Thanks in large part to the generosity of alumni and other donors, the University and College are able to offer substantial financial assistance where it is most required. In particular, we are committed to the principle that no suitably qualified student should be deterred from applying to Cambridge by their financial circumstances, and that no publicly funded UK student should have to leave because of financial difficulties. This booklet provides a brief guide to the main sources of support; full details are available on the College - https://www.fitz.cam.ac.uk/college-life/fees-funding-and-awards and University websites. If you have any queries or would like to find out more, talk to your Tutor or contact the Tutorial Office (tutorial.anne@fitz.cam.ac.uk).

**Student Finance**
For those UK/Home students taking a Student Finance Loan.
The College will confirm the arrival of students and Student Finance will then pay the first instalment of the maintenance loan approximately within 10 days of the start of term.

**Government Financial Support**
Substantial support is available to eligible Home fee status students: for full details, and application guidance, see http://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/finance/financial-support/government-financial-support

**Cambridge Bursary Scheme**
The Cambridge Bursary Scheme (CBS) is a scheme which gives bursaries to all undergraduates from low income households. These are not repayable, and the cost is split between the College and the University. New arrangements were phased in for students matriculating October 2021 which provided higher levels of funding by default. Students matriculating before this will continue to supported under the previous arrangements, where the Bursary is supplemented by additional College support funds, including the Enhanced Bursary Scheme. More information for both schemes is outlined below.

**For those who have matriculated from October 2021 and onwards**
The Cambridge Bursary Scheme was extended for undergraduate students starting their course in 2021 or after. Non-repayable bursaries of up to £3,500 are available to students with Home Fees status starting in 2021 onwards with residual household incomes (as declared to Student Loans Company) of up to £62,215.

The Student Loan Company will automatically assess you for a Cambridge Bursary when you apply and declare your household income. There is no separate application for the Cambridge Bursary – it’s based on the household income figure calculated by your student finance body. **Please note**: In order to be considered for a Cambridge Bursary you and your sponsors (usually your parents) **must not** tick the box on your student loan application form to opt out of sharing your data with the University. If you **do not share your data** with us, we **cannot** award a Cambridge Bursary, so you must leave the box blank. Successful applicants will be notified by the College and payments will be made directly into the applicant’s UK bank account. More information is available here: https://www.cambridgestudents.cam.ac.uk/cambridgebursary
**Education Premium**
Students in receipt of a Cambridge Bursary who also have been eligible for free school meals (funded by their local authority) will receive the Educational Premium which is an additional non-repayable bursary of £1000 per year.

**Enhanced Award**
Students who are classed as independent by their regional funding body are eligible for an extra 60% on top of their award (taking the maximum up to £5,600 for independent students, or £6,600 including the Educational Premium for those who were eligible for free school meals). Independent level awards are still income assessed and based on your household income as assessed by your regional funding body.

**For those who have matriculated October 2020 and earlier**
The value of each Bursary is dependent on household income: students with a household income of £25,000 per year or less are eligible for the maximum Cambridge Bursary of £3,500 per year, while those with a household income of between £25,001 and £42,620 per year are eligible for a partial Cambridge Bursary.

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**Enhanced Award**
Students who are classed as independent by SLC may be eligible for an enhanced award of up to £5,600. The extra funds are intended to help you meet the cost of accommodation over the summer months assuming you do not have a parental home to which to return during that time.

Eligible students will be notified of their Cambridge Bursary Scheme Award by the middle of October, with the first instalment being paid, via Student Finance, by the first week of November.

**Top-Up Bursary Scheme**
Fitzwilliam College is participating in a programme to provide enhanced bursaries in 2022-2023 to undergraduate students from the UK, in their third and fourth years. It is intended both to top up the Cambridge Bursary Scheme and in addition to support those from middle income families who won’t receive the Cambridge Bursary. It is funded primarily by donations from alumni. At this time we urge you to make sure that information about your household income is supplied to Student Finance, and that permission to share the information with the College and University is granted, so that you can be assessed for this additional support (even if you do not believe you are eligible for the Cambridge Bursary).

