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Admission and funding for African students

www.cambridge-africa.cam.ac.uk/opportunities/study



Cambridge has been an exceptional opportunity for me and is open to anyone, from Africa and the wider world, who will thrive here.

Njoki Wamai (2012)

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PhD Politics & International Relations
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Before coming to Cambridge Njoki studied at the Africa Leadership Centre based at King's College, London and the University of Nairobi and has worked in the peace and governance non-profit sector in Kenya.

At Cambridge Njoki's research focuses on the tensions between international and local practices of transitional justice in three Kenyan counties. She is the founding president of the Cambridge Eastern African Society, co-founder of the African Society of Cambridge University (ASCU) and the Black Cantabs project which aims to curate the achievements of black Cambridge alumni.

Engagement with Africa is embedded in the University's DNA

The University of Cambridge is committed to engagement with Africa at all levels and across all disciplines, in accordance with our mission 'to contribute to society through the pursuit of education, learning and research at the highest international levels of excellence'.

Today's global challenges require global solutions in which African expertise is an essential ingredient. The University of Cambridge, through the Cambridge-Africa Programme, works with African researchers on African priorities, while helping to train and nurture the next generation of African leaders.

The University is currently educating more than 200 outstanding undergraduate and graduate students from Africa and boasts more than 2,500 African alumni who are making an impact in all fields of human endeavour across the continent and across the globe.

A vital part of this engagement is providing opportunities for outstanding African students to study at Cambridge, enabling them to acquire the skills and networks to become tomorrow's leaders so that they can contribute directly to Africa's future. As outlined in this booklet, the University has a range of scholarships and funding opportunities for African students. If you meet the requirements for admission and funding, you are warmly encouraged to apply.



Find out more about the Cambridge-Africa programme at:
www.cambridge-africa.cam.ac.uk



Study and research at Cambridge

The University of Cambridge is one of the oldest and most distinguished universities in the world. Teaching has taken place here since 1209 and today there are more than 21,000 undergraduate and postgraduate students at the University, including 9,000 international students from more than 140 countries. The University offers a wide range of subjects at both the undergraduate and graduate level and world-leading academic expertise across all disciplines.

Undergraduate applicants

Applicants apply to a Cambridge College – or make an open application to any College – using UCAS, COPA and SAQ forms. Colleges provide teaching, academic supervision and most facilities for undergraduate students.

Application deadline:

15 October for entry the following October.



More information:

www.cam.ac.uk/uginternational

Graduate applicants

Applicants use the Graduate Applicant Portal to apply for a specific course at a specific department (which provides teaching and research facilities), College membership and funding from the major University funding bodies.

The deadline for applying for graduate admission and funding is determined by the course for which you are applying – see the link below for details. The application fee is waived for certain countries in receipt of OECD development aid.



More information:

www.graduate.study.cam.ac.uk



My time at Cambridge has had a huge impact on my life and career – it has facilitated my work on improving educational systems in Ghana.

Professor George Oduro (1997 and 1999)

Cambridge Trust alumnus

Ghana

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Girton College

George is Pro Vice-Chancellor and Associate Professor of Educational Leadership at the University of Cape Coast, Ghana.

His doctoral thesis from Cambridge focused on the professional development of head teachers in Ghana. He has taught at all levels of Ghana's educational system in both rural and urban contexts. He is a Leadership and Management Training Facilitator for the British Council's Connecting Classrooms Project and the Local Director of the Leadership for Learning (Ghana-Cambridge) programme.

Funding opportunities

There are numerous funding opportunities at Cambridge - including the University's Cambridge Africa Scholarships - and the major University funding bodies for citizens of African countries are listed below.



Offers approximately 500 scholarships annually to applicants from all countries at all levels of study. The Trust works with partners worldwide to support students of outstanding academic merit under a variety of scholarship schemes, including the Cambridge Africa Scholarships.

 More information:
www.cambridgetrust.org



Established by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation in 2000 and each year offers c.90 prestigious, full-cost scholarships to applicants from outside the UK to pursue a postgraduate degree in any subject at Cambridge.

 More information:
www.gatescambridge.org

Colleges & Departments

Some Colleges and Departments offer specific funding and details can be found on their websites.

Funding search

 You can find many of Cambridge's funding opportunities via the funding search:
www.student-funding.cam.ac.uk

African Society of Cambridge University (ASCU)

The ASCU is a student-run society that is building an exciting interface between Africans and non-Africans in Cambridge, creating a platform for networking and debate, fostering research capacity within Africa, as well as mentoring prospective students from Africa who wish to study at the University of Cambridge.

 More information:
www.facebook.com/groups/africansocietycambridgeuni, or email ascu@cusu.cam.ac.uk

