CHURCHILL.
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Prospectus
Churchill College’s motto is ‘Forward’. We look to the future, not the past. Regularly ranked among the top Cambridge colleges in terms of examination results, and with 29 Nobel Prize winners to our name, our academic reputation is exceptional.

We have the largest college campus in Cambridge, with outstanding on-site sporting and recreational facilities, some of the best and most affordable student accommodation, and an active and diverse community of nearly 800 students and 150 Fellows (academics).

Each year we seek to recruit and select the brightest, hardest-working and highest-achieving students, from every social background. The education with which we provide them is world class. Join us.

For more information visit
www.chu.cam.ac.uk

“I have absolutely loved my time at Churchill. There is so much on offer – in sport, music, drama or politics. Plus there is a great community among both students and academics.”

Jenny, second-year, HSPS.
Sir Winston Churchill envisaged a science- and technology-focused community, but our large size means that arts and humanities students are as numerous here as in many other colleges.

Our demographic follows the bold plan of our founder, who anticipated a college 70% of whose members were studying science and technology, with unusually large cohorts of graduate students and Fellows.

This structure consciously broke the mould. Today we continue to be distinguished by our high numbers of students from ‘widening participation’ or international backgrounds, and of older students with families. This diversity is integral to the College’s mission of reaching out to the wider world – in academia, education, technology, business, the arts and politics.

“It’s certainly an unusual honour and a distinction that a college bearing my name should be added to the ancient and renowned foundations which together form the University of Cambridge.”

Churchill College in numbers

- **485** Churchill undergraduates
- **300** Churchill graduates
- **150** Churchill Fellows (academics)
- **29** Churchill Nobel Laureates

- 30% Arts
- 70% Sciences
- 25% non-UK undergraduates
- 70% non-UK graduates
- 70% state-educated undergraduates
## Our facilities at a glance

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<td>University Library</td>
<td>Housing over 8 million volumes, the UL provides exceptional access to academic material and a unique place to study.</td>
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<td>Newly-built, state-of-the-art and available to all students.</td>
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Student accommodation

Churchill has some of Cambridge’s finest and most affordable student accommodation. Unusually, all undergraduate rooms and the majority of graduate rooms are on site. We have first-rate facilities for disabled students.

Undergraduate rooms

These are of exceptional quality: modern, spacious, light and warm, and with free wireless internet connection. Many are en suite. All rooms have access to excellent shared bathroom, kitchen and laundry facilities. Rents are set in agreement with student representatives, bearing in mind our key objectives of affordability and choice. Published rents include everything other than electricity and meals consumed: there are no fixed or hidden charges.

For more information visit
www.chu.cam.ac.uk/undergraduates/accommodation

Graduate rooms

Churchill has among the best graduate housing in Cambridge – especially for partners or families. Graduate students are accommodated in their first and second years, mostly on site, and those accompanied by their families can be housed throughout their course. Graduate accommodation is mainly in shared houses or family flats with their own gardens and communal facilities – including a children’s playground.

For more information visit
www.chu.cam.ac.uk/postgraduates/accommodation

Key features

- Affordable rents
- No fixed or hidden additional charges
- One third of rooms are en suite
- Free Wi-Fi in rooms
- All undergraduate rooms are on site
- Family accommodation available

“Rooms are amazing — large and with beautiful wooden floors. My favourite features are the big window seats, which are great when you have people around.”

Emma, second-year, Engineering.
Living at Churchill

With exceptional on-site facilities, Churchill College is a vibrant hub of activity.

Campus
The College’s vast and leafy campus is a short walk or bike ride from the city centre. Located next to the University’s West Cambridge science campus and the new University Sports Centre, it is also within easy reach of the University Library and arts/humanities faculties. We are close enough to the centre of Cambridge to enjoy a city location, but far enough out to experience the huge benefits of space, quiet and greenery.

Facilities
The facilities of few Cambridge colleges can match those of Churchill, which include a dining hall and all-day bar/coffee shop, on-site sports pitches, courts and gym, a boathouse on the river, a 300-seat theatre/cinema, a music recital room (complete with rehearsal and recording facilities, Steinway grand piano and Rubio harpsichord), an art studio and a graduate bar/combination room – The Vicious Penguin.

Non-academic life
An active student body, a wide range of clubs and societies, and a calendar of College social events provide many opportunities to meet new people and make lasting friendships. Most activities and events are organised or presided over by the undergraduate and postgraduate student unions: the JCR (Junior Common Room) and MCR (Middle Common Room). Making decisions democratically via open meetings, these are dynamic bodies with great community spirit. The JCR and MCR officers represent student interests on all of the College’s key decision-making committees.

For more information visit
www.chu.cam.ac.uk/college-facilities

Key features

- City centre and departments/faculties close by
- Free Wi-Fi throughout campus
- Excellent on-site sports facilities
- 300-seat theatre/cinema
- Music centre
- Comprehensive library and computing facilities

“People get here and then their background just becomes immaterial. That’s one of the things that I think is so lovely about this place.”