**Fitzwilliam College Maintenance Bursaries**
The College offers maintenance bursaries of up to £1,000 annually to undergraduates based on their individual circumstances, to help cover living costs. All home and overseas students may apply.
Those who matriculated from October 2021 and onwards, additional support previously offered by a Top-Up Bursary and Fitzwilliam College Maintenance Bursary is incorporated within the revised Cambridge Bursary Scheme. However, any student experiencing unanticipated financial difficulty is invited to apply for a Fitzwilliam College Maintenance Bursary in Lent Term.

Those who matriculated October 2020 and earlier, and who are in receipt of a Cambridge Bursary will automatically receive additional support through this scheme and need not apply. Those not in receipt of a Cambridge Bursary who are experiencing unanticipated financial difficulty are invited to apply for a Fitzwilliam College Maintenance Bursary in Lent Term.

Students classed as 'Home' for fee purposes are expected to have already taken out the maximum student loan to which they are entitled and are in receipt of a Cambridge Bursary; if this is not the case, an explanation should be given.

More information is available here: https://www.fitz.cam.ac.uk/college-life/fees-funding-and-awards/undergraduate-support-funds and details of how to apply will be emailed accordingly prior to the closing dates.

Applications should normally first be discussed with your Tutor, who will be invited to comment on the application. The main deadline is towards the end of January with awards being paid into College Accounts towards the end of February, after formal approval by the Tutorial Committee. A second round follows, with a deadline towards the end of April, but only for those whose circumstances have changed substantially and unexpectedly since the Lent Term round of applications, and any awards made will be paid into College Accounts towards the end of May.

Students in receipt of a Fitzwilliam College Maintenance Bursary will also be eligible for Student Rent Allowance Scheme – see further details below.

**Goldman Sachs Awards**

Fitzwilliam College will award up to ten new Goldman Sachs Bursaries in the form of maintenance awards of £750 per year to first-year Home and EU undergraduates of outstanding promise but limited financial means. The awards are made in the Lent term (February) after admission and are renewable annually, subject to satisfactory progress. No specific application is necessary. Students in receipt of a Goldman Sachs Award would not normally be eligible for further support from a Fitzwilliam College Maintenance Bursary.

**Cost of Living Support Payment for 2022/2023**

A £350 cost of living support payment will be made automatically to all students receiving a Cambridge Bursary Award in 2022/23. These will be credited to students’ bank accounts towards the end of Michaelmas Term. Awards will also be made in Lent Term to any 3rd or 4th years (or those continuing into Clinical studies) who receive the Top-up-Bursary but who are not in receipt of a Cambridge Bursary.

**Book Grants**

Awards of £150 will be made automatically to all 1st years who are in receipt of a Cambridge Bursary Award. These will be credited to students’ bank accounts towards the end of Michaelmas Term. These awards are being given to support the provision of learning resources to first year undergraduate students of Fitzwilliam. It is expected that students will spend the money on required books (or similar resources) that will provide a material benefit to their studies.
Formal Hall Awards

Awards of £40 will be made automatically to all 1st years who are in receipt of a Cambridge Bursary Award. Its aim is to cover the cost of attending one Formal Hall each term during the year. £40 will be credited as a lump sum to students College Accounts towards the end of Michaelmas Term.

Student Rent Allowance Scheme

All undergraduates in receipt of a Fitzwilliam College Maintenance Bursary will be eligible for a Rent Allowance of £20 per night for residence in the College during Christmas and Easter Vacations, outside the standard 29 week residence period, up to an annual total of 14 nights. This Allowance is available to undergraduates in all years and on all forms of rent agreement.

