

Colleges' statement on the use of tuition fees

This statement, on behalf of the Colleges in the University of Cambridge, outlines for applicants and students what their tuition fees are used for by the Colleges in the delivery of their high quality education and student experience.

Other services in Colleges, chiefly relating to accommodation and community services (sports, clubs and societies) are paid for separately either through membership charges or as part of your rental agreement with your College during your time there.

A student tuition fee may be either:

- a) A shared portion of the "University Composition Fee", set by the University and which through a number of formal agreements allot a proportion of the fee to the Colleges collectively, and which are then shared between the Colleges normally according to student numbers. This fee applies where the government has set fee restrictions for certain types of undergraduate students ("home" students) and for all postgraduate students.
- b) A separate College fee, set independently by each College. This fee applies to all other students, including international students, and UK and EU students who are taking a second undergraduate degree, and reflects the College's endeavours to charge students an amount for the provision more closely aligned to the actual costs of the services outlined below.

The Cambridge Colleges are proud of their world-class educational and living environment. The tuition fees do not cover in full their extensive range of educational, domestic and pastoral services and support, and are supplemented by other sources of income including alumni donations, endowments and supplementary commercial activities.

Your tuition fee, and the Colleges own resources, provide:

- Undergraduate teaching: for undergraduate students, a significant portion of the tuition fee contributes to the direct face-to-face small group teaching provided through College supervisions, and to provide dedicated academic and pastoral advisory support, through your Director of Studies and Tutor;
- Academic resources: Your College employs staff to deliver all student support services (including teaching) and to provide you with and maintain a proper teaching, research and working environment (including library provision, IT support and advice and, where appropriate, adequate teaching space for supervisions, seminars, classes and lectures).
- Tutorial advice and support: Your College is primarily responsible for your welfare during your time at Cambridge, and provide Tutors, Deans or Chaplains, Nurses and access to one or more Counselling Services. It also provides other facilities and resources to help you develop through involvement in the arts, sport, debate and the like. Frequent occasions for social mixing are normally provided, and student-led activities of an appropriate character are encouraged and supported, through provision of one or more student associations and through other networks and societies.
- Financial assistance: Tuition fees contribute to two of our major bursary schemes: the Cambridge Bursary Scheme (for home/EU undergraduate students) and the Vice Chancellor's Awards scheme (for postgraduate students): Colleges also have a number of other financial support reserves that you can normally access: many of these will depend on your personal circumstances and eligibility. In addition, it will advise and support you in applying for access, travel, scholarship and hardship funds.

- Extra-curricular teaching: at both undergraduate and postgraduate level, over and above courses and teaching provided for your registered course, your College provides an infrastructure of additional or supplementary teaching programs (such as seminars, study skills training, and other academic networks);
- Recruitment, selection and admission: The Colleges, individually and collectively, play a full and active role in ensuring the best and brightest students are admitted to Cambridge and continue to support a highly-personalised admissions systems. They also spend promote access and widening participation, through contributing to University-wide recruitment and access programmes, participating in and providing Open Days, sending representatives to admissions conferences and schools, and otherwise engaging with potential applicants, both in person and through the provision of courses.
- Other administrative functions: Your College provides the channels of communication between you and official bodies, both inside and outside the University (e.g. entering you for examinations, presenting you for degrees, reporting to funding bodies and immigration bodies, managing changes to course, deferrals and suspensions, repeat-years etc., collecting fees, issuing grants and other bills and keeping full records in relation to your academic progress, performance and achievement).
- Discipline and complaints: The Colleges share with the University responsibility for the discipline of all students, and the proper and fair management of complaints.

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