Undergraduate Financial Assistance Fund Report 2025-26

The University's Financial Assistance Committee provides a report following each academic year outlining the financial assistance provided to postgraduate students for the previous academic year. The following data is for the academic year 2025-26. Please note that numbers of 5 or fewer are suppressed in order that individual students cannot be identified. Where necessary, additional suppression (S) is applied to prevent back-calculation.

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The Undergraduate Financial Assistance Fund provides financial assistance to undergraduate students in unforeseen financial need. The awards are intended to support students who would otherwise be unable to complete their course of study. In 2025-26, the Fund provided awards of up to £3,000 to assist students with their living costs.

1. Overall Figures

Application Outcomes	**Total Applications 2025-26**	***Total Applications 2024-25***
Successful Applications	29	*41*
Unsuccessful Applications	28	*35*
Withdrawn Applications	<5	*<5*
Pending outcome	0	*0*
Awarded on Appeal	<5	*<5*
Totals	**62**	***80***

2. Awards by Category

Category	Total Awards Made	Amount Awarded
Family Circumstances	<5	£10,702
Death in Family	<5	£5,000
Reduction in Student Finance	<5	£3,000
Poor Health	<5	£2,670
Parents Unable to Support	10	£21,091
Victim of Crime	<5	£350
Placement Costs	<5	£1,871
Year Abroad	<5	£4,394
Change in Personal/Living Circumstances	<5	£8,968
Total	**29**	**£58,046**

3. Applications by College

College	Successful Applications	Unsuccessful Applications	Withdrawn Applications	Total Applications
Christ's	<5	0	0	<5
Churchill	0	0	0	0
Clare	0	0	0	0
Corpus Christi	<5	0	0	<5
Downing	<5	<5	0	<5
Emmanuel	<5	<5	0	<5
Fitzwilliam	<5	<5	0	<5
Girton	<5	<5	0	<5
Gonville & Caius	<5	0	0	<5
Homerton	<5	<5	0	<5
Hughes Hall	<5	<5	0	<5
Jesus	0	<5	0	<5
King's	<5	0	0	<5
Lucy Cavendish	<5	<5	0	8
Magdalene	<5	0	0	<5
Murray Edwards	0	0	<5	<5
Newnham	0	0	0	0
Pembroke	0	0	0	0
Peterhouse	0	0	0	0
Queens’	0	0	0	0
Robinson	0	<5	0	<5
Selwyn	0	0	0	0
Sidney Sussex	<5	0	<5	<5
St Catharine's	<5	0	<5	<5
St Edmund's	0	<5	0	<5
St John's	<5	<5	0	6
Trinity	0	<5	0	<5
Trinity Hall	<5	7	<5	9
Wolfson	<5	<5	0	<5
Totals	**29**	**28**	**<5**	**62**

4. Rejections by Category

Reason for Rejection	Number of Applications Rejected
Savings	<5
Applying for Course Costs	<5
Circumstances awarded for previously	<5
Cash flow issue, not shortfall	<5
Applying for Medical Costs	<5
First Term of Course	<5
Exchange Student (ineligible)	<5
Supporting family financially	<5
Circumstances happened in previous year	<5
Circumstances not unforeseen	<5
Income more than expenditure	<5
Applies in last 6 weeks (ineligible	<5
No response to requests for information	<5
Unviable financial plan	<5
Not receiving maximum student loan	<5
Recommended household income assessment	<5

5. Award Values

Award Range	Number of Awards Made	Total Value of Awards
£0 - £500	<5	£600
£501 - £1000	<5	£3,275
£1001 - £1500	<5	£5,820
£1501 - £2000	<5	£7,261
£2001 – £2500	<5	£2,420
£2501 - £3000	13	£38,670
Totals	**29**	**£58,046**

6. Awards by College

College	Number of Awards	Total Amount Awarded
Christ's	<5	£4,586
Churchill	0	0
Clare	0	0
Corpus Christi	<5	£3,000
Downing	<5	£3,000
Emmanuel	<5	£2,000
Fitzwilliam	<5	£1,000
Girton	<5	£3,000
Gonville & Caius	<5	£2,770

Homerton	<5	£1,824
Hughes Hall	<5	£2,968
Jesus	<5	0
King's	<5	£2,475
Lucy Cavendish	8	£12,984
Magdalene	<5	£3,000
Murray Edwards	<5	0
Newnham	0	0
Pembroke	0	0
Peterhouse	0	0
Queens’	0	0
Robinson	<5	0
Selwyn	0	0
Sidney Sussex	<5	£1,500
St Catharine's	<5	£1,070
St Edmund's	<5	0
St John's	6	£9,390
Trinity	<5	0
Trinity Hall	9	731
Wolfson	<5	£2,748
Grand Total	**29**	**£58,046**