The key decision point on eligibility for financial support from the College is the Fitzwilliam College Maintenance Bursary round. Undergraduates (both home and overseas) in financial need should apply for other available support in the Michaelmas Term and then apply for a Fitzwilliam College Maintenance Bursary in Lent Term each year. The Rent Allowance will be automatically credited to the account of an eligible student in Easter Term and no additional application is needed.

Undergraduate Hardship Fund (University)

Formally known as the Bell, Abbott, and Barnes Fund. Prior to starting their course, all undergraduate students are expected to have arranged sufficient funding for the duration of their studies. It is possible, however, that students encounter unforeseen financial difficulties and they may be eligible to apply for hardship funding. The scheme is funded by the Bell, Abbott and Barnes Funds, and they provide awards of up to £2,000. Students will need to make an online application, in discussion with their Tutor, who will then be expected to complete a ‘Support Form’. The termly deadlines are 15 November, 21 February, and 30 May. For more information, see https://www.cambridgestudents.cam.ac.uk/fees-and-funding/financial-assistance/undergraduate-hardship-fund.

A word version of the application form you have to complete is downloadable in the section titled “How to apply”. We would recommend that you complete this template first – as the online form must be completed in one sitting and cannot be saved halfway through.

Special Hardship Fund

This fund is for undergraduate and postgraduate students who are intermitting and have no other available financial support, for current students on their year abroad, and for students who have been impacted financially by the war on Ukraine. The fund is limited and intended for genuine cases of hardship not ordinarily covered by other hardship funds, or where other hardship funds have been exhausted. Applicants must first have taken up all available Government support and (if applicable) a Cambridge Bursary, maintenance support from the College, and Bell, Abbott & Barnes. Applications can be made directly by students but please ensure that you speak to your Tutor about it first. For more information, see https://www.cambridgestudents.cam.ac.uk/fees-and-funding/financial-assistance/special-hardship-fund

Additional Support

Some students may be eligible for additional government funding, depending on particular circumstances/needs, for example through Disabled Students’ Allowance (DSA), Childcare Grant, Parents’ Learning Allowance or Adult Dependants’ Grant. See the https://www.gov.uk/student-finance website.
The University offers some funding opportunities for International Students, usually partial and means-tested and usually only available prior to commencement of a course. See www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/international-students-financial-support

Some faculties and departments may offer funds, grants and/or prizes for students, usually in recognition of academic achievement. Where available, details of such awards can be found on the relevant faculty/department website.

The University funding search https://www.cambridgestudents.cam.ac.uk/fees-and-funding/funding allows users to search for funding sources.

Fitzwilliam College Travel Awards

Grants are awarded to enable undergraduates to pursue projects and travel plans of a broadly educational nature both at home and abroad. A maximum of £500 may be awarded to any student during the course of an academic year. Applications for Christmas and Easter vacations should only be for projects directly related to an academic course; in the long vacations travel proposals of broader interest may be supported (except that during the Long Vacation following graduation, awards are only available for projects related to a further course of study at Fitzwilliam College). Applications are considered termly, with deadlines on 29 October, 28 January and 29 April. Details of how to apply will be emailed each term. Directors of Studies and Tutors are given an opportunity to comment on each application, so it is a good idea to discuss the proposal with them first.

Charitable and Community Project Awards

Through the Student Opportunities Fund, the College offers up to £250 towards the cost of taking part in charitable or community projects (normally without remuneration). Awards may supplement other streams of College funding, with an overall cap at no more than 50% of the full project cost. More information and an application form is available http://www.fitz.cam.ac.uk/college-life/fees-and-funding/other-funds

Vacation Project Accommodation Allowance

An allowance of £50 per week may be made to an undergraduate staying in College accommodation during the Long Vacation while taking part in a research project (not directly related to coursework) or academic-related internship in or near Cambridge. Awards are for a maximum of 10 weeks and are subject to the availability of a suitable College room. Students must detail financial support/ remuneration received during the project. Funding under this scheme will be reduced if payments exceed £250/week and no awards will normally be made where applicants will be paid more than £300/week. More information and an application form is available http://www.fitz.cam.ac.uk/college-life/fees-and-funding/other-funds

Sports Funding

The College is able to make awards to help with the costs of sporting activities. Applications are considered termly, with deadlines on 29 October, 28 January and 29 April. The application form is online and will be circulated for each term and funds will be processed after the decisions have been made by the JMA Executive Trustees Committee.

