor is based.

What’s an open application?
If you don’t mind which College you attend then you don’t have to choose – you could make an open application instead.

- After the closing date (15 October), each open applicant is allocated to a College.
- The aim of the allocation is to even out the distribution of applicants for each course across the Colleges.
- Once allocated to a College, your application is treated exactly the same as any other application.
- For equally well-qualified applicants, making an open application or indicating a preference College makes no difference to your chance of being made an offer.

If you’re an applicant with unusual qualifications (eg a non-standard choice of A Levels for your subject), a mobility and/or sensory impairment, or have other considerations that require particular support, then it’s advisable to apply to a specific College having sought advice about your circumstances at an early stage, rather than make an open application.

Before you submit an open application, be sure that you’ll be quite happy whatever the outcome: we can’t change it once it’s done. If you decide to make an open application, you should select ‘9’ as the campus code in your UCAS application.

See p4-11 and the website (www.cam.ac.uk/apply) for information about the application process.

It’s the University (not your College) that determines course content and students from all Colleges study together in the University’s academic faculties and departments (see p3).

For equally well-qualified students, indicating a College preference or not (an ‘open’ application, see right) doesn’t affect your chances of being made an offer. Interviewers aren’t told whether you made an open application or selected a preferred College, and some applicants are made offers through our pool system (see p10) by a different College from the one they originally applied/were allocated to.

Further information
www.cam.ac.uk/choosingacollege

¹ You can only submit one application to the University in a year, either choosing a preference College or an open application, and once you’ve submitted your UCAS application this choice can’t be changed.
² Accommodation guarantee applies to all single undergraduates without children at all Colleges. All single undergraduates without children are usually expected to live in College-owned accommodation where possible.
Colleges at a glance

The Cambridge Colleges have many more similarities than differences, and students settle in quickly and really enjoy their College, whichever that ends up being! All the undergraduate Colleges offer comfortable accommodation, a dining hall, bar and/or café, and library amongst other facilities, some of which you’ll see detailed in the table below. Please note, the information below is intended as a guide. You should check individual College websites for the most up to date information before making an application.

Many Colleges offer accessible rooms for students who need them – please check individual College websites for details and contact the Disability Resource Centre for further advice (see p28).

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¹ See College entry for details
² Based on accommodation available to students joining the University in 2021-22.
³ The type and set up of en suite bedrooms varies across the undergraduate Colleges. Please check individual College websites for details of each room type.
⁴ Not all Colleges offer a choice of room type.
Colleges are located across the city, all within walking or cycling distance of the city centre and the academic faculties and departments.

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¹ Based on the minimum standard contract length for the majority of rooms at each College for undergraduate students (all years) staying all three terms in 2021-22. Some Colleges may have different contract lengths available. Please check individual College websites for details.

¹ As of 2023 Homerton will have a multi-faith space.
Christ’s College

Fact file

Courses available
All courses except Veterinary Medicine

Student numbers
420 undergraduates
C125 admitted each year
200 postgraduates

Director of Admissions
Dr Emily Tomlinson

Senior Tutor
Dr Robert Hunt

From John Milton and Charles Darwin to Abioseh Davidson Nicol: Christ’s has long nurtured outstanding scholars, from all kinds of background, giving them the tools to ‘think differently’ and break new ground across the sciences and the arts.

We welcome students of all nationalities, and from every walk of life, who are passionate about their subject, committed to academic excellence and keen to explore new ideas in a positive, enabling environment. Our current students come from more than 60 countries, and all regions of Britain, and our active network of alumni includes leaders in politics, business, research and creative industries around the world.

The College’s architecture reflects both the diversity of our intake and the variety of our students’ interests: you may live in medieval splendour, restrained Victorian elegance, or the radical concrete Modernism of New Court. Around half of our student rooms are en suite, and all undergraduates are accommodated within five minutes’ walk of the main College facilities, which include a café/bar, a formal dining hall and less formal self-service canteen, together with a theatre, music practice rooms, and a well-stocked library, open 24 hours a day.

Christ’s is centrally located, with instant access to the shops and cafés of the city centre, but its extensive gardens offer an oasis of calm amidst the hubbub, and conceal a seventeenth-century swimming pool, alongside a modern gym and squash court and (occasionally) the College cat; the tennis courts, badminton courts, playing fields and boathouse are a short cycle-ride away.

Our community is large enough to sustain a range of clubs, teams and societies, and small enough to ensure that it remains close-knit, and the support we provide for our students starts from the moment they first contact us. So if you’d like to know more, please do get in touch.

"I chose Christ’s because of the size, location and atmosphere. It’s a medium-small College, so I know everyone in my year, in the centre of town, so nothing was ever too far away, and the atmosphere is extremely friendly."

Shadab

Open days and events 2022
Please visit www.cam.ac.uk/college-events for 2022 College open day dates and visit the College website for regular updates.

See also Cambridge Open Days p152-3.
Churchill College

Fact file

Courses available
All courses except Land Economy, and Theology, Religion, and Philosophy of Religion

Student numbers
485 undergraduates
135 admitted each year
375 postgraduates

Admissions Tutors
Dr Sonja Dunbar (medical and natural sciences)
Dr Alison Ming (computer science)
Dr Jonathan Padley (all subjects)
Dr Paul Russell (engineering and mathematical sciences)

Senior Tutor
Dr Rita Monson

Churchill College was created in the mid-twentieth century to confront, through technology, the challenges facing Britain and the world. Today this vision is more relevant than ever. In the arts and humanities, as well as in science and technology, our students will become the researchers and policy-makers of the future, urgently responding – dynamically, logically, and creatively – to great international questions such as social justice, climate change, and global health.

Ours is a diverse community with a relaxed feel that achieves outstanding academic results. Students benefit from excellent and affordable accommodation, first-rate facilities (especially for sports, art, and music), and a great location. All undergraduates live on our main site, set in a large park a short walk from Cambridge city centre. We’re up the road from the University Library and the Sidgwick Site (arts and humanities), and effectively next door to the West Cambridge Site where many science courses are based. Our students tell us that Churchill is their home: they rate our accommodation highly (over 40 per cent en suite) and they love our food!

Churchill students are high-achieving but modest and kind: people who look out for one another, academically and socially. Our community seeks to address underrepresentation: it is more UK state-educated, more female, more international, and more ethnically diverse than many people imagine. Undergraduates live and study alongside our many postgraduate students, working under the guidance of our large Fellowship of lecturers, professors, and researchers.

Our attitude is forward-looking, outward-reaching, and can-do. Our focus is on excellence and ensuring that all our students feel welcomed and supported as they aspire to it.

“Churchill is unique in its architecture, image, and outlook. We do Cambridge traditions differently, in the best way. Churchill feels like home.”

