Financial Help for Students at St Catharine’s

The College offers a range of financial assistance to our students, both to make a positive contribution to those whose financial resources are limited, and to help with the activities of all students, whatever their financial resources may be. The majority of this funding derives from the past and present generosity of members of the College, once undergraduates or graduates, whose continuing support makes these forms of financial assistance possible.

Undergraduates

UK/EU Undergraduate Entrance Bursaries

In simple terms, UK students fall into two categories, based on Household Income (after agreed deductions). All those where that income is £42,600 or less receive both a means-tested student loan and a Maintenance Grant, on a sliding scale; receipt of the latter also involves entitlement to a Cambridge Bursary, also on a sliding scale. Non-UK EU students on family incomes of up to £42,600 who apply to the Cambridge European Bursary Scheme receive an award comparable to the UK Cambridge Bursary. Our Entrance Bursaries Scheme applies to all UK/EU students, who will receive an additional Bursary as set out below.

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<th>Household Income</th>
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*Those in this range have access to more substantial funding from Student Finance and elsewhere than those in the next two groups, hence the Bursary differential.

These Bursaries will be held for the duration of a student’s Tripos course (normally 3 or 4 years).

Overseas Entrance Bursaries

The College has one or two Overseas Bursaries available at any one time, with a maximum award of £5000, tenable for three or four years.

Hardship Bursaries

The College has substantial discretionary hardship funds to help undergraduates in unexpected difficulties.
Travel Bursaries

The College distributes about £25000 annually in the form of travel grants to students, for both academic-related activities and otherwise.

Academic Course-related Bursary Fund

Grants from this Fund are made to assist undergraduates with the costs involved in such things as: additional course costs, laboratory placements, project or research expenses and the like.

Paid Employment

Cambridge terms are short (eight weeks) and academically demanding, and students are not normally permitted to take paid employment during term time. However, most students will want to take on some form of paid employment during the summer vacation, and the College sometimes offers several opportunities to do housekeeping and/or reception jobs associated with conferences, in addition to some specific positions in late summer acting as programme assistants for our Japanese Student Programme.

Postgraduates

MPhil Scholarships

The College has up to four Scholarships available for those accepted to read for an MPhil; each carries an award of £5000, tenable for a single year.

PhD Scholarships

The College has one or two Scholarships available at any one time for those accepted to read for a PhD; each carries an award of £10000, tenable for three or four years.

Graduate Bursaries

The College has discretionary funds to help students in unexpected difficulties or in need of help with research or conference costs.

Elective Bursaries (Clinical Medics/Vets)

Each Clinical Student is entitled to receive a single Bursary of £400 to assist with their elective clinical placement.

All Students

Language Grants

The college will normally provide students with half of the cost of a language course
at the University Language Centre, provided the course is completed.

**Scholarships and Prizes**

The College awards prizes and scholarships of £100-200 to all students attaining First-class results in undergraduate examinations or Distinction in a Master’s course. In addition, there are named College prizes and awards in several different fields.

**Other**

There are additional small grants available for several sporting needs, for group activities and for expeditions.

**St Catharine’s College Society Awards**

The St Catharine’s College Society (our alumni association) offers the following additional awards:

- **Music Bursaries** (for students *not* working towards degrees in Music; other College support for professional lessons is available for Music students)
- **Performing Arts Bursaries** (for those wishing to improve their skills or experience in dance, theatre, etc)
- **Sports Bursaries** (for students representing the College or University at a competitive sport)
- **Travel Bursaries** (for College Clubs and Societies, to support UK and overseas tours)
- **Internship Bursaries** (to support those who have obtained unpaid or minimally paid summer vacation employment and who are in receipt of substantial Cambridge Bursaries)

**Note**

Details of the applications process for these awards differ, but all are described via the links available on the College Website (start with the Student Finance link) and are also regularly advertised to current students (for Society awards see [http://www.caths.cam.ac.uk/societygrants](http://www.caths.cam.ac.uk/societygrants)); in a number of cases, awards are necessarily competitive, but the College is committed to providing the maximum support possible within its resources to all its students, and equally committed to the continuing enhancement of those resources.

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