How to apply

Timetable

Early September 2016
UCAS Apply (website) opens for applications for 2017 entry (and deferred entry in 2018).

20 September 2016
International students who wish to be interviewed in China, Malaysia or Singapore must have submitted both their UCAS application and their Cambridge Online Preliminary Application (COPA) by this date.

1 October 2016
Applicants for Medicine and Veterinary Medicine must register to take the BioMedical Admissions Test (BMAT) by this date.

15 October 2016
Last possible date to submit your UCAS application! Make sure you press the 'send' button by 18:00 (6.00pm) UK time.

If your subject requires you to take a pre-interview assessment (check on this list), this is the deadline for registration.

19 October 2016
International students who wish to be interviewed in Cambridge must submit their COPA by this date, and this also applies to students who wish to be interviewed in Canada or Hong Kong.

22 October 2016
Most applicants must submit the Supplementary Application Questionnaire (SAQ) by 12:00 (noon, UK time) on this date.

September-October 2016
When we receive your application and SAQ, we will send you information by email about interview dates and format and, in some subjects, we will ask you to send in written work.

2 November 2016
Medicine and Veterinary Medicine applicants take BMAT in a local centre (usually your school/college).

Pre-interview assessments take place in a local centre (usually your school/college).

3 November 2016
Deadline to submit written work (if your subject requires this).
14 November 2016 onwards

If we wish to interview you, you will receive an email with full details of arrangements.

Early December 2016

Interviews (and at-interview written assessments in some subjects). The College will provide free accommodation if you need to stay overnight.

January 2017

We will send you a letter telling you the outcome of your application:

We may offer you a place, conditional or unconditional, at Newnham College.

We may tell you that your application was unfortunately unsuccessful and that you have not obtained a place at Newnham or any other Cambridge College.

If we are unable to offer you a place, but think that other Colleges may be interested in your application, we will place your file in the Winter Pool. If another College wishes to offer you a place or to re-interview you, they will contact you in the second week of January.

Once we have made all our decisions, we provide feedback on unsuccessful applications if applicants request it before 31 January. It is our policy to send this feedback to the applicants' schools or colleges, because we feel that teachers are best placed to put the information in context. If an applicant is no longer at school or college, we are happy to send the feedback directly. We regret that, due to the Data Protection Act, we are unable to engage in any discussion with parents, unless we have the written permission of the applicants concerned. In the case of formal complaints, we follow the University’s complaints procedure. Copies are available on request.

By mid to late August 2017

Schools receive A-level results (other examination results are usually published earlier) and if you are successful, the College will confirm your place and send you information about starting your course at Cambridge. Hurray!