Graduate Accommodation Project

With graduate student numbers growing year on year and private rental costs in the city spiralling ever higher, the provision of more on-site, affordable accommodation has been identified as an urgent need if we are to continue to attract the ablest and most hard-working graduate students to study here.

The graduate accommodation project at 36 Storey’s Way is now partially funded thanks to the support of alumni and friends of the College, with £0.5 million still to be raised. The plans complement the existing graduate housing in the Bond, Hawthorne and Broers Houses (the “Pepperpots”) and the Wolfson Flats, with 35 en-suite rooms including 5 larger studios. We are now seeking help from our graduate alumni community to help raise the final sum required to make this project a reality.

Any gift made to the project will have double the impact because we now have in place match funding from an anonymous donor who will match fund each donation pound for pound up to £200k.

Every gift made in support of our graduate community, however modest, can make a difference. A donation of £20 per month for five years from 25 alumni would generate enough funding for one of the rooms in one of the houses.

Receiving a Cambridge Bursary has given me enormous peace of mind and I am extremely grateful that it supports me while my family is not in a position to aid me financially. It means that I don’t have to fret about the cost of food and accommodation and can concentrate on my studies. Before I was aware of the scheme I was exceedingly anxious about the financial toll that University would take on me and the bursary goes a long way to mitigating this.

Marcus McCabe (U17) English – Cambridge Bursary recipient

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One of the greatest benefits to living on site is the sense of community, especially for new graduate students as they come in, there are all sorts of things that are there to make them feel at home and adopt Churchill as their new home.

Malaika Nair (U&G12) current PhD student, Material Sciences
Student Support

Churchill has one of the highest proportions of undergraduate entrants from the state sector amongst Oxbridge colleges and has historically excelled around student bursary provision, thanks to the generosity of Churchill’s supporters.

- Over 100 undergraduates currently receive a means-tested Cambridge Bursary.
- 77% receive the maximum award of £3,500 per year, awarded to those with annual family incomes lower than £25,000.
- Students in the greatest need also receive a top-up bursary of £2,000, mostly funded by the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust (WCMT).

Contrary to other institutions, students from this group excel at Churchill, bucking the national trend for students from disadvantaged groups to achieve lower results at university than equally qualified students from more advantaged backgrounds.

Hardship bursaries are also regularly awarded to both undergraduate and postgraduate students where unexpected and urgent financial need has suddenly emerged.

With your help we can continue to support our students

Churchill has an unusually high number of undergraduates from very financially disadvantaged backgrounds. Se, continuing to offer bursaries is critical to the ongoing success of the College and its student community. Funding Cambridge Bursaries currently costs the College over £300,000 per year. We would also like to continue to fund top-up bursaries, as the funding previously received from the WCMT for this initiative is now ending.

With more pressure on College finances we are turning to our alumni community. We would like to invite you to lend your support and help ensure talented students can continue to benefit from a Churchill education and the life-enhancing opportunities it provides, regardless of their background.

Every gift made in support of student bursaries will have double the impact because one of our alumni has offered to match fund each donation pound for pound up to £75,000.

Our achievements so far

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