Molly
Clare College

Fact file

Courses available
- All courses

Student numbers
- 519 undergraduates
- 297 postgraduates
- c140 admitted each year

Admissions Tutors
- Professor Timothy Chesters (arts)
- Professor Howard Griffiths (sciences)

Senior Tutor
- Dr Jacqueline Tasioulas

Clare is a thriving community that is home to students from all backgrounds and from all over the world. Diverse and inclusive, the College is recognised for providing a friendly, supportive environment for bright, engaged students and their interests.

Situated in the very heart of Cambridge, the elegant buildings and gardens of Clare extend to both sides of the river, forming part of the famed Cambridge ‘Backs’.

Clare has its own well-stocked library, sportsground, gym and music practice rooms. The University Library is immediately adjacent to the College site, and many faculties and departments are also nearby.

Clare has a large and active teaching Fellowship, providing inspiration and academic guidance for students. The College accepts applications in all subjects and the Fellows have a vast range of teaching and research interests. Staff and students work closely together, and there are student representatives on all major committees.

There is a wide range of College societies, including politics, drama, comedy, and numerous sports clubs. Societies also bring Fellows and students together for lectures and social events. Clare has a very strong musical tradition, with an internationally renowned choir.

The College participates in open days in July and September, and has an active outreach and access programme, as well as organising subject-specific sessions for applicants and teachers. Please check the Clare website for details or contact the Admissions Office for more information.

“Studying at Clare College is fantastic because you are part of a community of incredibly friendly people – staff and students alike! It is an amazing place to work and live in and I would definitely recommend applying here.”

Rosa

Open days and events 2022
Please visit www.cam.ac.uk/college-events for 2022 College open day dates and visit the College website for regular updates.

See also Cambridge Open Days p152-3.

Map reference 3 (see p154-5)
Corpus Christi College

Fact file

Courses available
All courses except Education, Land Economy and Veterinary Medicine

Student numbers
290 undergraduates
  c95 admitted each year
220 postgraduates

Admissions Tutor
Dr Michael Sutherland

Senior Tutor
Dr Marina Frasca-Spada

Open days and events 2022
Please visit www.cam.ac.uk/college-events for 2022 College open day dates and visit the College website for regular updates.
See also Cambridge Open Days p152-3.

Do you like the sound of a close-knit college community with over 650 years of academic excellence and a plethora of pelicans? If so, then the supportive and inclusive environment at Corpus may be for you.

Corpus has two main sites: Old House in the heart of the historic city – close to lecture halls, libraries and student facilities – and Leckhampton, a spacious site with tennis courts, sports grounds, a gym, extensive gardens and arguably the best outdoor swimming pool in Cambridge. As an undergraduate you are guaranteed private accommodation for the duration of your course, possibly in one of our charming medieval courtyards.

Academic and welfare support are our priorities. We offer outstanding teaching by our Fellows and academics, personal tutorial guidance, and an onsite College counsellor, nurse and Chaplain. We are committed to supporting students from a wide range of social and educational backgrounds, and our innovative Bridging Course ensures that our students get the best start to their Cambridge career. Our students have access to two College libraries, the Taylor Library, dedicated to our undergraduate students, and the Parker Library, a treasure trove of world-famous illuminated manuscripts.

Lunch and dinner are served in our spacious dining halls and we have two student café/bars. Our chapel choir and unique studio theatre, the Corpus Playroom, provide opportunities for artistic expression. Our students run a number of clubs and societies, from the Fletcher Players dramatic society to quizzing, board games, and the Corpus Green Impact team.

You can find useful information about admissions and facilities on our website, where you can take a virtual 360 degree tour of the College and view our student accommodation. Better yet, visit us on one of our open days to tour the historic buildings and meet our students, staff and Fellows (and find out more about those pelicans).

“When I visited Corpus on the open day, I loved the welcoming atmosphere, beautiful buildings and small size of the College. The central location is perfect; close to lectures, shops and social activities. The college is small enough to really get to know everyone in your year and other years, and quickly feel at home.”

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Founded in 1800, Downing is both the newest of the ‘old’ Colleges and the oldest of the ‘new’, set in a spacious landscape of lawns, trees and gardens in the heart of Cambridge. We welcome applications from anyone with talent and commitment to join our friendly, academic community.

Home to about 425 undergraduates, 220 graduates and 50 Fellows, all supported by more than 130 staff, Downing is an inclusive and welcoming place. We accept students in all subjects, our highly-respected teaching and research staff are dedicated to helping students realise their full academic potential. Our Fellows are at the forefront of their respective academic fields.

We guarantee accommodation for three-year undergraduate courses on the main College site. Should your course extend over four years, accommodation may also be available (but is not guaranteed). Housing all undergraduate accommodation on the main College site is unusual in Cambridge and helps build the strong sense of community so characteristic of Downing. Our exceptional rooms are all single occupancy rooms with internet connectivity. Around half are en suite and several are adapted for students with physical or sensory impairments.

Our facilities include the well-stocked Maitland Robinson Library (open 24 hours a day), the magnificent Howard Theatre and the Heong Gallery. Downing has a strong musical tradition, with a flourishing chapel choir and frequent concerts and recitals. Our excellent sporting facilities include a gym, tennis and basketball/netball courts, as well as an off-site sports ground and boathouse by the river. Students also enjoy the lively common rooms and student bar. Our pastoral support system – including personal Tutors, nurses, counsellors and our Head of Student Wellbeing – helps students to navigate their way through College life.

Downing is an inspiring place to live and study. Visit us on one of our open days to tour the College and meet students and Fellows.
Emmanuel College

Fact file

Courses available
All courses except Land Economy

Student numbers
470 undergraduates
145 admitted each year
220 postgraduates

Admissions Tutors
Dr Robert Henderson (sciences)
Professor Cathie Rae (sciences)
Dr Philip Howell (arts)
Dr Corinna Russell (arts)

Senior Tutor
Dr Robert Henderson

At Emmanuel, we are proud of our College and its history, but prouder still of our students’ achievements, academically, personally, and as members of the wider community. We are a friendly College with an informal atmosphere, where students are encouraged to make the most of their talents.

We give our students the space to pursue their own interests and ideas, providing an inclusive environment where everyone can thrive and do their best work regardless of background and beliefs. The College maintains an atmosphere of mutual support by fostering good relationships between our students across year groups and with the teaching Fellows who look after their educational progress.

Our students excel in their academic and social lives, and the College provides the framework for them to do this. We have excellent facilities for sport, computing and music; terrific teachers; a modern library with one of the best reading rooms in Cambridge; and a student-run bar.

Students can live in College accommodation throughout their time at Emmanuel and our rooms are located on the main site or in houses a short distance away. Emmanuel is a lovely place in which to live and work: the spaciousness and beauty of the grounds and buildings, right in the centre of Cambridge, tend to surprise everyone who enters from the busy streets around us. Our gardeners also believe that the outdoor spaces are to be enjoyed, so the two ponds, with their ducks and moorhens, the tennis courts in summer, the swimming pool and the large grass area known as the Paddock, are there for all members of the College to enjoy.

