

Supporting Christ's students



IN MY FIRST YEAR AS MASTER, I HAVE BEEN STRUCK BY THE TALENT AND DIVERSITY OF OUR STUDENT BODY, AS WELL AS HOW MUCH A CHRIST'S EDUCATION MEANS TO THEM.

This matriculation season a brand new cohort will be joining the College; but for many of them this would not have been possible without the support of the College's Student Support and Access funds. Every donation, no matter what the size, can change the life of a bright young mind, enabling them to have a learning experience that they would never otherwise be able to. Please consider giving.

It is only through your help that these financial burdens can be relieved, and we can work hard to reach as many bright applicants as possible.

Would you consider supporting one of the new students for their time at Christ's? Just £52 a month (with Gift Aid), for three years, would provide an annual rent bursary, ensuring a new student can thrive in their time here.

Alternatively, a gift of £30 a month (with Gift Aid) over three years

would help fund two places on a residential each year it was given, ensuring that when our current matriculands leave, there will be a new generation of intelligent and inspired students ready.

Please help us, to help these talented students achieve their goals.

"I believed that this kind of elite university education was much less accessible to people who come from state or comprehensive school systems. I can see now the amount of aid given to people from a variety of socioeconomic backgrounds."

LPN Summer School Attendee

Testimonial

2,420 prospective applicants seen by the Admissions department since October 2016.



"Having benefitted from the Student Support and Access funds during my time at Cambridge, I strongly believe in the importance of supporting these Funds as alumni. I look back at my time at Cambridge with great fondness and memories and this was only made possible through access to these funds. The scheme helps eliminate financial barriers, thus giving all students a fair chance at making the most of what Cambridge has to offer. I would highly encourage everyone to show their support in any way that they can."

Mrs Fazeleh Arjmandilari (m.2010), Donor



For further information, and more testimonials, see <https://alumni.christs.cam.ac.uk/2017-appeal-testimonials> on our website.



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ATTRACTING THE BEST We admit students based on academic ability and potential, regardless of financial circumstances, and our access and outreach programme encourages applications from students who would not normally consider Cambridge, but who have the talent and drive to succeed here. Our Student Support and Access Funds are essential resources, ones that ensure we can provide for those who would benefit most from the opportunity to study at Christ's.

Bursaries and Achievements

The student support fund is available to offer needs-based financial assistance to all our undergraduates and graduates.

This can help a student attend Christ's in the first place, or offer emergency funding to those who face a change in their circumstances during their studies.

Every bursary has a different impact, because each student who receives one is different. What is shared, however, is it allows our students to excel in the fields that they have devoted themselves to; and most importantly with the peace of mind and focus that not having to worry about their financial situation brings.



This year, with the course clicking into place, it gave me much more time to pursue college sports like hockey and lacrosse which I'd never played before, and at Easter I became captain of the college rugby team. Receiving the bursary meant I have been able to limit the work I do over vacations to earn money; without it I would not be able to do as much during term time, so it's made a huge difference to my time at Christ's.

Barney



A particular highlight of my bursary was being able to visit Amsterdam and Edinburgh for anatomical exhibitions as part of my research for my Part I dissertation (on wounds in a selection of early modern drama). The mark for this coursework was one of my highest, and pushed my overall grade into Class I: a mark I never dreamed of achieving when I first came to Cambridge.

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Residential Events and Outreach

Attracting the best also means inspiring those who would not normally view Cambridge as a realistic goal, who come from backgrounds where going to University is not the norm.



Thanks to our Access fund, our admissions department can run events targeted directly at these students, including school visits, open days and subject masterclasses. However, the key amongst these are our residential events.

March saw Christ's play host to the inaugural 'Women in Maths' residential, run alongside Trinity College, where 35 state school



girls took part in a long weekend of lectures and classes in maths, as well as the Cambridge Science Festival.

Then, in August, we held our Annual LPN (Low Participation Neighbourhood) Summer School, for Year 11 students in areas with low progression to Higher Education; a three-night programme consisting of specialised academic sessions and an introduction to Cambridge life.

"I really like Cambridge, and got a really good feel of life here. My time here has made me realise that Cambridge is achievable, and normal people like me study here – it has made me more confident in myself."

Zoe, 'Women in Maths' Residential Attendee

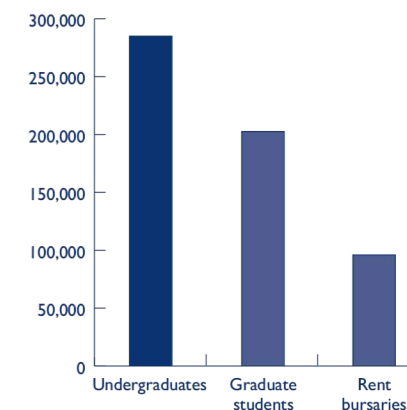


Undergraduates now graduate with debts of **£54,630+**:
£8,960 per year in Living costs,
£9,250 per year in tuition fees.

68 Access events held from October 2016 to September 2017:
46 in College,
22 external.



£591,000 awarded in College Bursaries 2016–17:
£295,000 for Undergraduates
£200,000 for Graduate students,
£96,000 for rent bursaries



2017 saw us **2nd** in the Tompkins table, **35.2%** of our students getting firsts.

External events at home at our link areas of Lincolnshire, Herefordshire, Worcestershire, Harrow;



and abroad, in Malaysia, Hong Kong, Singapore, Cyprus, Hungary, Bulgaria and Scandinavia.

