Disclosing a disability

Under UK legislation, the University is required to make reasonable adjustments for disabled students to enable them to access their studies. If you have a disability, it is very important that you make your requirements known to the University at the earliest possible opportunity in order that we can assist in working out what provision you might require and how it might be funded.

The process below outlines how we deal with the information you have disclosed if you are made an offer of admission.

1. Postgraduate Admissions Office makes a formal conditional offer and sends the offer letter.

2. If you have disclosed a disability, a neurodiverse condition (such as dyslexia, dyspraxia, ADHD or autism) or a long-term health or mental health condition in your application, then your application details will be forwarded to the Accessibility and Disability Resource Centre (ADRC).*

If you have a disability, a neurodiverse condition or a long-term health or mental health condition which you did not disclose in your application, you should contact the ADRC as soon as possible. If you have any questions, email disability@admin.cam.ac.uk

3. The ADRC will contact you to discuss your particular needs and offer advice on, for example, access to departments, transport options, or adjustments to teaching, learning and assessment. If you have specific accommodation requirements, it is recommended that you discuss these with your College at the earliest possible opportunity. A student support document is then created by the ADRC and the College and Department will receive a copy of this, if agreed by you.

4. When a College is reviewing your application, they will consider whether they can meet your requirements.

5. If you disclose your disability at a later stage, or your allocated College cannot meet your requirement, then your College may assist you to initiate a formal College transfer.

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* Information you have provided about your disability will be circulated to departments along with the rest of your application so that any relevant adjustments can be made by the department in the event they wish to organise an interview. If you are made a conditional offer of admission, this information will also be sent to colleges that consider your application.