The Postgraduate Funding Competition includes funding from The Cambridge Trust, Gates Cambridge, AHRC, EPRC, ESRC and STFC.*

This timeline is only for funding applications submitted via the centralized Postgraduate Funding Competition, for entry in 2020/21 (other sources of funding are available).

1. Postgraduate Funding Competition 2020/21 applications
   - SEPT
   - OCT
   - NOV
   - DEC
   - JAN
   Graduate students apply online

2. Assessment and awards
   - FEB
   - MAR
   - APR
   - Moderation
   - Awards allocated
   - Review of any remaining funds
   - Awards of unallocated funding

3. Reallocation of unawarded funds
   - MAY
   - JUN
   - JUL
   [University’s deadline to confirm you can meet your admissions offer requirements]

More ways to find funding at Cambridge
In addition to the Postgraduate 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
- individual college and department websites.

Timeline for 2020/21 Postgraduate Funding Competition applications

Postgraduate Funding Competition opens

Postgraduate Funding Competition application deadline (course-dependent)

Postgraduate Funding Competition awards start to be offered

Gates Cambridge Scholarship timeline (USA Round)

NOTE: Non-USA applicants should follow the Postgraduate Funding Competition timeline shown above

Apply via Funding Competition
Gates Cambridge assesses USA applications

Gates Cambridge Scholarship awards to USA students

How Cambridge postgraduate students were funded in 2017/18

- Masters
  - Cambridge funding: 79%
  - External funding: 11%
  - Self-funding: 10%
  - Other Cambridge funding: 11%

- Doctoral-level
  - Cambridge funding: 68%
  - External funding: 21%
  - Self-funding: 11%

Breakdown of all Cambridge funding by funding source 2017/18

- Masters
  - Cambridge Trust: 38%
  - Research Councils (Cambridge): 37%
  - Other Cambridge funding: 23%
  - Colleges: 18%

- Doctoral-level
  - Cambridge Trust: 38%
  - Research Councils (Cambridge): 34%
  - Other Cambridge funding: 26%
  - Colleges: 6%

* AHRC = Arts & Humanities Research Council
EPSRC = Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council
ESRC = Economic and Social Science Research Council
STFC = Science and Technology Facilities Council

Funding information: https://www.graduate.study.cam.ac.uk/finance/funding
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