UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

OCR
Oxford Cambridge and RSA

If you are from the West Midlands and have an offer at the University of Cambridge, you could apply for an OCR bursary worth **£3,000 per year.**

What is the OCR Bursary?

The OCR Bursary helps talented West Midlands students, who may need additional financial support, to make the most of their opportunity to study at the University of Cambridge. It results from OCR's historical association with the West Midlands Examinations Board and supports our commitment to recognise and encourage the achievement of all learners.

For the academic year 2020–21, we will award a bursary of **£3,000 for each year of undergraduate study** for up to 10 new first-year students studying at the University. This bursary will be paid directly to the College and can be used for living costs, tuition fees or a combination of both.

The bursary will be subject to certain conditions of renewal each year; for example, students must meet a minimum academic standard (usually second-class honours level) and their College must confirm their continued enrolment.

Who can apply?

Students 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 Birmingham, Coventry, Dudley, Herefordshire, Sandwell, Shropshire, Solihull, Staffordshire, Walsall, Warwickshire, Wolverhampton or Worcestershire Local Education Authorities
- 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 intending to take a gap year)
- have not been awarded funding or sponsorship for university study by any other organisation or scheme (this does not include funding received from Student Finance England or a University of Cambridge bursary)
- have, or expect to be awarded, an OCR qualification (such as GCSE, AS/A Level, Cambridge Technical) that contributes to the academic profile on which a Cambridge place offer is based

How to apply

Students can submit applications themselves or schools can submit on their behalf.

Schools and colleges should nominate eligible students who they believe would benefit from the award. Centres can nominate more than one student.

Please download the application form from www.ocr.org.uk/students/bursary-scheme.

Both the student and the nominating centre must complete their relevant sections of the form.

Students should make sure their self-profile includes:

- any particular needs that the bursary might help with
- information about any notable achievements within and/or outside school
- any special circumstances to bring to the attention of the selectors

Make sure that you include a full copy of the student UCAS form (including all references).

Please send your applications by email to ocr.bursaries@ocr.org.uk.

Please either download, complete and scan the form, or take a clear picture of it. We will also accept applications as a Word document, with questions and answers clearly listed.

The deadline for applications is Tuesday 5 May 2020

If you have any queries, please contact Julia Lewis-Holt via email at ocr.bursaries@ocr.org.uk.

Selection

We make provisional selections in June 2020 and confirm final offers to students in August 2020, when the University of Cambridge has confirmed a student's place.

We use POLAR and Index of Multiple Deprivation data, along with free school meals and 16-19 bursary eligibility information when we select our bursary recipients.

Data Retention

Bursary application forms are retained until after the awarding panel decision is confirmed. Administrative data of successful applicants is retained for 7 years from the date of the award.

Application for OCR Bursaries at the University of Cambridge

Please type or complete your part of the application in BLOCK CAPITALS in black ink. Schools or colleges must fill in a separate nomination form for each student wishing to apply.

To be completed by Student

Name

Home Address

Postcode

Date of Birth   /   /   Home Telephone

Email   Mobile Telephone

Cambridge College

Undergraduate degree course

Full UCAS form attached   Duration of undergraduate course   years

Please indicate if you intend to take a gap year

Please indicate if you have been in receipt of: Free School Meals   16-19 Bursary

How did you hear about the OCR Bursary Scheme

Student Self-Profile (no more than 300 words)

Tell us how a Bursary award would help you to benefit fully from your time at the University of Cambridge. Remember to include details of any notable achievements either inside or outside school or any special circumstances you wish to bring to the attention of the selectors (you can continue on a separate sheet if necessary, but don't forget the word limit).

Please tick to confirm that you have not been awarded sponsorship from anywhere else

Student Signature

Please tick to confirm that, if you are successful and receive an OCR Bursary, we may use your details for publicity purposes

To be completed by Nominating Centre School or College

Nominating teacher name

Role

Centre name

Centre address

Postcode

Type of centre

Centre number

Telephone

Email

Nominating Centre student profile

In this section please provide details of additional supporting evidence that is not in in the UCAS reference (which the selectors will have).

Tell us how a Bursary award would help your student to make the most of their opportunity to study at Cambridge. Please highlight how your student has made the most of the opportunities available to them and their contributions to their school and the wider community. You can also include any special circumstances or particular needs that you wish to bring to the attention of the selectors.

Nominating teacher signature

Date   /   /