

Applying to Oxford and Cambridge

Wadham College, University of Oxford
Pembroke College, University of Cambridge

Why Oxford or Cambridge?

World-class teaching



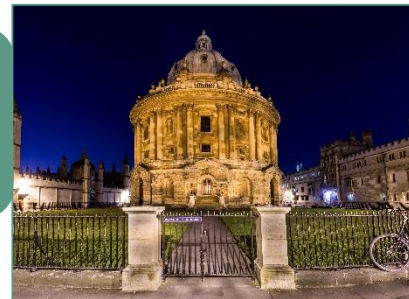
Wide range of extra-curricular options

Excellent facilities and resources



Excellent career prospects

Financial support



Broad range of courses

OXFORD IS...

- **world leading**
 - ranked 1st in the world
(Times Higher Education World Rankings 2020)
- **world changing**
 - Research by our staff, students and graduates helps the lives of millions, and solves real-world problems
- **worldwide**
 - Oxford students come from over 150 countries and regions, and staff from over 100.
- **For you!**



OXFORD

- Archaeology and Anthropology
- Biochemistry
- Biological Sciences
- Biomedical Sciences
- Chemistry
- Classics
- Computer Science
- Earth Sciences
- Economics and Management
- Engineering Science
- English Language and Literature
- Experimental Psychology

- Fine Art
- Geography
- History
- History of Art
- Human Sciences
- Law
- Materials Science
- Mathematics
- Medicine
- Modern Languages
- Music
- Asian and Middle Eastern Studies
- Philosophy Politics & Economics
- Physics
- Theology & Religion

CAMBRIDGE

- Anglo-Saxon, Norse & Celtic
- Archaeology
- Architecture
- Asian & Middle Eastern Studies
- Classics
- Economics
- Education
- English
- Geography
- History
- History & Modern Languages
- History & Politics
- History of Art
- Human, Social & Political Sciences

- Land Economy
- Law
- Linguistics
- Modern & Medieval Languages
- Music
- Philosophy
- Theology & Religious Studies
- Chemical Engineering
- Computer science
- Engineering
- Mathematics
- Medicine
- Natural Sciences
- Psychological & Behavioural Sciences
- Veterinary Medicine

SMALL GROUP TEACHING

The tutorial/supervision system means that every student has a chance to meet with an expert in their field of study approximately once a week.

Students are able to develop strong working relationship with their tutors, allowing for effective and very personalised academic support throughout their course.



HOW Oxbridge WORKS



University



Department/
Faculty



College

Extra-curricular activities at Oxford & Cambridge

CLUB AND SOCIETIES

- Arab Society
- Chemistry Society
- Computer Science Society
- Electronic Music Society
- Exploration Club
- Harry Potter Society
- Hip-Hop Society
- Jazz Society
- Lego Society
- Light Entertainment Society
- Magic Society
- Nature Conservation Society
- eSports Society
- Salsa Society
- Symphonic Band
- Table Tennis Club
- Aeronautical Society
- Biotech Society
- Dramatic Society
- Chamber Music
- Baseball and Softball
- Blockchain Society
- Chinese Studies Society
- Climate Society
- Competitive Computer Security
- Croatian Society
- Dr Who Society
- German Society
- Law Society
- Mixed Martial Arts
- Pharmacology Society
- Tolkien Society
- Quidditch Club
- Archaeological Society
- Art Club
- Society
- Board Games Society
- Brass Band
- Buddhist Society
- Ceilidh Band
- Dance Society
- Floorball Club
- Gymnastics Club
- Islamic Society
- LGBTQ+ Society
- Media Society
- Northerners Society
- Philosophy Society
- Photography Society
- Physics Society
- Quiz Society
- Rugby Club
- Skateboarding Society
- Story Society
- Tea Appreciation Society
- Robotics Society
- Rock Music Society
- Scout and Guide Group
- Start-up Factory
- Quiz Society
- Airborne Electric Racing
- Neuroscience Club
- Materials Society
- Engineering Society
- Bridge Association
- Females in Engineering, Science and Technology Society
- Ukulele Players
- Tango Society
- Student Action for Refugees

SPORTS

- Aikido
- American Football
- Archery
- Athletics
- Australian Rules Football
- Badminton
- Baseball
- Basketball
- Boxing
- Canoe and Kayak
- Caving
- Cheerleading
- Clay Pigeon Shooting
- Contemporary Dance
- Cricket
- Croquet
- Cross-Country
- Cycling
- Dance sport
- Dinghy Sailing
- Equestrian
- Fencing
- Floorball
- Football
- Gliding
- Golf
- Gymnastics
- Handball
- Hockey
- Ice Hockey
- Ice Skating
- Jiu Jitsu
- Judo
- Kabaddi
- Karate
- Kendo
- Kickboxing
- Korfball
- Motor Drivers
- Modern Pentathlon
- Mountaineering
- Netball
- Octopus (underwater hockey)
- Orienteering
- Pistol
- Pool and Snooker
- Powerlifting
- Rifle
- Rowing
- Rugby
- Ski and Snowboarding
- Squash
- Surf
- Swimming
- Table Tennis
- Taekwon-Do
- Tai Chi
- Tennis
- Trampolineing
- Triathlon
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Underwater Exploration
- Volleyball
- Walking
- Water Polo
- Windsurfing

SUPPORT FROM THE GOVERNMENT

All UK students can apply for government funding, and they pay back any loans taken out after graduating when earning above a set amount.

