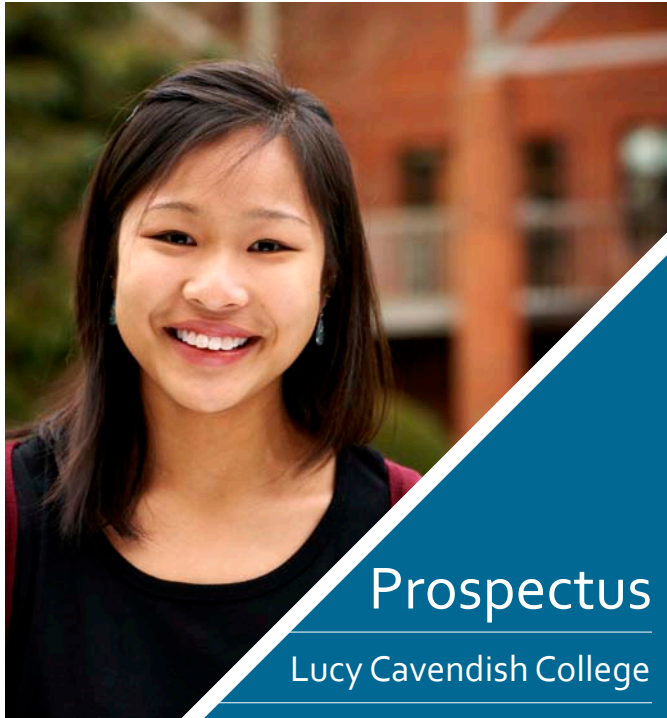




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Prospectus

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Welcome

Welcome to Lucy Cavendish College, one of the newest and friendliest colleges of the ancient university of Cambridge. By offering places to women aged 21 and over, we allow people from diverse backgrounds to benefit from the elite education Cambridge offers, on an equal footing with everyone.

Lucy Cavendish was founded by radical women pioneers, some at the forefront of the new world of computing, others pushing the boundaries of anthropology, philosophy and bioscience. We offer top-class teaching in all subjects but our unstuffy, optimistic worldview and informal setting make us feel, I hope, very different from some of the larger, older colleges. Enjoy what follows – and come and visit us too, and see for yourself!

Jackie Ashley

Jackie Ashley,
President



College and University

Cambridge is a 'collegiate' university. This means that every student at the University of Cambridge is also a member of one of its thirty-one constituent Colleges.

It is the University that organizes lectures, seminars, classes, and practicals, the University that runs research groups and assigns research supervisors, the University that determines the content of degree courses, and sets exams. Whichever College you join, you'll be working side by side with students from all the other Colleges; you'll be in the same lecture halls, the same specialist libraries, the same Careers Service. You'll take the same papers, and be assessed in the same way; you may even play in the same sports teams, act in the same plays, or debate in the same Union. And when you graduate, your degree

certificate will say 'University of Cambridge'.

It is Colleges, however, that select undergraduates and affiliated students for admission to the University, and Colleges are the focus of many people's Cambridge experience once they arrive. Your College is usually the place you live, and eat; it provides you with social space and day-to-day recreational facilities, and the staff or Fellows of the College take responsibility for your welfare. If you are an undergraduate, affiliated or visiting student, the College will play a critical role in directing and supporting your academic study, too.



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What makes Lucy Cavendish different?



“Our three hundred and seventy students come from over sixty countries”

All Colleges have excellent facilities: you can read about ours later in this prospectus. All Colleges provide educational resources unparalleled outside the University of Cambridge, and a friendly atmosphere.

There are, however, some aspects of Lucy Cavendish that make it stand out from the crowd. The College was founded in 1965 by women determined to challenge the exclusivity of Cambridge at that time, and it is still one of the most diverse communities in the University. Our three hundred and seventy students come from over sixty countries, and include many affiliated students, alongside postgraduates and first-time undergraduates. Most are in their twenties, but we regularly accept women in their thirties,

forties and beyond, and Lucy Cavendish students arrive with a wide range of interests, experience, and qualifications; it is part of our ethos to consider evidence of academic achievement and potential that a College focussed on school-leavers might discount.

