





Are you holding an offer at the University of Cambridge?

OCR Bursary worth £3,000 per year

## What is the OCR Bursary?

Leading Awarding Body OCR is committed to recognising and encouraging the achievement of all learners. As part of this ongoing commitment, a fund has been established to provide bursaries and prizes to students. This fund, arising from OCR's historical association with the West Midlands Examinations Board, is to help talented students from the West Midlands make the most of their opportunity of studying at the University of Cambridge.

For the academic year 2017–18, up to 10 new first-year students studying at the University will be awarded a Bursary of £3,000 per annum for the duration of their undergraduate studies.

The bursary will be paid directly to the College. Students may choose whether the Bursary is used for living costs, tuition fees or a combination.

The Bursary will be subject to certain conditions of renewal. These conditions include the student meeting a minimum academic standard (usually second-class honours level) and confirmation by the College of the student's continued enrolment.

Applicants should include the following information in their self-profile:

- any particular needs that might be helped by the Bursary
- information about any notable achievements within and/or outside school
- any special circumstance they wish to bring to the attention of the selectors

## Who can apply?

Applicants who:

- have completed or are completing their secondary education in a school, sixth-form college or FE college within the geographical boundaries of any of the following Local Education Authorities: Birmingham, Dudley, Coventry, Sandwell, Solihull, Walsall, Wolverhampton, Herefordshire, Shropshire, Staffordshire, Warwickshire or Worcestershire
- are eligible for Home (UK) fee status
- have been offered a place on a full-time undergraduate degree course at the University of Cambridge (including those who are taking or who propose to take a gap year)

- have not been awarded funding or sponsorship for university study by any other organisation or scheme (your eligibility will not be affected by the receipt of funding from Student Finance England or a University of Cambridge bursary).
- have, or anticipate being awarded, an OCR qualification (eg GCSE, AS/A Level) contributing to their academic profile upon which the offer of a Cambridge place is based

## How to apply for the Bursary

Schools and colleges should nominate eligible applicants (more than one applicant may be nominated by each centre) who they consider would benefit from the award. All nominations must be made using this form. Applicants **must** attach to their nomination a full copy of their UCAS form (including all references).

For any enquiries and for further copies of this booklet, please contact Susan Knight on 024 76 856002 or email knight.s@ocr.org.uk.

Copies of this form can be downloaded at www.ocr.org.uk/i-want-to/bursary-scheme/.

Application forms must be completed and returned by Tuesday 16 May 2017, either by email to knight.s@ocr.org.uk or by post to:

Susan Knight
Scheme Administrator
OCR Bursaries
Progress House
Westwood Way
Coventry CV4 8JQ

#### Selection

Selections will be made in June 2017 and applicants will be notified of the final decision in August 2017, when applicants' places at the University of Cambridge have been confirmed.

We use POLAR data along with free school meals and 16-19 bursary eligibility information when selecting bursary recipients. Due to the number of applications typically received it is unusual for applications from students with a household income of over £50k per annum to be successful.

# www.ocr.org.uk OCR customer contact centre

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Telephone 024 76 851509
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## **OCR Bursaries at the University of Cambridge**

Official Nomination Form (Nominations must be made using this form)

Separate nomination forms must be completed for each applicant. Please type or write in BLOCK CAPITALS in black ink.

Applicant		
Name		
Home Address		
		Postcode
Date of Birth / /	Telephone – Home	
Email	Telephone – Mobile	
Cambridge College		
Undergraduate degree course		
Full UCAS form attached Duration of undergra	duate course years	5
Please indicate if you intend to take a gap year		
Please indicate if you have been in receipt of: Free School	Meals 16-19 Bu	ırsary
Please indicate how/where you heard about the OCR Burs	sary Scheme	
Please advise of any particular needs that might be helpe any particular notable achievements, either within or outs attention of the selectors. You should also indicate how th at Cambridge (continue on a separate sheet if necessary k	side school, or any specia ne award of a bursary wo	al circumstances you wish to bring to the buld enable you to benefit fully from your time
Please tick to confirm that you have not been awarde	ed sponsorship from a	nywhere else
Applicant Signature		
Please tick to confirm that, should you be successful	and receive an OCR Bu	rsary, we may use your details for
publicity purposes		

## Nominating Centre (school or college)

Name of nominating teacher				
Position				
Centre name				
Centre address				
		Postcode		
Centre number				
Telephone	Fax			
Email				
Type of centre				
Nominating Centre Please provide a statement of supporting evidence additional to that in the UCAS reference (which the selectors will have), giving details of how the applicant has made the most of the opportunities available; any limitations that may have affected the opportunities available to the applicant within and/or outside school; contributions made to the wider community and any special circumstances/particular needs they wish to bring to the attention of the selectors that might be helped by the award of a bursary. Also please indicate how the award of a Bursary would enable the applicant to make the most of his/her opportunity of studying at Cambridge.				
Nominating teacher signature				
Date / /				