



UNIVERSITY OF  
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# Cambridge Postgraduate Open Day

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## On the Day

Thank you for booking onto the 2017 Postgraduate Open Day. This guide will give you all the information you need to plan your visit, but if you have any questions in advance then email the team on [caoevents@admin.cam.ac.uk](mailto:caoevents@admin.cam.ac.uk). During the day our staff and student ambassadors will be happy to help – we should be easy to spot in our burgundy t-shirts and hoodies.

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# Planning Your Day

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## Departments

On our website, we have uploaded timetables of department events, grouped by School. As well activities taking place in departments, course representatives will be available at our Exhibition Hub at the University Centre 12.00pm – 4.00pm to answer questions and provide you with further information.

## Exhibition Hub

At our Exhibition Hub, as well as meeting department staff and students, you can speak with representatives from various Student Services at the University.

These include the Disability Resource Centre (DRC) and the Accommodation Service, along with members of the Fees and Funding team and the Graduate Admissions Office. In addition, the Institute for Continuing Education (ICE) will have representatives who can provide more information about their range of day courses and part-time masters opportunities: [www.ice.cam.ac.uk](http://www.ice.cam.ac.uk).

## Colleges

On our website, you will find a timetable detailing any specific sessions or activities Colleges are running. Many Colleges have listed when members of their Middle Common Room (MCR) are available. MCR is the traditional name for a College's graduate student body. Many of you will have already booked to attend presentations in College clusters, but all Colleges are open to all visitors. **All of the Cambridge Colleges are open between 9.00am and 2.00pm and we encourage you visit as many as you would like to.**

## Other Services

### Cambridge University Library

The library is open for drop-in tours for prospective students between 10.00am and 4.00pm. Tours take around 15 minutes.

### Careers Service

The University's Careers Service is based at Mill Lane and is open to prospective applicants between 10.00am and 4.00pm.



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## **Presentations**

Many of you will have booked to attend presentations in College venues, but sessions are still available for those who have not booked College talks.

The 'Graduate Study at Cambridge' talk provides an overview of what it's like to be a student at Cambridge and explains the application process for graduate study.

This presentation will be delivered 11.15am – 12.15pm at Lady Mitchell Hall on the Sidgwick Site. It will then be repeated 12.45pm – 1.45pm at the same venue.

The same presentation is being delivered in various College venues, but the College presentations are pre-book entry only. The same information is given in every 'Graduate Study at Cambridge' talk and so you should not attend more than one session.

## **Scholars Symposium**

At the University Centre, we will be running our Scholars Symposium, to provide you with an opportunity to find out more about funding opportunities at the University.

### **Scholars Symposium**

1.30pm

Gates Cambridge Scholars Room,  
University Centre, Mill Lane Site

Come and listen to and meet postgraduate students supported by a variety of funding bodies. This event is run by current students who will provide an overview of their experiences of funding application processes and life as a postgraduate student at Cambridge.

These sessions will be filmed and available to watch online after the open day.



# Travelling to Cambridge

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## By Car

We advise that visitors arriving by car use the Park and Ride services ([www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/parkandride](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/parkandride)).

Visitors from the north can also use the Guided Busway P&R - follow the signs for Longstanton P&R from junction 29 of the A14 ([www.thebusway.info](http://www.thebusway.info))

## By Train

Cambridge central train station (CBG) is on the edge of the city centre. The Universal bus service runs via the train station (buses departing approximately every 20 minutes) to the Sidgwick and West Cambridge Sites.

Catch a Universal bus (towards Madingley Road) from stop 8. Alight on West Road for the Sidgwick Site, or JJ Thomson Avenue for the West Cambridge Site.

For city centre venues and Colleges, take the Universal bus to Trumpington Street or take one of the Citi services (1, 3 or 7) to St Andrew's Street.

To return to the central train station (CBG), catch a Universal bus (towards Addenbrooke's Hospital/the Biomedical Campus) from JJ Thomson Avenue (map location), West Road, or Silver Street or Trumpington Street. Stagecoach Citi bus services to the station leave from Emmanuel Street (stops E1 and E2).

Cambridge North train station (CMB) is located on the northern edge of the city. For city centre venues, take the Stagecoach Citi 2 and alight at St Andrew's Street. Return buses can be taken from the same stop.

## By Bus

National bus services stop on Parkside, Parkers Piece.



# Getting around Cambridge

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The University's faculties and departments and the Colleges are situated across Cambridge, though most are within walking distance of the city centre.

As Cambridge is fairly compact and better suited to pedestrians and cyclists than vehicles wherever practical and possible we recommend getting around the city on foot or by bike- these are often the quickest means of transport and are also best for getting a sense of the city.

The Universal bus service, subsidised by the University of Cambridge and run by Whippet Coaches- runs frequently between Eddington, West Cambridge, Cambridge city centre, the Railway Station and Cambridge Biomedical Campus (for Addenbrooke's Hospital). Users of Maddingley Road Park and Ride can access the nearest Universal bus stop on Eddington Avenue using a footpath to the east side of Maddingley Park and Ride.

All passengers can travel on the Universal bus service on the Open Day for a flat fare of £1 for each single journey.

For more information about local bus services see

[www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/buses](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/buses)

[www.environment.admin.cam.ac.uk/travel/catch-bus](http://www.environment.admin.cam.ac.uk/travel/catch-bus)

[Maps](#) and [timetables](#) can also be found online.





# General Information

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## Refreshments

Refreshments can be purchased on many of the University's sites and there are plenty of cafes and eateries in the city centre itself.

On the Sidgwick Site, the Sidgwick Buttery is open 8:30am – 5.30pm and the Arc Café is open 8:30am – 5.00pm.

At the University Centre, the Grads Café is open 9.00am – 9.00pm.

A number of Colleges are also offering refreshments throughout the day, including drop-in tea and coffee sessions and pre-book lunches.

## Prayer Room

On the Sidgwick Site, the prayer room is located behind the Lecture Block and is available 10.00am – 4.00pm.

In the city centre, there is a prayer room available at St John's College Old Divinity School 9.00am – 4.00pm. If you ask at the Old Divinity School reception they will be able to assist you.

## In case of an emergency

In case of emergency, please contact the nearest member of University staff. In the event of a fire alarm, please vacate the building immediately and follow staff directions. Do not use lifts and remain outside until you're informed by a member of staff that you may re-enter.

## Photography

Please note that we are photographing the event for publicity purposes. If you do not wish to be in any of the photographs, please notify a member of staff at one of the Colleges or at the University Centre.



# FAQs

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## **Do I have to bring my ticket?**

Yes, bring a copy of your ticket (either printed or on your smartphone) as you will need it to register and check-in at the Colleges. When you first register at a College, you will be given a wristband which allows access to departments, College activities and our Exhibition Hub at the University Centre.

## **Can I visit my department or faculty of interest?**

Yes, look at the programme of department activities in advance and plan your day. Create your own itinerary for the Postgraduate Open day.

## **Can I visit the Colleges?**

Yes, we encourage our attendees to visit as many Colleges as possible. Some of you will have already booked to attend presentations in a particular College cluster, but all of the Colleges are open for everyone to visit between 9.00am and 2.00pm. Look at the Colleges timetable online to find out about any specific activities or drop-in sessions happening.

## **Where can I register?**

Between 9.00am and 12.00pm, you can register at any of the 31 Cambridge Colleges. Throughout your visit, you will also be checked-in at each College you visit, so make sure you keep hold of your ticket.

Between 12.00pm and 4.00pm, you can register at our Exhibition Hub at the University Centre on Mill Lane.

