Timeline for postgraduate funding applications via the Graduate Funding Competition

Includes funding from: Cambridge Trust • Gates Trust • Arts & Humanities Research Council • Economic & Social Research Council

This timeline is only for funding applications submitted via the centralized Graduate Funding Competition, for entry in 2019/20 (other sources of funding are available)

1. Graduate Funding Competition applications submitted
   - SEPT
   - OCT
   - NOV
   - DEC
   - JAN
   - Graduate students apply online

   - SEP 01
     - Graduate Funding Competition opens
   - DEC 05
     - Graduate Funding Competition application deadline (course-dependent)
   - JAN 03
     - Graduate Funding Competition awards start to be offered

2. Assessment and awards
   - FEB
   - MAR
   - APR
   - Departments and Faculties assess applications
   - Awards allocated

   - MAR 04
     - Graduate Funding Competition awards

3. Reallocation of unawarded funds
   - MAY
   - JUN
   - JUL
   - Review of any remaining funds
   - Awards of unallocated funding

   - JUL 31
     - [University's deadline to confirm you can meet your admissions offer requirements]

Gates Cambridge Scholarship timeline (Gates Trust)

- SEPT
- OCT
- NOV
- DEC
- JAN

- SEP 01
  - Graduate Funding Competition opens
- OCT 10
  - Deadline for Gates Cambridge Scholarship applications
- JAN 31
  - Gates Cambridge Scholarship awards

More ways to find funding at Cambridge

In addition to the Graduate Funding Competition, more funding is available directly from the University's colleges and departments. For details, see:

- the University's online Funding Search website – [https://www.student-funding.cam.ac.uk](https://www.student-funding.cam.ac.uk)
- individual college and department websites.

How Cambridge postgraduate students were funded in 2017/18

- Masters: 79%
- Doctoral-level: 68%

Breakdown of all Cambridge funding by funding source 2017/18

- Masters: 38%
- Doctoral-level: 37%

- Cambridge Trust: 20%
- Research Councils (Cambridge): 23%
- Other Cambridge funding: 26%
- Colleges: 34%
- Gates Trust: 9%
- External funding: 7%
- Self-funding: 6%

Funding information: [https://www.graduate.study.cam.ac.uk/finance/funding](https://www.graduate.study.cam.ac.uk/finance/funding)

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