"Emma has been like a second home for me – it has such an incredible community of friendly, passionate students, fellows and staff. It’s known as ‘the friendliest College’ for a reason!"

Colin
Fitzwilliam College

Fact file

Courses available
All courses

Student numbers
463 undergraduates
140 admitted each year
411 postgraduates

Admissions Tutors
Dr Sara Owen (arts)
Dr Robert Abayasekara (sciences)

Senior Tutor
Dr Paul Chirico

Open days and events 2022
Please visit www.cam.ac.uk/college-events for 2022 College open day dates and visit the College website for regular updates.
See also Cambridge Open Days p152-3.

Fitzwilliam College combines the best of Cambridge tradition with a friendly, forward-thinking approach, perfectly summed up by our motto: ‘the best of old and new’. We were founded in 1869 with an aim to broaden access to the University, a history that we are proud of and that is reflected in our diverse and talented student body.

Our students enjoy high-quality College accommodation for the duration of their courses, never more than a five minute walk from the main College site. All students have access to well-equipped kitchens, complete with hobs and ovens, but they always have the option to eat a delicious meal in our spacious and modern hall. Our beautiful gardens are there for all – everyone can walk (or lounge!) on our grass, and an allotment provides fresh vegetables for our chefs. A lovely café provides an informal space where students, staff, and teaching Fellows can meet over coffee and homemade cake.

At the heart of the site is a Regency house, once home to Charles Darwin’s widow and the oldest building on the College site. Right next to this historical building, our library, barely a decade old, is open 24/7 and provides a welcoming place to study, with large windows overlooking the gardens.

Fitzwilliam students are fully engaged with student life, and as a result the College has a strong reputation for music, drama, and sport, and we also host a range of other student-led societies. Our excellent facilities enable our students to throw themselves into their hobbies, and include music practice rooms, an art studio, the University radio studio, a gym and squash courts on site, and playing fields nearby.

Come and see for yourself! Explore Fitzwilliam with our students on an open day, or get in touch to arrange a visit or ask any questions.

“Fitz dispels every myth you’ve heard about Cambridge. It’s a down-to-earth and welcoming College, full of friendly faces. What makes Fitz special is our sense of community; students have so many opportunities to get involved in College life.”

Sophie
Girton College

Fact file

**Courses available**
All courses except Education and History of Art

**Student numbers**
500 undergraduates
3140 admitted each year
300 postgraduates

**Admissions Tutors**
Dr Stuart Davis (arts)
Dr Julia Riley (sciences)

**Senior Tutor**
Dr Sandra Fulton

Set in beautiful grounds of more than 50 acres just outside the city centre, Girton College’s setting matches its open and informal atmosphere.

Founded on values of equality and diversity, Girton offers every student superb facilities in which to live and learn. Although we are one of the larger Cambridge Colleges, we offer a friendly community where no-one is anonymous. Whatever your subject, you receive top-class tuition, excellent support and an opportunity to exceed your expectations.

There is a wide range of student-run clubs and societies – subject, sporting and social – and some of the best facilities for music in the University.

The College guarantees its students accommodation for all years of their undergraduate degree. The majority of our undergraduates, including all first years, are housed on the historic main College site in a variety of accommodation – ranging from Victorian rooms in the original building, to modern en suite rooms in Ash Court. An option from the second year is an en suite room in the recently built Swirles Court (located between the College and city centre).

At Girton, you can experience all that’s great about being at Cambridge. The College has excellent on-site sporting and leisure facilities, including football, rugby and cricket pitches; squash and basketball courts; a new gym and, uniquely, an indoor heated swimming pool. We have a modern library, well-equipped computer rooms, and internet connections across all accommodation. We offer students plenty of flexibility for meals: you can use our very popular self-service cafeteria and all-day café or, if you want to cook for yourself, every corridor has a communal kitchen.

We maintain roughly equal numbers of men and women amongst our Fellowship and student body, and the relationship between Fellows, students and staff is friendly, lively and supportive.

“Were I to choose again, I wouldn’t apply anywhere else. There’s a togetherness like at no other College. Always a friendly face and staff are approachable. One of the unrecognised gems of Cambridge Colleges.”

Andrew
Based in the very centre of Cambridge, Gonville & Caius (though we're usually known simply as ‘Keys’) is a large, welcoming College whose many strengths include superior accommodation, lots of teaching Fellows, excellent pastoral support and extensive opportunities to participate outside your studies.

With one of the largest BAME student populations in Cambridge, we are an increasingly diverse community with a strong commitment to widening participation. Our size means there's plenty of room for you to find your own niche within a highly supportive community: we have two on-site College nurses, along with a College counsellor for mental health support.

Accommodation at Caius blends the old with the new: in first year, you'll be housed amongst beautiful gardens in 21st-century en suite accommodation, just a minute’s walk from many faculties and the University Library, music practice rooms and our large sports ground. In later years you'll have the chance to live in some of Cambridge’s oldest buildings, right in the heart of the city.

We have one of the largest Fellowships in the University, with teaching Fellows in nearly every subject. This means that much of our teaching takes place in College, which is great for settling in and finding your feet. Our Library is widely reckoned to be the most beautiful in Cambridge, and is certainly one of the best stocked.

Our College community is strengthened by our dedicated approach to dining. We encourage students to eat in our dining hall – a great place to meet new people and have an interesting conversation. You'll pay in advance for about 30 dining hall meals per term. When you're feeling like a quiet meal, all our accommodation is equipped with cooking facilities.

To hear more about us, have a look at our website, watch one of our videos, or pay us a visit!
Homerton College

Fact file

Courses available
All courses

Student numbers
550 undergraduates
c185 admitted each year
500 postgraduates (including 200 PGCE)

Admissions Tutors
Dr Paul Elliott (sciences)
Dr Georgie Horrell (arts)

Senior Tutor
Dr Penny Barton

Homerton is the newest College, as well as being one of the largest and most diverse. We have 250 years of history behind us, but our approach to learning is fresh and purposeful, and committed to supporting students in today’s world.

Our innovative co-curricular programme, Homerton Changemakers, helps our students to plan for their futures and achieve their goals. Each new generation of students helps build our community, enhancing what is already one of the most vibrant, open and inclusive places for living and learning in the University.

Homerton is on the south side of Cambridge, with an orchard, lawns, conservation area, and generous green spaces to walk in. Our buildings mix old and new, with a fine Victorian building and a superb new dining hall at the College’s heart. Living in College is overwhelmingly popular and all undergraduates can be accommodated on site throughout their studies. Most of our study bedrooms have en suite bathrooms, and all have wi-fi. We have a large, modern and well-stocked library, an excellent gym, an atmospheric College bar, a theatre, music rooms, and a fitness studio. We also have exceptional flood-lit astroturf sports facilities close to the College. Our students take full advantage of our facilities to work hard and enjoy themselves.