We also remain true to our founders' mission of increasing the opportunities available for women to work and study at the highest level. Lucy Cavendish is the only College to accept applicants for every full-time course offered at the



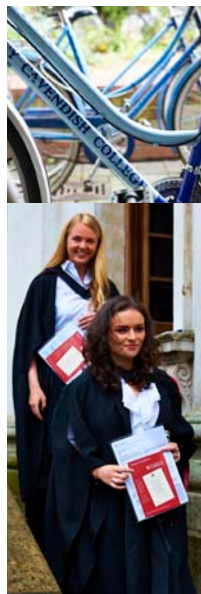


University of Cambridge, including the Graduate Course in Medicine, affiliated or graduate entry Veterinary Medicine, and the affiliate or Senior Status Law Degree. And whilst we are known for preparing women for the professions, Lucy Cavendish students excel across the arts and sciences. Our undergraduates have secured the University's highest marks in degrees ranging from Linguistics to History of Art; our research students work at the cutting edge of everything from child psychology to waste management. We value creativity as a complement to scholarship, too. We run a national fiction

prize for unpublished writers, as well as conferences and festivals dedicated to women in the arts, and Lucy Cavendish is unique in the encouragement it gives to student creative writing.

"Studying at Cambridge has been a life altering journey for me. It has been a voyage through unique experiences: interacting with students from diverse backgrounds and cultures, conversations that kindle innovative ideas and a sense of belonging to a truly global community."

Aayushi,
Masters Student



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Academic Support

Supervisions and Workshops

Supervisions are the cornerstone of the Cambridge BA degree. If you are on an undergraduate course, you will have between one and four of these intensive, small-group sessions each week, allowing you to discuss your work in detail with an expert in the field, and consolidate your learning.

At Lucy Cavendish, we devote considerable time and energy to recruiting the best supervisors for our students, from right across the University. But we don't neglect other forms of teaching. First-years returning to formal study participate in pre-BA 'prep' sessions; undergraduates in larger subjects have classes, designed to complement the lectures and seminars on offer in Faculties; postgraduates benefit from regular skills development workshops, covering everything from time management to thesis structure.

Directors of Studies

Every undergraduate, affiliated and visiting student at the College has a designated Director of Studies. It is the Director of Studies' role to arrange a programme of supervisions tailored to your individual needs and interests, provide guidance on academic matters, and monitor your progress. Many Directors of Studies are Lucy Cavendish Fellows; others are external academics with a track record of supporting students who have not come to Cambridge straight from school. Directors of



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“Directors of Studies work to build “subject communities” within the College”

Studies also work to build ‘subject communities’ within the College, coordinating events that bring together undergraduates and postgraduates, and inviting experts from academia and the professions to speak.

Library

Lucy Cavendish Library is one of the most modern in Cambridge, and we like to think it offers more space, per student, than any other College’s. The dedicated study areas range from large, open-plan rooms to single booths, and we hold all the key texts required on undergraduate and taught postgraduate courses, as well as some more specialised material for PhD students. Our main Computer Room is housed on the lower floor, and you can access it (like the rest of the building)

twenty-four hours a day. The Library, however, is not just about hard graft: a hot drinks machine and comfortable chairs encourage socialising in the foyer, and the sitting room on the top floor is home to our ‘informal’ collection of novels, intended to be read for pleasure. Students also have access to specialist Faculty and Departmental libraries and the University Library.

“My course is mind expanding and cutting edge in its research. Some of the things we learn about have not even made it into text books yet! I have learned to think in a different way and look at things that are presented to me with a critical eye.”

Shelly,
Undergraduate

Financial Support

Studying at Cambridge is no more expensive, for most students, than studying at other top universities in the UK, and it can be cheaper: the College provides accommodation at reasonable rents, as well as in-house catering; transport costs in the city are low or (if you choose to walk or cycle) non-existent, and a range of recreational facilities are available for free.

We also have one of the best undergraduate bursary systems in the country, and many Lucy Cavendish students receive financial support from both University and College sources – including childcare grants, travel awards, academic scholarships, sports prizes and hardship funds.

The College makes special provision for Senior Status Law students, and is able to offer a number of named studentships to postgraduates from around the world, alongside Cambridge Home and EU Scholarships.

"Lucy Cavendish has contributed to both my education and my employment prospects. College support meant I was able to complete a prestigious internship in New York, and I also received assistance to cover my fees when my financial aid was unexpectedly cut short."

Jasmine,
Affiliated Student



Life in College

Accommodation

One of the principal attractions of Lucy Cavendish is the quality of the accommodation. The College lies close to the city centre, in tranquil grounds featuring a wild flower meadow, pond and Anglo-Saxon herb garden, as well as our cluster of Victorian and 1990s buildings.



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On-site accommodation is offered to all single undergraduates, affiliated and visiting students, most clinical vets and medics, and many postgraduates; other postgraduates are housed in College properties within walking or cycling distance. The majority of rooms are modern and en-suite, with a smaller number of twin ‘sets’ sharing a bathroom; those with a preference for nineteenth-century character find it in the winding corridors and sloping eaves of our converted villas. Rents include the cost of heating and electricity, and you are not required to vacate your

room at Christmas or Easter. Couples and families can apply for flats at our new Histon Road complex.