There are two different forms of government support available:

- **Tuition fee loan** - This covers the **full** amount of the course fees. It is paid directly to the University.
- **Maintenance funding** - This contributes towards a student's living costs and is paid to them at the start of each term.



KEEPING COSTS DOWN

Oxbridge fees are the same as other universities.

There are some ways studying at Oxbridge can help to make money go further:

- Subsidised food and entertainment in Colleges.
- University and College sports facilities (often free or subsidised).
- College accommodation means students only pay rent & living costs in term time.
- Extra funding for things like travel, research and equipment.
- University bursaries



Eating in college is really cheap, and you rarely have to buy books because Oxford has everything.

MAEVE

SUPPORT FROM OXFORD

Finance **myth-busting fact:**
1 in 4 of our UK undergraduates receives an annual, non-repayable bursary from the university

Your household income	Your non-repayable Crankstart Scholarship (per year)
£5,000 or less	£5,500
£5,001 - £27,500	£4,700

Your household income	Your non-repayable Oxford Bursary (per year)
£25,001 - £30,000	£2,500
£30,001 - £35,000	£1,900
£35,001 - £37,500	£1,400
£37,501 - £40,000	£1,100
£40,001 - £42,875	£800

If you've been in care in the UK for +3 months or you are a UK estranged student without family support, you will receive a non-repayable support package of up to £7,200 per year

APPLICATIONS

What are universities looking for?

EVIDENCE OF
HIGH
ACADEMIC
ACHIEVEMENT
AND
POTENTIAL

e.g. GCSE's
PREDICTED GRADES

EVIDENCE OF
SKILLS
RELEVANT FOR
COURSE

e.g. USE OF EMPIRICAL
EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT
ARGUMENTS
(EXPERIMENTAL
PSYCHOLOGY)

EVIDENCE OF
SKILLS
RELEVANT FOR
UNIVERSITY

e.g. CRITICAL
THINKING,
COMMUNICATION,
TEAMWORK

EVIDENCE OF
SUBJECT
INTEREST

e.g. EXPLORING
BEYOND
SCHOOL WORK

Entry Requirements

Cambridge:

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Oxford:

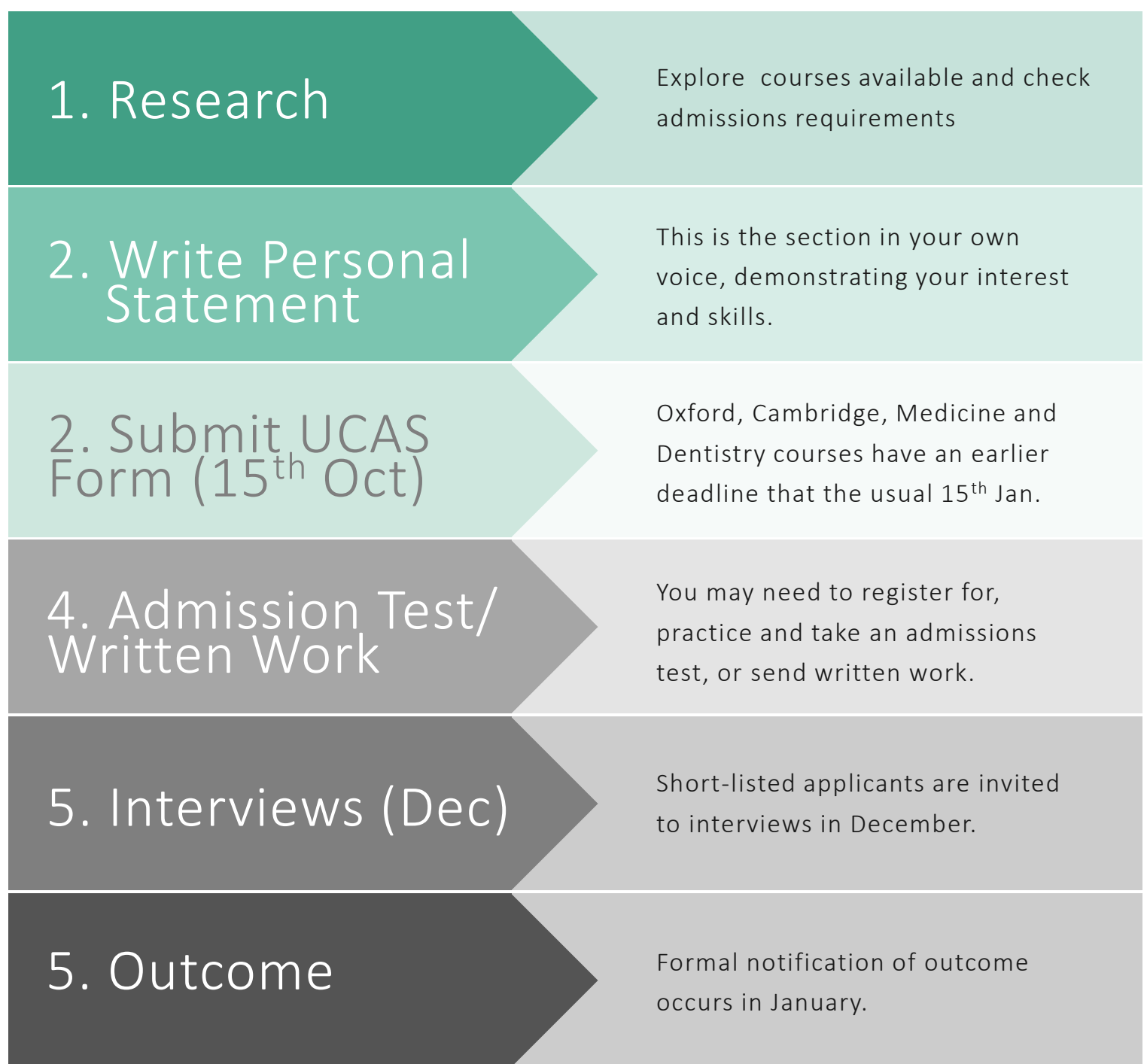
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It is not possible to apply to both Oxford and Cambridge in the same year for undergraduate courses.

