

# Undergraduate Financial Assistance Fund

## 2024-25 Report

The University's Financial Assistance Committee provides a report following each academic year outlining the financial assistance provided to undergraduate students for the previous academic year. The following data is for the academic year 2024-25.

Please note that numbers of less than 5 (<5) 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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### 1. Overview of the Fund

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 2024-25, the Fund provided awards of up to £3,000 to assist students with their living costs. This is an increase from the maximum award of £2,500 in 2023-24.

### 2. Application outcomes

Table 1: Distribution of outcomes of applications by term:

|                   | <b>MT 2024</b> | <b>LT 2025</b> | <b>ET 2025</b> | <b>LV 2025</b> |
|-------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Successful        | 21             | <5             | 8              | 7              |
| Unsuccessful      | 12             | 12             | 8              | <5             |
| Withdrawn         | <5             | <5             | <5             | <5             |
| Awarded on Appeal | <5             | <5             | <5             | <5             |

### 3. Applications by fee status

Table 2. Distribution of outcomes by fee status

|          | <b>Successful Applications</b> | <b>Unsuccessful Applications</b> | <b>Withdrawn Applications</b> |
|----------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Home     | 38                             | 31                               | <5                            |
| Overseas | <5                             | <5                               | <5                            |

### 4. Applications by College

Table 3. Distribution of outcomes by College

| <b>College</b>   | <b>Successful Applications</b> | <b>Unsuccessful Applications</b> | <b>Withdrawn Applications</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Christ's         | <5                             | 0                                | 0                             | <5           |
| Churchill        | <5                             | <5                               | 0                             | S            |
| Clare            | 0                              | 0                                | 0                             | 0            |
| Corpus Christi   | <5                             | <5                               | <5                            | S            |
| Downing          | <5                             | <5                               | 0                             | S            |
| Emmanuel         | 0                              | 0                                | 0                             | 0            |
| Fitzwilliam      | <5                             | 5                                | 0                             | S            |
| Girton           | <5                             | 0                                | 0                             | <5           |
| Gonville & Caius | <5                             | <5                               | 0                             | S            |
| Homerton         | <5                             | <5                               | <5                            | S            |
| Hughes Hall      | <5                             | 6                                | <5                            | S            |
| Jesus            | <5                             | <5                               | 0                             | S            |
| King's           | 0                              | 0                                | 0                             | 0            |
| Lucy Cavendish   | <5                             | <5                               | 0                             | S            |
| Magdalene        | 0                              | <5                               | 0                             | <5           |
| Murray Edwards   | <5                             | 0                                | 0                             | <5           |
| Newnham          | <5                             | 0                                | 0                             | <5           |
| Pembroke         | <5                             | <5                               | 0                             | S            |
| Peterhouse       | 0                              | 0                                | 0                             | 0            |
| Queens'          | 0                              | 0                                | 0                             | 0            |
| Robinson         | <5                             | 0                                | 0                             | <5           |
| Selwyn           | 0                              | <5                               | 0                             | <5           |
| Sidney Sussex    | 0                              | 0                                | 0                             | 0            |
| St Catharine's   | <5                             | <5                               | 0                             | S            |
| St Edmund's      | <5                             | <5                               | <5                            | S            |
| St John's        | <5                             | <5                               | 0                             | S            |
| Trinity          | 0                              | 0                                | 0                             | 0            |
| Trinity Hall     | <5                             | <5                               | 0                             | S            |
| Wolfson          | <5                             | <5                               | 0                             | S            |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>41</b>                      | <b>35</b>                        | <b>S</b>                      | <b>80</b>    |

## 5. Applications by course

Table 4. Distribution of outcomes by course:

| Course       | Successful applications | Unsuccessful applications | Withdrawn applications | Total     |
|--------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|-----------|
| BA           | 25                      | 22                        | <5                     | S         |
| MBBChir      | 12                      | 0                         | 9                      | 21        |
| MEng         | <5                      | 0                         | <5                     | S         |
| MSci         | 0                       | <5                        | 0                      | <5        |
| VetMB        | <5                      | 0                         | 0                      | <5        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>S</b>                | <b>S</b>                  | <b>S</b>               | <b>80</b> |

## 6. Reasons for unsuccessful applications

There were 58 fewer rejections than last year; the number of rejections per rejection category was also lower than in 2023-24.

35 applications were unsuccessful, with applications being declined due to not meeting the eligibility criteria of the Fund. The main eligibility criteria that were missed were as follows:

- 5th or 6th year clinical medic
- Circumstances happened some time ago
- Circumstances mitigated against with previous award
- Circumstances not unforeseen
- Debt
- High expenditure
- High shortfall
- In last 6 weeks of course
- Income more than expenditure
- IT issues
- No longer a current student
- No Tutor statement
- No viable financial plan for remainder of course
- Savings
- SLC issues
- Staying in college for no exceptional reason
- Tuition fees
- Expected course cost

Table 5. Number of students rejected per reason for rejection

| <b>Reason for rejections</b>                        | <b>Number of Students Rejected</b> |
|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 5th or 6th year clinical medic                      | <5                                 |
| Circumstances happened some time ago                | <5                                 |
| Circumstances mitigated against with previous award | <5                                 |
| Circumstances not unforeseen                        | <5                                 |
| Debt                                                | <5                                 |
| High expenditure                                    | <5                                 |
| High shortfall                                      | <5                                 |
| In last 6 weeks of course                           | <5                                 |
| Income more than expenditure                        | <5                                 |
| IT issues                                           | <5                                 |
| No longer a current student                         | <5                                 |
| No Tutor statement                                  | <5                                 |
| No viable financial plan for remainder of course    | <5                                 |
| Savings                                             | <5                                 |
| SLC issues                                          | <5                                 |
| Staying in college for no exceptional reason        | <5                                 |
| Tuition fees                                        | <5                                 |
| Expected course cost                                | <5                                 |
| <b>Total</b>                                        | <b>35</b>                          |

## 7. Reasons for successful applications

In 2024-25, awards were made for the following reasons:

- 5th or 6th year clinical medic
- Change in personal/ living circumstances
- Cost of living
- Countries in crisis
- Family circumstances
- Loss of income
- Parents unable to support
- Repeating a year
- Student Finance
- Year Abroad
- Poor Health

Table 6. Number of students awarded by reason for financial difficulties

| <b>Reason for financial difficulties</b> | <b>Number of Students awarded</b> |
|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 5th or 6th year clinical medic           | <5                                |

|                                          |    |
|------------------------------------------|----|
| Change in personal/ living circumstances | 11 |
| Cost of Living                           | <5 |
| Countries in crisis                      | <5 |
| Family circumstances                     | 5  |
| Loss of income                           | <5 |
| Parents unable to support                | 11 |
| Repeating a year                         | <5 |
| Student Finance                          | <5 |
| Year Abroad                              | <5 |
| Poor health                              | <5 |

## 8. Award values

Table 7. Number of students awarded within each award value bracket

| <b>Award value</b> | <b>Number of Students Awarded</b> | <b>Total Value of Awards</b> |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| £1-£499            | <5                                | £300                         |
| £500-£999          | 11                                | £8,253                       |
| £1000-£1499        | 6                                 | £6,363                       |
| £1500-£1999        | <5                                | £6,730                       |
| £2000-£2499        | 7                                 | £14,988                      |
| £2500-£2999        | 8                                 | £21,244                      |
| £3000-£3500        | <5                                | £12,000                      |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>41</b>                         | <b>£69,878</b>               |