“Everyone who comes to visit me has been really impressed by the accommodation at Lucy Cavendish. My room is bright and modern, and I love sitting on my window seat looking out at the gardens!”

Ateka,
Undergraduate

Food

Lucy Cavendish is famous for its fresh, seasonal cuisine and the friendly welcome it extends to guests. Informal lunches and suppers are







served in our sunny, modern dining hall, which opens onto an al fresco eating area, popular in summer. Like most Cambridge Colleges, we also have a strong tradition of 'Formal Halls': three-course, candle-lit, dinners at which academic gowns are worn. Staff, students, partners and children enjoy our relaxed Saturday brunches and Sunday roasts. The College offers takeaways for anyone too busy to sit down; alternatively, you can raid the snack selection available in the common room. And if you prefer to self-cater, you can do so in the well-equipped kitchens provided in all our accommodation.

Sport and Leisure

The College has a growing profile in sport, and members of Lucy Cavendish are well placed to benefit from the facilities administered by the University, including the impressive new Sports Centre

in West Cambridge. On site, you can take advantage of the 18-hour access gym and weekly fitness classes; there is an enthusiastic Netball Club, and the Lucy Cavendish College/Hughes Hall Combined Boat Club recently acquired two new boats. The College also accommodates leisure activities of other kinds. Our interconnecting common room, bar, games room and conservatory contains a pool table, and a movie library. The music pavilion plays host to choirs and ensembles, as well as solo instrumentalists. You can join the ranks of our amateur actresses, playwrights and theatre directors. Or, you can simply sit on the lawn, and watch deer and hedgehogs pass.

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"Rowing and coxing with the Lucy Cavendish College Boat Club has been huge part of my college experience. The Boat Club has lead to lasting friendships, as well as providing a welcome and healthy distraction from study."

Kate,
PhD student

Student Representation

Student views count at Lucy Cavendish. We have a thriving College Student Union, which not only oversees the vibrant 'Lucy Ents' scene, but also ensures that both undergraduate and postgraduate interests are represented in organisational decision-making. A number of our students participate in College and University outreach activities, and act as Cambridge ambassadors or 'CAMbassadors'.

Student Welfare

All students at Lucy Cavendish are assigned a College Tutor to advise on personal matters, including career planning, and we are fortunate in having a tutorial team containing a number of trained coaches and mentors, as well as experienced academics. There are staff with specific expertise in childcare, finance, and support for disabled students, and a College Nurse. The Student Union Committee includes Wellbeing, Equal Opportunities and International Officers; the IT Section will help you see to the health of your computer, or loan you another; our Porters offer practical tips on everything from how to use the self-service laundry to how to borrow a College bicycle.

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The Admissions Process

Undergraduates and Affiliated students

Lucy Cavendish accepts applicants with a range of British and international qualifications equivalent to (or more advanced than) A-level, including the IB, Access to HE Diplomas, Certificates in HE, and Open University credits at Level 2.

We also understand that mature applicants may take longer to complete these qualifications than school leavers. However, we do expect our applicants to demonstrate that they can reach the same academic standards required of school leavers at Cambridge. Many subjects also have specific requirements relating to the depth and focus of your study, and all subjects will expect you to prove that you can cope with the demands of examination-based assessment.

If you already hold or are about to complete an approved degree from

another university, you may apply to study as an affiliated student, allowing you to take the BA in two years rather than three. For affiliated students, including Senior Status Lawyers, our minimum requirement is a high 2.1 grade in a UK Honours Degree (or equivalent), and we routinely set offers above this level. In the case of US and Canadian applicants, we are likely to ask for a GPA of at least 3.75.

All applications for undergraduate and affiliated entry to the University of Cambridge are made through the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS).



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Selected candidates are then asked to come for interviews and tests at Lucy Cavendish. Each candidate has two interviews, focussing primarily on academic matters. Interviewers in some subjects will be looking for evidence that you have grasped enough of the mathematical or scientific concepts necessary to thrive on our degree course; interviewers in others will be testing your analytical skills and ability to develop, illustrate and sustain an argument.

"The interview is only one part of the selection process. It's an opportunity to demonstrate your potential: you're not expected to have all the answers, but to apply what you do know in a new and challenging context."

Isobel,
Outreach Ambassador



Postgraduates

Almost all applications for postgraduate study at Cambridge are processed centrally by the University's Board of Graduate Studies. There are a few exceptions, and details of these can be found on our website.