Homerton has always been a welcoming place; somewhere to become who you want to be, whatever your interests and wherever you come from. Our students participate fully in the life of the College, taking part in our decision-making through the Students’ Union. Our friendly Directors of Studies, Tutors and staff provide extensive support for our students, and we also have our own nurse and counsellor. We’re an evolving community, committed to remaining a place where doors are open, where nobody’s too grand to talk to you, and where each student can develop their full potential in supportive and beautiful surroundings.

“Being at Homerton basically feels like being a member of one huge, supportive family – Hom is where the heart is!”

Charlotte
Hughes Hall

Fact file

Courses available
All courses except Architecture, Medicine (other than the Graduate Course) and Veterinary Medicine

Student numbers
For students aged 21 and over (mature students)
150 undergraduates
c55 admitted each year
600 postgraduates

Admissions Tutors
Dr Corinne Roughley (arts and humanities)
Dr Carole Sargent (law, sciences and graduate medicine)

Senior Tutor
Dr Tori McKee

Hughes Hall is a different type of Cambridge College. We are a friendly and supportive academic community, with around 150 mature or affiliated undergraduates and up to 600 postgraduates. Two-thirds of our students come from outside the UK. We understand the challenges that face mature and affiliated undergraduates, including international students, and have a welfare and tutorial team experienced in providing appropriate support and advice. We value our egalitarian and inclusive culture which allows individuals from all backgrounds to flourish.

Cambridge has much to offer in the form of both College and University level societies and sports. Hughes Hall students are strongly involved: they regularly represent Cambridge on University teams, and contribute to a diverse community where all can thrive.

Hughes Hall has excellent public spaces and student rooms. Our accommodation includes rooms in our Victorian main building, modern en suite buildings on site, and nearby shared houses. All room rents are set bearing in mind affordability, and as an undergraduate you are guaranteed a room for every year of your course.

The College is situated beside the lively, cosmopolitan area of Mill Road. It is within a 10-minute bike ride of most departments and faculties, yet surrounded by the peaceful green spaces of the University cricket ground and Parker’s Piece. It is also close to the train and bus stations.

"Because Hughes Hall is mature and international, everyone brings such diverse backgrounds and experiences to the student body. That’s exactly why it feels so inviting – everyone knows what it’s like to be new or out of place, so everyone works to make sure you’re part of the College community."

Cris
Jesus College

Fact file

Courses available
All courses

Student numbers
550 undergraduates
145 admitted each year
475 postgraduates

Admissions Tutors
Dr Christopher Burlinson (arts and humanities)
Dr Matthew Harper (sciences)
Dr Claire Fenton-Glynn (social sciences)

Senior Tutor
Dr Geoff Parks

Our students say the best things about Jesus College are the mix of people and relaxed atmosphere, the great accommodation, and the location in the heart of Cambridge.

The best things about Jesus students are their diversity, their strong sense of community and their capacity for hard work.

We admit undergraduates across all subjects studied at the University, with roughly equal numbers in arts and sciences. We welcome applicants from all types of school and background – everyone is considered for admission as an individual on their own academic merit.

All our undergraduates are offered accommodation either in the main College buildings or in College-owned houses just across the road, so all Jesus students live only a stone’s throw from the Porters’ Lodge. The mix of rooms enables individual needs and preferences to be catered for. The College grounds are spacious and tranquil, away from the main tourist routes but only five minutes’ walk from the city centre.

Our students are encouraged to excel in all walks of life, and this leads to a good mix of academic excellence with music, sports and the arts. We’re particularly proud of our award-winning library which provides a superb working environment, our commitment to music of all sorts (ranging from two Chapel choirs to dedicated spaces for practice and performance), and our strong support for the visual arts, including our annual student-run arts festival. There are plenty of opportunities to relax and unwind, with hugely popular facilities including our new bar, café and recently refurbished common room. Unusually for a Cambridge College, our playing fields are on the main site.

You’re very welcome to look around the College for yourself – take the virtual tour or attend one of our open days.

Open days and events 2022
Please visit www.cam.ac.uk/college-events for 2022 College open day dates and visit the College website for regular updates.

See also Cambridge Open Days p152-3.
King’s College

Fact file

Courses available
All courses except Education, Land Economy and Veterinary Medicine

Student numbers
430 undergraduates
c135 admitted each year
280 postgraduates

Admissions Tutor
Dr Zoe Adams

Senior Tutor
Dr Tim Flack

Open days and events 2022
Please visit www.cam.ac.uk/college-events for 2022 College open day dates and visit the College website for regular updates.
See also Cambridge Open Days p152-3.

King’s has a long history of intellectual, artistic and social innovation. We were among the first of the historically male Colleges to admit women, and we have played a leading role in attracting ethnic minorities and state-educated students to Cambridge. King’s is a vibrant, diverse and tolerant community which actively encourages applications from all UK schools and colleges, continental Europe and overseas.

The College has a high ratio of teaching Fellows to undergraduates, and relations between members of the College are informal. Our academic standards are high and we take intellectual life seriously. King’s makes every effort to support students in their academic work and University lives, providing an excellent library, welcoming work spaces, and a committed tutorial team.

King’s stands in the centre of Cambridge, with its splendid grounds and buildings stretching to the River Cam and beyond. There’s a wide choice of accommodation, both en suite and with shared facilities. Meals are offered in the grand College Hall but you can always eat in the adjoining bar if you prefer something less formal. The bar – used for meetings, musical performances and open mic nights – is the heart of the College social life and the adjoining coffee shop provides a convenient study space. We offer sports facilities, punts and kayaks, music practice rooms, a dark room, clubs and societies, student-run club nights and an Art Centre which runs classes for all members. Our students are represented on College committees and fully engaged in the College’s rich intellectual and social life.

King’s is justly renowned for its music and Chapel. In addition to our celebrated male-voice choir, there’s also King’s Voices (a mixed choir), a student orchestra and a musical society. At King’s, it’s your academic potential that matters most and all students, regardless of background, can prosper here.

You can find out more by visiting our Ambassador Platform at chat.kings.cam.ac.uk.
Lucy Cavendish College

Fact file

Courses available
All courses except Music

Student numbers
350 undergraduates
135 admitted each year
400 postgraduates

Admissions Tutor
Dr Mark King

Senior Tutor
Dr Jane Greatorex

Lucy Cavendish College’s purpose has always been to provide opportunities for underrepresented groups to study at Cambridge. We welcome applications from suitably qualified students of all genders and, uniquely among Cambridge Colleges, we aim to admit a majority of our students from underrepresented or disadvantaged backgrounds. The College houses a vibrant, diverse, international community, with a mission to address scientific, social and technological global challenges. We are eager to educate those who share our values and our enterprising spirit and to inspire them to become future leaders in their fields.

