



Cambridge Refugee Scholarship Campaign

Application Guide by CRSC

The Rowan Williams Cambridge Studentship is a full-cost award for undergraduate and postgraduate students for the University of Cambridge.

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Applying for your Course

1. Choose any course
 - a. [Undergraduate course directory](#)
 - b. [Graduate course directory](#)
2. Choose a college
 - a. [College listing](#)
 - b. [Friendly prospectus](#) provided by the Student Union!
 - c. Note: you can submit an 'open application' if you have no college preference, and you will be allocated to a college. Submitting an open application has no effect on your prospects of admission.
3. Submit a [UCAS](#) application
4. Submit your Cambridge Online Preliminary Application ([COPA](#))
5. Fill in Supplementary Application Questionnaire ([SAQ](#))
6. Submit your High School/ University transcript

	Deadlines relevant to undergraduate applications only for 2020 entry (all 18:00 UK time)
UCAS application	Tuesday 15 October 2019
COPA	Saturday 19 October 2019
SAQ	Tuesday 22 October 2019
Transcript	Tuesday 22 October 2019

Have you submitted everything? Click here for [an application checklist for undergraduate applications](#).



The Rowan Williams Cambridge Studentship

1. Who is eligible?

To be eligible, applicants (undergraduate or graduate) need to:

- (1) hold a conditional offer of admission to the University of Cambridge for any degree;
- (2) be from an area of instability or zone of conflict;
- (3) be, or have been, at risk of discrimination, persecution, suffering, violence or other abuse of their human rights.

Applicants DO NOT need to have refugee status.

2. What expenses does the studentship cover?

The Studentship is a full-cost award; it covers both (1) tuition and (2) maintenance (could also include students' upfront expenses such as travel, visa costs and the immigration health surcharge)

3. How many studentships are available?

The University aspires to achieve approximately 10 scholarships per year in the long term. The exact number awarded per year is dependent upon the number of eligible candidates, funding considerations, etc.

4. How will the Cambridge Trust decide who to award the studentships to?

Selection panels will assess applications taking regard of the severity of barriers faced to pursuing higher education at the University of Cambridge.

5. When will applicants hear back?

By the end of May before the commencement of their course.

No separate application in addition to the Cambridge application is required for the studentship.



1. Graduate students

- a. Apply by the Graduate Funding deadline for their chosen course of study
- b. Tick the box to apply for funding, and fill in the Cambridge Trust section of the online form stating how they meet the eligibility criteria as part of their application for admission through the University's Applicant Portal.

2. Undergraduate students

- a. Submit a UCAS application by the deadline
- b. If offered conditional admission by a Cambridge College, complete an Application for Scholarships for Undergraduate Studies offered by the Cambridge Trust (sent by the College at time of conditional offer) including a Personal Statement of how they meet the eligibility criteria.
 - i. Note: the Trust will work with the Colleges to identify potential candidates.



Alternative sources of funding

To students who are unable to secure funding through the Rowan Williams Cambridge Studentship, here are some other options for funding a degree course at Cambridge University:

1. **The Cambridge Commonwealth, European and International Trust**

[The Cambridge Trust](#) is a charity established by the University to provide funding for international students at Cambridge. Every year, it awards approximately 500 scholarships. Their search tool allows you narrow down the scholarships by country, degree level, subject and college. Students are encouraged to use the search function to find all awards they are eligible for.

2. **Your college's admissions office**

Undergraduate applications are processed at the college-level. Every college has its own scholarship and grants policies. Contact your college admissions for further information.

3. **Postgraduate – Your Faculty:**

Master's applications are processed by your faculty. Your faculty might have faculty-specific scholarships and grants, or, might be able to direct you to alternative sources of funding that are specific to your course.

4. **Public fundraising through a crowdfunding page:**

If you are comfortable with fundraising on a public platform, you can share your story and fundraise through GoFundMe (or any equivalent crowdfunding page). Please note that some crowdfunding pages only support a limited numbers of countries, and will take a small percentage of donations to process payment. After you create the page, send us the link to it and we will share it on our Facebook page and with potential donors. We suggest sharing your page with:

- a. Alumni/organizations/NGOs
- b. The student press in Cambridge (eg. Varsity, The Cambridge Tab)
- c. Your college's Junior Commons Room (JCR; undergraduate student council in your college) or Middle Commons Room (MCR; the postgraduate student council in your college)
- d. Facebook

Other useful links:

- [Information for Graduate Funding from the University's website](#)



Visa inquiries

If you have any inquiries about your visa status, please consult the following websites as well as contact your college's admissions office:

- General: <https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/international-students/visas>
- The University's International Student Office's Visa Advice Service : <https://www.internationalstudents.cam.ac.uk/immigration/visa-advice>

Other Useful Links

- [InsideUni](#) - Interview help, overviews of courses at Cambridge
- [Cambridge University Students Union alternative prospectus](#) - Information about Cambridge University written by Students
- [Project Access for Refugees](#) - Access organisation matching refugees to student mentors who guide them through the application process
- [UCAS Student Finance for Refugees and Asylum Seekers](#) - information about funding UK degrees
- [Refugee Support Network Access to Higher Education](#) - information and guidance for undergraduate applicants from a refugee background
- [Article 26](#) - a charity with information about bursaries for access to higher education
- [Abdullah's Story](#) - YouTube video of a Syrian refugee who earned a place to study Natural Sciences at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge
- [Coram Children's Legal Centre](#) - website providing free legal information and advice to children, families and carers. Can be helpful if you are unsure about your immigration status.



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A message of encouragement from the CRSC Committee:

To all refugees, asylum seekers, and/or anyone whose education has been negatively affected by armed conflict,

If you are reading this, you have already demonstrated your determination to continue your education despite the situation you are in. It is such a great injustice that your right to education in your own country has been taken away from you but we want you to know that the political situation in your country does not have to define you and your education. You ARE intelligent, capable and strong enough to pursue your dreams and explore the academic subjects that bring you joy, whether it be by attending lectures, teaching yourself with online courses, googling, reading books, talking to people, etc. You, like everyone else, have a right to education.

If you are having any doubts about yourself, we want to let you know that CRSC believes in you and strongly encourages you to apply to Cambridge, or to any other university. **As eligibility for scholarships are usually dependent on acceptance into your course, you must first apply (this includes the Rowan Williams Cambridge Studentship)!** Please make sure you meet the relevant deadlines. Do not hesitate to email us (contact@camrefugeecampaign.org) or message us on Facebook if you have questions or need guidance with the application procedure.

With lots of love,

The CRSC Committee