Headline postgraduate funding data 2025/26

4531 students have confirmed their offer of admission and will begin their course

1880 total funding awards offered*

28% of all students were fully funded

64% of PhD students fully funded

14% of Masters students fully funded

62% (3234) of all students self funded their studies**

Over **£100m** total in Cambridge awards***

*Includes both external and Cambridge Funding awards and offers that were ultimately not admitted

**Loans from the UK Student Loans Company are also categorized as a method of self-funding

***Funding for PhD is assumed to be for 3-4 years, doctoral awards have been generally multiplied by course length

Postgraduate Funding infographic 2025/26

Funding data relates to students that started in 2025/6, and not to all students on a course at that time. Data is accurate as of September 2026.

Key points of note

This infographic uses **applicant-declared** information entered by the Postgraduate admissions office at the time of admission, through the **applicant portal.**

This infographic categorises non-doctoral and Doctoral study based on the information in the **course directory.** References to Masters' study in this infographic includes **all** non-doctoral courses for ease of understanding.

This infographic **only** contains data relating to course admissions by the Postgraduate Admissions Office. ICE, JBS and UG courses are **not** included. Admissions data is accurate as of **Sept 2026.** Figures may be different for data past this date.

Applicants can view funds offered by the collegiate University of Cambridge on the **Postgraduate Funding Search.**

For 25/26, **472** funds were visible in the funding search, most without needing an additional application. **If you are an applicant**, your department will review your application before it goes to the funding bodies.



Doctoral and Masters funding

Doctoral



1269 confirmed students



- **58.2% fully funded by one or multiple Cambridge awards**
- **6.9% combined self funding and Cambridge awards**
- **4.8% funded externally**
- **2.3% combined self and external funding**
- **2.0% Combined Cambridge and external**
- **25% are self funded**

Masters



3262 confirmed students



- **8.9% fully funded by one or multiple Cambridge awards**
- **6.3% combined self funding and Cambridge awards**
- **4.6% funded externally**
- **3.5% combined self and external funding**
- **0.8% Combined Cambridge and external**
- **75.6% are self funded**

Funding awards by source

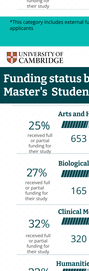
Total awards given

- **For the 2025/26 year, 1880 funding awards were offered***
- **854 funds were awarded to Masters students**
- **1026 funds were awarded to doctoral students****

Total Doctoral award value for first year in £***



Total Masters award value in £



*These figures include external awards. Students may also receive more than one award

**Includes MRes+PhD

***Some funds will cover the full course length of a PhD. Some doctoral courses will be 1-3-4 years. Does not include international fee bursary. The first year awards are multiplied

Funding status by School: Doctoral Students*

Arts and Humanities

60% received full or partial funding for their study* — 199 total students — 40% Self financed their study

Biological Sciences

86% received full or partial funding for their study — 264 total students — 14% Self financed their study

Clinical Medicine

71% received full or partial funding for their study — 235 total students — 29% Self financed their study

Humanities and Social Sciences

56% received full or partial funding for their study — 257 total students — 44% Self financed their study

Physical Sciences

83% received full or partial funding for their study — 349 total students — 17% Self financed their study

Technology

69% received full or partial funding for their study — 285 total students — 31% Self financed their study

*This category includes external funding awarded to applicants

Funding status by School: Master's Students*

Arts and Humanities

25% received full or partial funding for their study — 653 total students — 75% Self financed their study

Biological Sciences

27% received full or partial funding for their study — 165 total students — 73% Self financed their study

Clinical Medicine

32% received full or partial funding for their study — 320 total students — 68% Self financed their study

Humanities and Social Sciences

23% received full or partial funding for their study — 1528 total students — 77% Self financed their study

Physical Sciences

25% received full or partial funding for their study — 578 total students — 75% Self financed their study

Technology

21% received full or partial funding for their study — 417 total students — 79% Self financed their study

*This category includes external funding awarded to applicants