

The University of Cambridge European Bursary Scheme

The University of Cambridge offers a bursary scheme for European Union undergraduates undertaking their first degree. Please read the information below carefully and, if you think you are eligible, go to the following website to submit an online application:

<http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/univ/cambridgebursary/eu/apply.html>

To be eligible:

- you must be holding an offer to study at the University of Cambridge starting in October 2012
- you must fulfil any conditions attached to your offer in order to receive any Bursary you may be offered.
- this must be your first full-time undergraduate degree
- you must have applied (or be willing and eligible to apply) to the Student Finance Services European Team for a loan towards your tuition fees
- you must be able to prove that the pre-tax income of the family with which you live was less than £42,600 in 2011.

As an EU student studying at the University of Cambridge, you could qualify for a bursary of up to £3,500 each year. Bursaries will automatically be renewed at the same rate for three years. If you are taking a four-year course or going on to study clinical medicine at Cambridge you will need to reapply at the end of your third year for future support.

The bursary amount that you are awarded will vary depending on several factors:

1) Your level of household income.

The Cambridge European Bursary Scheme is designed to support students from households with an income of less than £42,600.

The maximum bursary of £3,500 is available only to students who can show that their household income is less than the equivalent of £25,000 per year. If your household income is between £25,001 and £42,600 you will qualify for a lower level of bursary, based on a sliding scale. We define 'household income' as the joint pre-tax income of students' parents (or those adults who have taken responsibility for providing financial support) during the last calendar year. You will need to get these figures independently verified for the purposes of the bursary application.

You should not apply for a European Bursary if your family income exceeds £42,600 per year.

2) Whether or not you receive additional income

Receiving income from any of the following sources doesn't prevent you from applying for a Cambridge European Bursary but you must detail such income on your application form.

Your Bursary will be reduced by half the sum by which your 'other income' exceeds £4,250. We define 'other income' as follows

- scholarships
- grants
- industrial sponsorship
- charities
- the renting out of your permanent home while you live in Cambridge

3) Whether or not you are eligible to apply for financial assistance to cover your tuition fees.

When applying for a Cambridge European Bursary, you will be asked to demonstrate that you have applied to the **Student Finance Services European Team** to cover your tuition fees. (More information can be found on this website: <http://www.direct.gov.uk>)

You will be informed in June 2012 whether or not your application has been successful. Your offer letter will detail the Bursary that you will receive for three years, and can be used to demonstrate that you can meet any financial guarantee set by your College.

You will then receive your Bursary from your College when you arrive for the start of term.

How to Apply

Step 1: Complete the online application form here:

<http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/univ/cambridgebursary/eu/apply.html>

Step 2: Once you have submitted the form, you will receive an email with a printable confirmation. Print this off and sign the declaration at the bottom of the form.

Step 3: Obtain documentary proof of your household income in 2010 and 2011: this should be in the form of an original letter on headed paper signed by a banker, an employer or a lawyer, certifying your family's gross household income in your local currency. Please note that bank statements and tax returns are not considered suitable proofs. The letter does not have to be in English. Send this, together with your signed application, to your College to arrive by 6th March 2012.

Step 4: Apply for a loan as soon as you are able to by going to the website at <http://www.direct.gov.uk> and be sure to agree to share your application information with Cambridge University. Do not worry if you aren't able to apply before sending the rest of your documents. We will be able to check this later in the year. Remember, you only need to show that you are eligible to apply. You do not have to take the loan you are offered if you do not wish to.

Step 5: If you have declared other income on your online application form, you will be contacted by email for more details, so please remember to check your email for any messages. If you have replied 'No' to the question about other income you can contact us at a later date by emailing bursaries@newtontrust.cam.ac.uk