It is the Department or Faculty to which you apply that makes the decision whether to recommend you for a place on your chosen course. However, postgraduate applicants to the University of Cambridge must also be accepted by a College. You may choose to submit an 'open' application, in which case your application will be assigned to a College by computer program. Alternatively, you can name up to two Colleges, in order of preference, at which you wish to be considered for admission. So, if Lucy Cavendish is your preferred college you should name us as your first choice in your application to the University. Should we be unable to offer you a place, your application will be circulated to other Colleges.



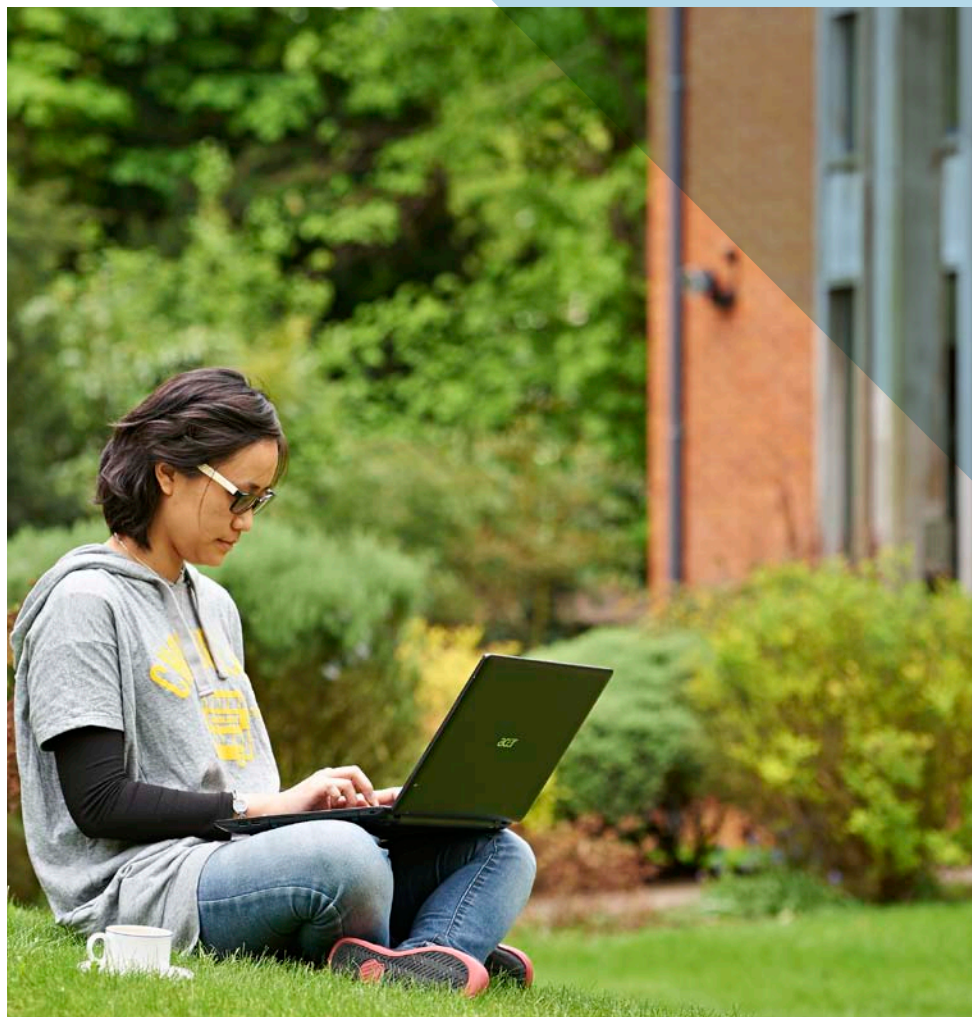
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Visiting Students

Lucy Cavendish welcomes a significant number of Visiting Students each year, including women participating in Junior Year Abroad programmes and the Erasmus scheme. Almost all our Visiting Students follow undergraduate courses, and the majority stay for three terms, from October until June. Students are matriculated at the University of Cambridge, and receive a transcript from the University, alongside a Certificate from the College. Erasmus applications should be made via your home institution; other applicants should contact our Admissions Office for guidance.

Spending a year at Cambridge has been absolutely wonderful. The supervision system is incredibly rewarding, and I have really enjoyed the friendly atmosphere and beautiful grounds at Lucy Cavendish. It is simply a great place to live and study.

Heather,
Visiting Student



Further Information

The best way to find out about Lucy Cavendish is to visit us: we are always happy to welcome prospective applicants, either individually or at our annual open day. If you have any questions, please contact our Admissions Office or visit our College website.



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