Lucy Cavendish provides a high level of academic, professional and personal support during your transition to university and throughout your degree. We enroll all students on a comprehensive Bridging Programme before your first term to ensure you are ready to make the most of your time here. A full programme of academic study skills, enterprise and career development throughout your degree then helps you to maximise your potential and ambitions.

Our modern, informal campus is a short stroll from the centre of Cambridge, within easy reach of all University departments and facilities. The College main site includes a gym, bar, café, social spaces and study areas, music practice facilities and dining hall. The library is open 24/7 and our brand new student accommodation offers the very best living experience in a contemporary, eco-friendly development. There are numerous opportunities to pursue your own interests, including a lively sporting scene and many clubs, societies and teams.

Combining the best of Cambridge’s historic traditions and world-leading education with an environment and a community that reflects modern society, we are a College that is proud to be different. We are a driving force for change – come and join our inclusive, forward-thinking College.

Open days and events 2022
Please visit www.cam.ac.uk/college-events for 2022 College open day dates and visit the College website for regular updates.
See also Cambridge Open Days p152-3.

Sophia

“Lucy’s diverse community is unique; it was immediately clear that everyone genuinely wanted you to thrive – personally and academically. I couldn’t imagine a friendlier, more supportive, or better place to study and live. Lucy has undoubtedly made Cambridge home.”
Magdalene College

Fact file

Courses available
All courses

Student numbers
360 undergraduates
c105 admitted each year
213 postgraduates

Admissions Tutors
Dr Sergio Bacallado (access)
Dr Stuart Martin (post-offer)
Dr John Munns (post-application)

Senior Tutor
Dr Stuart Martin

Magdalene College encourages applicants from all backgrounds and in all subjects. We are interested in your ideas, your intellectual progress and your contributions to our communal life, and will endeavour to provide an environment that can let you develop in the best way for you.

With an intake of around 105 new undergraduates each year it is possible to get to know all your fellow students! Alongside guaranteed College accommodation for all undergraduates throughout their studies, we provide a supportive network of students in higher years, Directors of Studies, Tutors, and professional support staff. A very warm welcome in your first week will make sure that you can settle in quickly, meet new people and feel at home.

Magdalene College has the advantage of an attractive and convenient location on the banks of the River Cam, with the longest waterfront of all the Cambridge Colleges, and less than five minutes’ walk from the city centre. Our buildings range from formal Tudor architecture in First Court, the elegant Pepys Library in the Second Court through to the Magdalene Village (a unique mix of medieval study bedrooms and modern sets) and Cripps Court with its handsome garden and en suite rooms.

Magdalene’s New Library opened in 2021. Its collections include 30,000 books and a range of other print and digital resources across all taught courses. There are also 130 work spaces, study rooms, a social area and an art gallery. The New Library provides our community with an ideal environment for studying. Visit our website to find out more.

“I have met the most amazing people and made the best memories. There’s always so much on whether you’re into art, music, theatre, sport, or are of a particular religion; there is genuinely something for everyone here.”

Bronwyn

Open days and events 2022
Please visit www.cam.ac.uk/college-events for 2022 College open day dates and visit the College website for regular updates.
See also Cambridge Open Days p152-3.

Map reference 15 (see p154-5)
Murray Edwards College

Fact file

Courses available
All courses except Education and Philosophy

Student numbers
For female students only¹
402 undergraduates
197 postgraduates

Admissions Tutor
Dr Susan Haines

Senior Tutor
Dr Michele Gemelos

Open days and events 2022
Please visit www.cam.ac.uk/college-events for 2022 College open day dates and visit the College website for regular updates.

See also Cambridge Open Days p152-3.

Murray Edwards College provides academic excellence within a warm and welcoming community. At its heart lies a proactive commitment to improving the opportunities open to women within education and their professional lives.

As a student at Murray Edwards, you get the best of both worlds – working in a world class co-educational University and in a College with a special focus on women’s learning.

Through our Gateway Programme we help you transition to studying in Cambridge, and help build the confidence and skills necessary to succeed. We then support you into the world of work through networking with our diverse body of former students who want to help women get ahead in the workplace.

We have a strong fellowship of both women and men who are dedicated to teaching women and both encourage and challenge you. They provide new ways of thinking about and speaking with the world and allow you to develop those areas of your subject that most interest you as well as helping you to achieve highly. We aid you to drive change in Cambridge and beyond, and we encourage our students to engage fully in all aspects of Cambridge life. Cambridge comes to Murray Edwards too through the events run by the College and by our students.

Our buildings and grounds are light and airy, inspiring not intimidating, and we are able to house all undergraduates on site or very close by, with many en suite rooms. This helps to strengthen the powerful sense of community, which you notice the moment you step inside. Our food, served in the iconic domed Hall, is reckoned among the best in Cambridge and you quickly come to feel that ‘Dome is Home’.

¹ Please visit the College website for more details

“Murray Edwards is a safe space for everyone; staff are always around to make students feel supported academically and personally. The Gateway Programme is a perfect example of this, helping us fund personal ambitions whilst honing our academic skills.”

Neve
Newnham College

Fact file

**Courses available**
All courses except Economics

**Student numbers**
For female students only¹
- 406 undergraduates
- 306 postgraduates
- 4120 admitted each year

**Admissions Tutors**
Dr Sam Lucy  
Professor Roisin Owens

**Senior Tutor**
Professor Liba Taub

150 years ago, a group of radicals – philosophers, campaigners, scientists, writers – came together to create a Cambridge College unlike any other. Newnham proudly remains radical, friendly, supportive and challenging, and equality is at our heart.

Our founders wanted a College that would be beautiful and sociable, with warm brick buildings looking out to huge gardens where students picnic, work and relax. From historic rooms with balconies to stylish modern en suite rooms, all Newnham undergraduates live on site, close to their friends.

Newnham is a College for women, led by women. It’s a place where you’ll see women hold the most senior roles; where you’ll have the support to live life to your full potential. Your teaching and social life will be with women and men from across the University, and you’ll come home to a College that supports women 100 per cent.

We have a nurse and counsellor on site, strong student-led diversity groups, and supportive tutors. Your personal tutor can help you to apply for additional financial support through our generous bursary, research, opportunity and travel funds. We run careers events and personal development programmes.

Our gorgeous library was built in 1897, when pioneering women students couldn’t use the University libraries. Old Labs, the original women’s laboratories, are now a performance and music practice space.

Newnham is next to the main arts and humanities site, with the science and engineering departments five minutes’ cycle away. Our sports fields, tennis, gym and netball courts are all on site.

Students enjoy well-equipped kitchens for cooking with friends, the Buttery for relaxed meals, or dining in style in Hall. And there’s always coffee and cake at our famous café-bar.