Lizzie, third-year, History.
Teaching, learning and welfare

Churchill students achieve outstanding academic results. We work hard and carefully to recruit and select highly-motivated students of the greatest intellectual potential, and do our level best, once they are with us, to provide them with optimal guidance and support.

Undergraduates

Undergraduates are provided with a College Director of Studies (DoS) who is responsible for steering and facilitating their learning. All DoSs are experts in the subjects whose studies they direct and a great many are also world-class research academics. Collectively, they constitute a pro-active team, resolutely committed to effective pedagogy and to developing their students’ academic potential. Their principal job is to arrange undergraduate supervisions – the weekly, small-group tuition that characterises Cambridge undergraduate teaching and learning. At Churchill we pay above the standard rate to many of our supervisors in order to obtain the best supervision for our students, and closely monitor the effectiveness of tuition. The work of DoSs and supervisors is underpinned by that of our welfare team, led by our undergraduate Tutors, and including a Nurse, a Counsellor and dedicated, professional Study Skills Tutors.

Graduate students

Graduate students are supported by our graduate Tutors – whose role encompasses both academic and welfare matters – and by Mentors from among the Fellows. We are especially focused upon ensuring that all reasonable academic expectations on the part of our postgraduates are met by the University’s faculties and departments.

“Certainly in my subject Churchill has some of the University’s best teaching Fellows. After an hour with them you really understand the course; no mean feat with Part IB Thermodynamics!”

Richard, fourth-year, Physics.
Costs and financial support

Contrary to general assumption, living-costs for Cambridge students are lower than in most competitor universities.

**UK and EU undergraduates**

For UK and EU undergraduates Cambridge fees are identical to those charged by most other English, Welsh and Northern Irish universities, and the Cambridge Bursary Scheme is the UK’s biggest, providing UK undergraduates whose families have lower incomes with substantial support. Parallel support is provided to EU students in the form of Cambridge European Bursaries. Churchill provides supplementary support in the form of up to fifteen £2000 undergraduate bursaries for UK or EU students each year, through the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust, BG Group and our own funds. Students holding offers can apply for these bursaries before they arrive.

**Non-EU undergraduates and graduate students**

For non-EU undergraduates and for graduate students fees are internationally competitive. Funding opportunities provided by both the University and external sources are explained on the University website. Some funding is Churchill-specific. Please see the College website for details.

**Financial support**

Costs for all students are kept low in key ways: accommodation is competitively priced and transport costs are virtually nil; exceptional library provision means that few students need to buy books; sports, music, drama and other extra-curricular activities are either free or very low cost. The College is also able to provide extra support in cases of unforeseeable hardship, and awards travel grants to aid study and other activities.

**Useful websites**

Financial support for undergraduates
[www.chu.cam.ac.uk/undergraduates/finance](http://www.chu.cam.ac.uk/undergraduates/finance)

Financial support for postgraduates
[www.chu.cam.ac.uk/postgraduates/finance](http://www.chu.cam.ac.uk/postgraduates/finance)
Applying to Churchill College

If you are among the brightest, hardest-working and highest-achieving students in your school, college or university, and if your teachers or lecturers support your application, you are likely to be a serious candidate. We strongly urge you to consider applying to Churchill.

How should you prepare?
The best way to prepare any application is to do as well as you can in your present studies, read around your chosen subject outside the curriculum, and revise thoroughly if you are called to interview. At interview: listen and think hard – and have the confidence to be yourself and tell the truth as you see it.

Useful websites

Application information for undergraduates
www.chu.cam.ac.uk/undergraduates/apply

Application information for postgraduates
www.chu.cam.ac.uk/postgraduates/apply

How do we do it?
Past or present achievement is proven to be the best and most reliable indicator of future potential and we would be fools to ignore it. So our admissions process is ‘data-driven’, meaning:

• We heavily prioritise examination results among the various indicators provided by the Cambridge admissions process;

• We contextualise your results against your educational background and pay particular attention to what your teachers or lecturers say about you in their references;

• If we call you for interview, we will seek to test your core knowledge and intellectual acuity via a series of carefully constructed, interactive, subject-focused, problem-solving exercises or questions.

Who are we looking for?
We seek to admit students who are: strongly interested in their chosen subject; committed, very hard-working and able to cope with pressure; curious, logical and imaginative independent learners; from a great diversity of backgrounds.
An Open Day is probably the best way to gain a sense of what Churchill is really like. You will look around the College campus, find out more about courses and entry requirements, and meet some of our Fellows as well as current students, who will share with you their experience of studying here.

**Useful websites**

- Churchill College Open Days
  [www.chu.cam.ac.uk/opendays](http://www.chu.cam.ac.uk/opendays)
- Cambridge University website
  [www.cam.ac.uk/study-at-cambridge](http://www.cam.ac.uk/study-at-cambridge)

**Useful contacts**

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- For school and college visits and outreach
  Widening Participation Officer
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- Graduate Student Administrator
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