Applying for admission: Research or M.Phil degrees

Computer Laboratory

Frequently asked questions
What is a GRADSAF?

• GRADSAF is the GRaduate ADmission and Scholarship Application Form

• All applications are submitted online from: www.admin.cam.ac.uk/students/gradadmissions/prospec/index.html

• Application form is in two parts:
  A = academic application
  B = application for Gates and Cambridge Trusts’ funding
What is a complete research application?

Current Cambridge undergraduates/MPhils only:

- GRADSAF submitted by deadline PLUS
- 2 academic references (1 personal for Trust funding)
  - Director of Studies/Course Adviser/Tutor
  - Project supervisor
  - Tutor or project supervisor from previous institution
- Research proposal
  - Section A12: synopsis of proposed research and proposed supervisor’s name
  - 3,000-word research proposal submitted as a separate document
What is a complete *M.Phil* application?

Current Cambridge undergraduates only:

- GRADSAF submitted by deadline PLUS
- 2 academic references (1 personal for Trust funding)
  - Director of Studies/College Tutor
  - Project supervisor
- Questionnaire completed within 7 days of receipt
- Section A12: include *brief* synopses of proposed projects/essays (for funding competition purposes)
- Transcript downloaded from CamSIS
Which funding boxes do I tick?

If non-EU, you may tick the Gates, Cambridge Commonwealth and Overseas Trust, and CISS boxes; you will also need to write a personal statement for Gates and another for CISS.

If EU, you may tick the Gates and CHESS boxes; you will also need to write a personal statement for Gates.

If a home student, you may tick the CHESS box.

- EPSRC Doctoral Training grants, for home and eligible EU students, are considered by the department alone and there is no box to tick.
Further information

- University’s Graduate Admissions web pages: [http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/students/gradadmissions/prospec/index.shtml](http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/students/gradadmissions/prospec/index.shtml)


- Ask at Graduate Education Offices (FS03 and FS05)

- Email: [cst-graduate-admissions@cst.cam.ac.uk](mailto:cst-graduate-admissions@cst.cam.ac.uk)