³ Please visit the College website for more details

Open days and events 2022
Please visit www.cam.ac.uk/college-events for 2022 College open day dates and visit the College website for regular updates.

See also Cambridge Open Days p152-3.

Map reference 17 (see p154-5)

“Newnham is the most welcoming place you could want for starting university. I have felt supported by my College pastorally, and pushed academically to achieve my full potential. Most importantly, it’s a very friendly College and a fun community to be a part of!”

Charlotte
Pembroke College

Fact file

Courses available
All courses

Student numbers
430 undergraduates
132 admitted each year
295 postgraduates

Admissions Tutor
Dr Caroline Burt

Senior Tutor
Professor Robert Mayhew

At the heart of Cambridge, Pembroke is a stone's throw from many departments and everything that the city has to offer. Here you’ll find a warm and diverse community, with a friendly and relaxed atmosphere that comes from those who study, work and teach here. We welcome students from all backgrounds, and particularly encourage those from backgrounds or schools who might not usually consider Cambridge to think about applying to us.

One of the things we’re best known for is our food, which has a great reputation across the University. Our dining hall offers lots of choice and flexibility, with options for a range of dietary requirements, and we ensure our students have a say in what we serve. We also have a café which serves food and drink throughout the day and becomes the College bar in the evening.

Pembroke students live on the main site or in nearby College-owned houses throughout their undergraduate studies, and accommodation ranges in age, size and price – but is all of a high standard. Whilst we don’t have many en-suites, our students all have individual bedrooms, and most rooms have their own sink. All first years are housed on our main College site, making it really easy to make new friends when you first arrive.

Our facilities include a library, computer room, gym, music practice rooms, sports fields and more, as well as loads of clubs and societies. Our students therefore have lots of opportunities to explore their wider interests. We also have a whole range of student support services on hand, such as our College Nurse and tutorial team, to ensure that our students are able to thrive whilst they are with us.

Our students are united by a deep interest in their subject, which contributes to our reputation for academic excellence. We also respect one another’s right to be different, and do all that we can to give Pembroke students the support they deserve. Please get in touch to find out more!
Courses available
All courses except Education, Geography, Land Economy, Psychological and Behavioural Sciences, and Veterinary Medicine.

Student numbers
284 undergraduates
219 postgraduates

Admissions Tutors
Mr Scott Mandelbrote (arts)
Dr András Zsák (sciences)

Senior Tutor
Reverend Dr Stephen Hampton

Just five minutes’ walk from the city centre, Peterhouse is an exciting and friendly place to live. It’s perfectly situated for student life – close to the arts, engineering and science faculties, but just off the tourist trail.

Peterhouse’s small size promotes plenty of individual attention for students. The College is a supportive community where students quickly make friends and feel at home. Both lively and inclusive, Peterhouse welcomes students with wide-ranging backgrounds, interests and opinions. The only things all our students have in common are high academic ability, dedication to their subject and a willingness to work hard.

We provide a range of excellent accommodation (including en suite rooms) in central Cambridge (on or adjacent to the main site) for all undergraduates for the duration of their course. We offer great food eaten in the oldest Hall in Cambridge, and there’s the option of a candlelit dinner every night during term. Peterhouse has excellent facilities for study, sport, music and social events. These include a spacious and well-stocked library, as well as a theatre, music practice rooms, bar, computer room, gym, boathouse and sports grounds. The beautiful and tranquil Deer Park provides a large space for students to relax and meet friends while enjoying a pause in their busy schedules.

We always look to admit those with the potential to flourish in our nurturing environment and are committed to offering places to the most able, regardless of school or background.

To find out more about Peterhouse, why not come to an open day and meet our students and staff? If you’re unable to attend one of these, individual visits can usually be arranged with the Admissions Team, who are always happy to advise you and answer any questions you may have.

“Peterhouse is a close-knit College. It’s a space in which all students feel a sense of belonging, which makes settling in easy. The academic environment is just as supportive, allowing everyone to seek help when they need it.”

Katie
Queens’ College

Fact file

Courses available
All courses except Archaeology and Philosophy

Student numbers
500 undergraduates
5140 admitted each year
500 postgraduates

Admissions Tutor
Dr Jane Garrison

Senior Tutor
Dr Andrew Thompson

Open days and events 2022
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Queens’ is a large, centrally located College. It is characterised by openness and informality, making it modern, welcoming and comfortable.

We want our students to pursue their academic interests and achieve their full potential. Queens’ has been in the heart of Cambridge for more than five centuries, and today it supports a thriving academic community of undergraduates, graduates and academics.

Queens’ undergraduates are guaranteed accommodation for three years. We offer a full catering service but each landing has a kitchenette for those who want to self-cater. All rooms enjoy Internet access and wi-fi is available throughout. Queens’ provides superb facilities for the arts. There are squash courts, a gym and punt hire within College, and the sports ground and boathouse are nearby.

The sole condition for admission to Queens’ is academic potential. We welcome applicants from schools with no prior history of application to Cambridge. We will work hard to ensure that no applicant is prevented from studying here because of a disability, or social or financial disadvantage. We take particular care in selecting students. Applicants are interviewed sympathetically as we want you to show us your strengths.

Achieving a place at Queens’ brings responsibilities. There is a firm expectation at Queens’ that every student will work hard to fulfil their academic potential and maintain our reputation for academic excellence. We have a detailed programme of support to help first-year students make the transition from school to university.

You are welcome to contact the Admissions Office directly, to look on the website or attend an open day to find out more.

“Queens’ has a welcoming and friendly atmosphere. It’s small enough to have community spirit but big enough you can meet new people. The library is amazing but on the flip side you can relax in Q Bar and play pool!”

Amber
Founded in 1977, Robinson is one of the most modern and ambitious Cambridge Colleges. Famed for its strong sense of community and relaxed atmosphere, there’s nowhere better to pursue your studies and interests.

Robinson is perfectly located for life in Cambridge – directly opposite the University Library and extremely close to the arts and sciences departments. A short walk or bike ride takes you directly into the city centre. The magnificent College gardens are much loved by students and academics alike.

At Robinson, the student body is truly diverse, coming from a wide range of backgrounds and from all over the world. They have the very best academic and pastoral support, alongside access to a community of scholars who are keen to help students with their work, allowing them to achieve at the highest levels.

All undergraduates live in outstanding accommodation within the College grounds for the duration of their original course. Around half is en suite, with the remainder sharing one or two bathrooms between two or three individuals (no bedrooms are shared). Facilities are exceptional: no matter your interests, there are opportunities to pursue them here.

Our library is accessible 24/7 and boasts a comprehensive collection of books, while our Brickhouse Theatre Company is one of the largest student theatre venues in the University after the ADC. Robinson also has some of the best College food in Cambridge, whether in the cafeteria-style Garden Restaurant, at the Red Brick Café and Bar, or at the optional twice-weekly formal dinners in the Hall.