Application Stages


Applications to Oxford or Cambridge take place in Year 13 between the October to December



Two ways to apply through UCAS:



Specify a
College



Open
Application

PICKING A COLLEGE

Does it offer my course?

Geography

Brasenose College, Christ Church, Hertford College, Jesus College, Keble College, Mansfield College, Regent's Park College, St Anne's College, St Catherine's College, St Edmund Hall, St Hilda's College, St John's College, St Peter's College, Worcester College

Size, age, location, gender



Facilities, Accommodation and Financial Support



How you can help - TALK

You don't have to have all the answers!

Just **talking** about what interests children can really help

Suggestions:

- Asking them about their ideas
- Sending them interesting news articles or social media posts.
- Highlighting interesting documentaries
- Letting them teach you!



How to prepare - TALK

- Get used to thinking problems through **out loud**
- Get used to **speaking to others** about what you're interested in
- Work through some **examples** with a parent or teacher

Applying for Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Science

Mrs Ashby –
Head of Careers

What are universities looking for?

- Why you want to be a Doctor / Dentist / Vet (Motivation)
- Work experience / volunteering (exploration)
- Wide reading and study (exploration)

Work Experience

Your work experience will be key. However, all universities know that this can be difficult to do!

- Veterinary Science
 - Local farms- Lambing
 - Local Vet- front desk- talking to pet owners- how does insurance work? What difficulties did you notice?
- Medicine/Dentistry
 - Hospital/ GP/ Dentist/ Hospice/ Elderly care/ childcare...anywhere you can acquire some experience/ observation.

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Deciding on Medicine

Wondering if Medicine is right for you? Find out what being a Doctor is like and learn about the process for applying to Medicine. Plus, find out what other careers you could consider.

[APPLICATION HELP](#)

CHOOSING TO STUDY MEDICINE?

- ✓ Is being a Doctor the right fit?
- ✓ How do you get into Medicine?
- ✓ What's the application process like?
- ✓ What other careers could you consider?

[WORKING AS A DR](#)[PATHWAYS](#)[PROCESS](#)[ALTERNATIVE CAREERS](#)[APPLICATION HELP](#)

Deciding on Medicine

What Does A Doctor Do?

Considering becoming a Doctor? Here's what you need to be thinking about...

MORE



ONLINE GET INTO MEDICINE DENTISTRY AND VETERINARY CONFERENCES!



MEDICINE
FOR STUDENTS WANTING TO BECOME
DOCTORS



DENTISTRY
FOR STUDENTS WANTING TO BECOME
DENTISTS



VETERINARY
FOR STUDENTS WANTING TO BECOME
VETS

Application process

It is early – just like Oxbridge, if you are in Year 12 – start to prepare now, your application will be sent at the start of Year 13

1. Summer 2023 - UCAT Test (Medicine and Dentistry)
2. September 2023 - UCAS application sent – personal statement, grades, reference
3. Autumn 2023 - BMAT test (Medicine and Dentistry – if needed)
4. Autumn 2023 / Spring 2024 - Invitation to interviews
5. Attend interviews
6. Offers

Summary

Are you interested in applying to Oxbridge / Medicine / Dentistry or Veterinary courses?

YES? – Make sure your school / college know! They can only support you if they know of your ambitions.

We send a further communication to you next week with lots of useful weblinks for further research.