Awards may be from the Paul Day Sports Fund (for students playing sport at the highest levels), or the Sports Support Fund. Additionally, Bursaries from the John Adams Fund may be awarded to students.
who have incurred expenses in connection with rowing either for the College Boat Club or for University crews. For further information, please click below:

https://www.vle.cam.ac.uk/pluginfile.php/7614771/mod_resource/content/2/guidance.pdf

More information is available here: http://www.fitz.cam.ac.uk/college-life/opportunities/sports-funding

**Performance Awards**

**Fitzwilliam Society Milner Walton Fund**
Its purpose is to support projects undertaken by Fitzwilliam students in the musical and dramatic arts – to contribute to the cultural life of Fitzwilliam College. Ordinarily, these projects will be presented in College during the year in which they are funded. Awards for projects to be presented outside of College will be considered, but applicants are advised to include in their application an explanation of how the presentation of their project at an external venue will enhance the musical or theatrical life of Fitzwilliam students and/or the reputation of the College.

**Lewis Brierly Eggbox Fund**
The Lewis Brierly Eggbox Fund was established in 2019 by a benefaction to the College from Lewis Brierly (Music, 2015) and Eggbox Comedy. The income of the Fund shall be used to support the involvement of college members in comedic and theatrical works outside of Cambridge. The Fund shall be used for the award of bursaries to undergraduate and graduate students to support expenses incurred through participation in comedic or theatrical works outside of Cambridge, in particular at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

Application form and further information is available here: https://www.fitz.cam.ac.uk/college-life/fees-funding-and-awards/other-funds

**Language Study**

Through the Student Opportunities Fund the College offers support to students taking foreign language courses or English courses (Academic Development and Training for International Students (ADTIS)) run by the University Language Centre. Further information is available here: https://www.fitz.cam.ac.uk/college-life/fees-funding-and-awards/other-funds

**Music Lessons**

Assistance is available to all students with the cost of music lessons. Further details https://www.fitz.cam.ac.uk/college-life/fees-funding-and-awards/other-funds

**Fitzwilliam Society**

The Fitzwilliam Society annually invites applications from individual students and groups for financial assistance with activities, projects and resources in College. More information will be circulated by the Society.

**Student Opportunities Fund**

Funded mainly by donations from many former students of the College, the Student Opportunities Fund exists to provide assistance to current students in taking advantage of academic or extra-curricular opportunities in Cambridge. If you need support, or have an idea for a new project, talk to your Tutor or directly to the Senior Tutor. In general, Fitzwilliam College cannot provide funding to support the purchase or repair of personal IT equipment such as laptop or tablet computers. If necessary
expenditure on such equipment leads to financial difficulties, students should discuss their situation with their Tutor and may be able to apply for hardship funding. More details are available here: https://www.fitz.cam.ac.uk/college-life/fees-funding-and-awards/other-funds

Additional information

What happens to your fees if you are on a year abroad (those studying MML and AMES):
If your course includes a year abroad, the tuition fee for that year is different. Currently, the fee for a Home/EU student on a full year abroad is set at 15 per cent of the tuition fee for that year in Cambridge. Eligible students can apply for full student finance through Student Finance. The year abroad fee for overseas students is currently 50% of the tuition fee for that year in Cambridge.

What happens to your fees if you are intermitting:
Permission to go out of residence after attending for part or all of a term will not automatically lead to cancellation of your fee liability for that term. You will become liable for fees for any term or terms in which you have been in residence during Full Term for more than 21 days.