Further insight into College life can be gained through our website and prospectus, or by visiting us in person. Our open events are good times to visit, but we also welcome individuals or school groups throughout the year. If you have any questions or wish to arrange a visit, please contact our Admissions Office via apply@robinson.cam.ac.uk.
St Catharine’s College

Fact file

Courses available
All courses except Architecture, Education, History of Art and Linguistics

Student numbers
440 undergraduates
c135 admitted each year
370 postgraduates

Admissions Tutors
Dr David Bainbridge (sciences)
Dr Ivan Scales (arts)

Senior Tutor
Dr Holly Canuto

St Catharine’s (fondly known as Catz) is a medium-size College, situated right in the centre of town, that welcomes applications from students of all genders and backgrounds, and is proud of its strong links with state schools across the UK.

Founded in 1473, Catz is a lively and diverse community with a reputation for academic success and friendliness. We’ve gathered a dedicated and approachable team of teaching staff committed to helping our students realise their academic potential. The College is known for being supportive and this has been strengthened in recent years by our expert Welfare Team.

Our application process encourages all candidates to demonstrate their academic ability – proven and potential. We interview most applicants, and do everything we can to make this early experience of Catz as positive as possible.

Undergraduates are guaranteed accommodation throughout their three- or four-year courses. First- and third-year students live on our picturesque main site in central Cambridge, home to generations of Catz students including Sir Ian McKellen and Richard Ayoade. Nearby is another attractive site where second-year students live together in spacious flats.

Catz offers excellent facilities for study and recreation. Our two libraries are among the best in Cambridge, and bedrooms have unlimited, high speed internet access included. Our students can work and socialise together in shared spaces, including our common room and student-run bar. Our sports facilities include extensive playing fields; squash, badminton and tennis courts; a gym; an all-weather AstroTurf hockey pitch; and our centrally-located boathouse. Our active choir records and tours regularly. Students work with staff to enhance College life through our Committees, Green Working Group and Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Working Group.

We are happy to receive enquiries from and arrange visits to Catz for any prospective applicants. Detailed and up-to-date information can be found on our website.

Open days and events 2022
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“...about Catz has to be the sense of community. Within a few weeks of arriving, it becomes impossible to walk across the College and not bump into someone you know.”

Eleanor
St Edmund’s College

Fact file

Courses available
All courses

Student numbers
For students aged 21 and over (mature students)
150 undergraduates
529 postgraduates

Admissions Tutors
Dr Martin Thompson
Dr Martin Parker Dixon

Senior Tutor
Dr Judith Bunbury

We were founded 125 years ago, out of a belief in the excellence of the education and research offered by the University of Cambridge, and out of a conviction that the status quo was inadequate. This makes us open to refreshment, reimagining and revival. We believe that no one should be excluded from the intellectual rigour, challenge and attainment of Cambridge on the basis of who they are or what they believe. The open meeting of different perspectives is fundamental to our mission as a college.

Within our 10 acres, we welcome the world. St Edmund’s is a place to explore ideas and perspectives, a place of friendship and welcome. A place of personal and intellectual growth for those who will shape the future for millions, in countries across the globe.

Whilst we are a college for mature and postgraduate students and welcome learners of 21 or older, the average age of our new students is around 24. The students, staff and Fellows of St Edmund’s form a single community with the student body led by an executive committee, with active student societies and a host of social events.

As one of the newer colleges within the University, we unashamedly look to the future but the College maintains a sense of tradition through regular formal dinners, feasts and ceremonies. The college is ideally sited for many students, close to the West Cambridge site, Sidgwick site, and to the city centre.

“St Edmund’s College has been extremely supportive. I have enjoyed meeting and living alongside fellow students with diverse backgrounds and life experiences.”

Maiwand
St John’s College

Fact file

Courses available
All courses

Student numbers
664 undergraduates
c172 admitted each year
312 postgraduates

Admissions Tutor
Dr Victoria Harvey

Senior Tutor
Mr Richard Partington

St John’s is a spectacularly beautiful College located on the River Cam at the heart of the city centre. Founded by Lady Margaret Beaufort in 1511, St John’s combines 500 years of history with pioneering research and award-winning teaching. St John’s provides students with a world-class education in a diverse, friendly and lively environment. We are one of the largest Colleges in Cambridge and welcome around 170 new undergraduate students every year from a variety of backgrounds.

All of our undergraduate students are guaranteed accommodation throughout their time in Cambridge, which helps build the strong sense of community St John’s is so famous for. You will rarely be able to cross our ancient courts to go from your room to the dining hall, the free onsite laundry, gym or bar without running into someone you know. We have more than 40 student-run societies and sports teams, so there is always something to do outside of the library or lab.

Terms here are challenging and exhilarating but that is because Cambridge offers one of the most transformative learning experiences in the world. At St John’s you will live and work alongside leading academics who are undertaking globally significant research in their field. However small your subject, there is someone here working in your discipline who will encourage and support you – pastoral support is at the heart of our teaching.

We welcome students from every possible background – there is no typical St John’s student and no single St John’s experience. Whatever your circumstances, if you think you have got what it takes to become part of our thriving community, then we want to hear from you.

“John’s has a really strong community – everyone is friendly and approachable. It still feels crazy to me that I’m basically living in a castle but John’s manages to be both beautiful and homely. I genuinely believe John’s is the best College and there is always something to get involved in.”

Ollie
Selwyn combines academic excellence with a strong, diverse community and provides an environment in which students can excel, achieve their potential and enjoy student life to the full. Studying at Selwyn is fascinating and fulfilling.

Selwyn is a medium-size College located a short walk from the city centre. Our spacious site is set in beautiful gardens that create a calm and relaxing environment. We guarantee undergraduates accommodation for the three or four years of their course (65 per cent of rooms are en suite). All are housed on a single site, enabling our students to enjoy learning while sharing in the richness of a full and varied communal life.

The College has produced leaders in many fields and is at the heart of Cambridge’s academic facilities. The University Library and Sidgwick Site, home to many arts and humanities faculties, are adjacent to our gardens; and we’re located between the central and West Cambridge sites where most science departments are found.

We welcome applicants from all social and educational backgrounds and are committed to fairness in all our processes. Academic excellence, strong subject commitment and the potential to do well on the intended course are the criteria for admission.

If you relish the prospect of studying in an intellectually challenging environment, and are willing to put in the time and effort needed to be successful in your studies, we believe you’ll feel at home at Selwyn.

To find out more please see our website or contact us. You can also visit us on an open day, on a school visit, or by making an individual appointment.
Sidney Sussex College

Fact file

Courses available
All courses except Education

Student numbers
350 undergraduates
105 admitted each year
275 postgraduates

Admissions Director
Dr Catherine Sumnall

Senior Tutor
Mr Massimo Beber

Open days and events 2022
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Sidney is a strong, vibrant community that brings students, fellows, and staff together. Proud of our long history (founded in 1596 – the youngest of the ‘old’ Cambridge Colleges), we are modern and inclusive in outlook.

Our undergraduates live on site, or a short walk away, right in the heart of the city. Accommodation is guaranteed for up to four years; rooms vary from sharing a College house with friends, to study-and-bedroom set combinations in the older parts of Sidney. First year students are randomly allocated a room, and get to know other students easily and settle into Sidney life.

Our cafeteria is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner, with Formal Hall occurring three times a week in the beautiful main Dining Hall. A second dining hall provides a relaxed atmosphere and flexible serving hours. The student-run bar is at the heart of many of the College’s student-run events and also provides a relaxed study space.

The library is accessible 24 hours a day, and our library team is helpful and ever enthusiastic. Sidney has a dedicated pastoral team, including a nurse, a study skills co-ordinator, and a student wellbeing specialist. We are proud of the atmosphere of inclusion and encouragement we foster: we want our students to excel academically, and to be happy while doing so.

The Sidney Sussex College Students’ Union work hard to make sure students feel at home. They organise a lively and varied set of activities for new students, and there is plenty going on throughout the year. They take an active part in the running and development of College too.

“As soon as I visited Sidney for the first time, I knew it was the right place for me. Its small size, beautiful surroundings, chilled atmosphere, friendly community and perfectly central location meant that I felt at home instantly.”

Lottie
Trinity College

Fact file

Courses available
All courses except Education and Veterinary Medicine

Student numbers
740 undergraduates
c200 admitted each year
350 postgraduates

Admissions Tutors
Dr Glen Rangwala (Director)
Professor Imre Leader (sciences)
Professor Emma Widdis (arts)

Senior Tutor
Professor Catherine Barnard

Trinity provides a large and diverse community in which to live, work and play. We offer high-quality accommodation, a central location on the river, excellent meals in Hall and extensive sports facilities.

Trinity has a long tradition of academic excellence. We welcome all those who have the ability and determination to succeed, whatever their background. Tutors, Directors of Studies and supervisors work closely with our students to engage them in the wide range of educational and research opportunities that the College and the University opens up to them.

The setting of the College serves to inspire. There is some magnificent architecture at the heart of Trinity – Great Court, the Chapel, the Hall, Nevile’s Court, the Wren Library – but there are also fine modern buildings, including an attractive development at Burrell’s Field, a short walk away through the beautiful College gardens.

There is a lively Students’ Union that organises a wide variety of social events, and a popular student centre with common rooms and a bar. Undergraduates can live in College throughout the full length of their course, and all rooms have internet connections.

We are actively committed to widening participation. We host residential and other visits to the College, and work closely with educational charities to encourage applications from all schools, further education colleges and sixth forms, including those with little or no experience of Cambridge.

You can learn more about Trinity by booking a place at an open day, or just by visiting the College informally to have a look around. Our website contains comprehensive information and the Admissions Office is happy to deal with further enquiries.

“My favourite aspect of Trinity is the sense of community that the College fosters. You become an integral part of Trinity’s tradition and innovation, an important recipient of and contributor to the opportunities that are offered, and an active participant in determining the College’s legacy.”

Elizabeth
Trinity Hall

Fact file

Courses available
All courses except Education

Student numbers
410 undergraduates
c110 admitted each year
224 postgraduates

Director of Admissions
Dr Marcus Tomalin

Senior Tutor
Dr Clare Jackson

Open days and events 2022
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Trinity Hall is a small, friendly, informal College that helps its students grow and develop both intellectually and personally. Located a short walk away from most lecture halls, laboratories, libraries, clubs, pubs, and shops, it is ideally situated for student life in Cambridge. The College library and the picturesque gardens overlook the river, providing a relaxed environment in which to work and unwind. The novelist Henry James called it ‘the prettiest corner in the world’. The Aula Bar and Coffee Shop offer a cozy setting in which to grab a drink and catch up with friends.

Every undergraduate at Trinity Hall has a room in College for the duration of their course. Some of the rooms are in evocative historical buildings, while others are in impressive modern accommodation blocks with excellent en suite facilities and large communal kitchens. This refreshing mixture of the old and the new means that all our students can live comfortably while they study with us.

Although our students maintain a long tradition of academic excellence, they also contribute to College and university life through their extra-curricular activities. All undergraduates have access to a free gym, squash courts, tennis courts, playing fields, a boathouse and a music room with a grand piano, electric keyboards, amps and drum kit.

As this suggests, Trinity Hall is far more than just a collection of beautiful buildings. It is a dynamic and diverse community of people from all over the world. We encourage applications from motivated students from all social and educational backgrounds and especially those who come from schools or colleges with little or no tradition of applying to Cambridge.

To find out more about the College, please visit our website or attend one of our open days. Our Admissions Team are always happy to answer any queries you might have.

“Trinity Hall is the loveliest sanctuary in the busy city and from busy life at the University. I can’t imagine a better place to call home.”

Izzy
Wolfson College

Fact file

Courses available
All courses except Economics and Mathematics

Student numbers
For students aged 21 and over (mature students)
150 undergraduates
50 admitted each year
600 postgraduates

Admissions Tutor
Dr Noel Rutter

Senior Tutor
Dr Susan Larsen

Wolfson is a College for mature students that’s dynamically engaged with the world.

At Wolfson, you’ll live, study, and socialise with mature students from around 90 different countries. We have no hierarchies: there’s no high table, our social spaces are shared by everyone, and you’re just as likely to sit next to the College President as you might a PhD student from another continent.

We’re a college that believes in giving opportunities for life-long learning, and we specialise in offering the academic, professional, and personal support that mature students need. To help you hit the ground running, we offer WolfWorks, a specially-designed study skills programme; our library is open 24/7, 365 days a year; and we have exceptional tutors to guide your return to learning.

All our undergraduates are guaranteed accommodation on site for their first three years, whether it’s a single, en suite, shared house, or family flat. All blocks have self-catering kitchen facilities, and rental fees are inclusive of utilities and cleaning. Our dining hall serves three high-quality meals a day with formal halls held twice a week during term time.

Whether you join our rowing crews, sign up for the Wolfson Entrepreneur Society, laugh along at our Wolfson Howler comedy night, sing in our choir, or grow your own veg in the student garden, you’ll be able to find the sporting, social, cultural, and intellectual activities that suit you. And if you join our Interdisciplinary Research Hubs, you’ll unite with Wolfson students, Fellows, and members in tackling the big issues facing the world today.

Located on a single site just beyond the city centre, surrounded by glorious gardens and with facilities including a tennis court and gym, Wolfson is an inspiring and supportive environment where you can fulfil your potential and help change the world.

“I thought Cambridge would be too traditional and stuck in the past for me, but then I found Wolfson and I just thought, ‘this is the perfect place!’”

Marlie

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